

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
14TH MARCH 2006 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Anna Watkinson Neil Gurr John Suttle	Len Young Howard Boone
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In attendance Sara Sunderland

Apologies Lucy Knox
Colin Parmenter
Rex Thake
Howard Lay
Richard Kemp
Lisa Lord

207 Police Matters

There were no police present but a report had been send. This covered the period from 6th February 2006 through to the 6th March 2006.

During this time 10 crimes had been recorded within the parish, this compares to 9 for the same period the previous year.

One report of burglary to another building had been received during this time which was attempted burglary on a detached garage.

One report of vehicle crime has been received during this time. A car was stolen from a public house car park within the village then later crashed into a wall at Tye Green.

One report of theft had been received during this time. An unknown offender stole a quantity of scrap metal from an insecure rear garden off Kings Road.

Other matters dealt with include two offences of possession of drugs, two males were arrested when located in the area of Fern Hill, the other related to an indecent telephone call being made.

208 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2006 were approved and signed, subject to the amendment of the entry under B/05/02052/FUL/DB to read
SECONDED: Cllr. Knox.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

209 Public Question Time

Patrick Currie, on behalf of the Village Plan, reported that he had submitted the budget into DEFRA via Suffolk Acre to obtain funding. This had been sent back for amendments and now needed the Chairman's signature which he would obtain tomorrow.

Mr. Currie asked if a letter of endorsement could be sent to Suffolk Acre from the Parish Council, agreeing to fund the Village Plan to a total of five per cent.

The Clerk would write to the insurers when our policy renewal arrived and ask in the public indemnity insurance would cover activities going on for the village plan.

Mr. Gray reported that due to the re-appearance of a freshwater spring on in the Hunts Hill area. On a Saturday night this had frozen and a resident fell over on the ice, coming out of a drive. The Clerk would write to Jim Nunn and ask what can be done about it.

Mr Gray reported congestion due to parking at doctors surgery during surgery hours. The Clerk said she would speak to the police but really this was only confined to surgery hours and people did need to use cars to attend appointments, especially if coming from Hartest or Stanstead.

Mr. Gray expressed concerns about some of the dilapidated fencing on houses on Golding Way and Kings Road. The Clerk would write to Mr. Foti for advice.

Mr. Gray stated that the trees on the area to the rear of Crownfield Road had all been cleared. The Clerk advised him that this was a private area and the owners were allowed to do as they pleased with their land. There were no protected trees on the site, as this had been confirmed by Babergh officers, so the work was in order.

210 Suffolk County Councillors Report

In the absence of Cllr. Kemp a report was submitted to the Council.

The Council Scrutiny Committee have referred the proposed Hospital Closures both East and West to Patricia Hewitt and have said these closures if allowed would have a serious impact on Communities, Cllr. Kemp feels although this stance is to be supported, the case is closed.

As far as the development proposed in the Local Plan, the Highways Dept (Alan Newman) are very alarmed at the prospect of these proposals, and indeed are strongly opposed to the development in the comments to Inspector. The Inspector has proposed some yellow lines in Brook Street to obviate the problem of traffic congestion!! This might be a line that could explored by the Parish Council. The Council felt that as with any suggestion of double yellow lines, these could not be policed so were not a viable proposition.

211 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Young reported a budget increase in council tax of 2.7%, which, according to the public relations officer, is a penny a day. Nick Ridley, chairman of strategy thinks they have produced a sound and sensible budget.

Malcolm Firth had advised that the average fine will be about £80 for putting contaminated recycling into a blue bin (this would include cans that had not been washed). The Parish Council felt that there will be uproar and the general consensus will be that residents would not spend the amount of time recycling that they did at present.

212 Clerks Report

The Clerk had corresponded with Record and asked about repair of equipment and quotation for re-siting. They had in turn stated that they would contact the Chairman but this had not yet been achieved. As this was on the action sheet as the Chairman's project, he would need to contact them about this.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mitchells Engineering about the skateboard park equipment but Councillors would prefer this in writing, so she would contact him and ask for this to be done.

The Clerk had received a reply form Michael Collins regarding the surfacing of the pathway in the cemetery and although it was very vague she would now inform Wiles that the pathway was to be surfaced with chippings and not tarmaced.

A letter had been received from the library, inviting people along on 21st March. The library were hoping to persuade volunteers to help out during library hours.

The Clerk had met with Graham Mace about the new streetlights in the village. It was decided that these would be erected on the hammerhead at Pannels Close, on the corner of Stanway Close and Bells Lane, opposite the green on Tye Green and one along Flax Lane.

213 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	4497.78
Expenditure	6091.93
Cash in hand	166236.78
Petty Cash	211.62
Youth Facilities Park	135.12
High Interest	72404.65

Payments received

Village Hall Bookings	62.00
BDC	105.24
Burials	423.50

Payments made out of Council

Industrial Supplies	30.81
Alfred McAlpine	150.00
Viking	129.69
J.I. Electrical	45.00
Infotone	667.17
Alfred McAlpine	150.00

Accounts to be paid

Alfred McAlpine	150.00
Inland Revenue	129.60

Any other financial matters

It was agreed to renew the contract with Alfred McAlpine for the public lighting maintenance.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone **SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

It was agreed to contribute 5% towards the Village Plan which would be about £150

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone **SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle**

The Chairman would contact the solicitors at Babergh regarding the bus layby, as the response from Margaret Becket had again been less than conclusive.

214 Planning Matters**New Applications**

B/06/00198/FUL/CT **Part side garden Hillcrest, Drapery Common**
Erection of detached two-storey dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal based on parking problems and overdevelopment of the site.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle **SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

B/06/00169/FHA/CT **22 Brices Way**
Erection of a rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

B/06/00150/FUL/GP **Land adjacent Partridge Cottage, Egremont Street**
Erection of detached two-storey dwelling.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal. Concerns about the public footpath running through the site, the position of two walnut trees and also grave concerns about the proposed access which would reduce parking for The Cock public house.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

B/06/00251/FUL/DB **Land behind Danree, Drapery Common**
Erection of single-storey detached dwelling.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone **SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

B/06/00309/FHA/RM 48 Egremont Street
Erection of timber summer house in rear garden.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

Applications Refused

B/05/02105/FHA/DB Fair Green House, 15 Fair Green
Erection of detached garage and front porch

215 Correspondence

BDC – Economic Development Programme

BDC – Hedgerow Survey

216 Meeting Dates

The Meeting dates for 2006-2007 were approved subject to the amendment of 12th September to 5th September.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

217 Any other matters

There was a great deal of rubbish in the vicinity of Glemsford Tyre Services, left by Manor Taxi Cabs. The Clerk would report this to Babergh District Council.

Cllr. Suttles reported that the parking area on Tye Green had been vandalised, and the poles removed. Cllr. Gurr would obtain some pricings for concrete posts and arrange for the work to be undertaken.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting 11th April 2006

APPROVED

DATE