

**MINUTES OF THE
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9th March 2004 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| 165 | <u>PRESENT</u> | Mr. C. Parmenter
Mr. L. Young
Mr. J. Suttle
Mr. H. Lay | Mr. R. Thake
Mr. N. Gurr
Mrs. L. Lord |
| 166 | <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | Mrs. S. Turner (Parish Clerk)
PC Den Mullet | |
| 167 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> | Mrs. A. Watkinson (holiday)
Mrs. L. Knox
Cllr. R. Kemp | |

There were 16 members of the public present.

168 POLICE MATTERS

PC Den Mullet reported that in the period of 3rd February to 8th March there had been sixteen crimes in the village, compared with ten for the same period last year.

There had been three reports of criminal damage, including vandalism to the bus shelter, library and Village Hall doors, and several arson attacks in the Kings Road area, on cars and property. There had been three public order offences, but an arrest had been made in connection with a drugs offence/handling stolen goods and deception.

From the 1st April 2003, there had been 142 reported crimes as opposed to 127 for the same period the previous year. The detection rate still stood at around 26%

169 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd and 9th February 2004, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

170 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Bob Richardson had been in contact with the security firm who indicated that they would like to send a representative along to meetings. The Clerk would liaise.

Mr. Richardson advised residents to beware of bogus water and gas officials as well as those pretending to be police officers.

Mr. Richardson stated that the sign advising residents not to walk their dogs across the recreation ground needed to be replaced.

Mr. Gray advised members that he had spoken with a Suffolk County Council officer who advised him that they would try and carry out the work to the kerbs in the next financial year.

Mr. Gray said that a litter bin was needed in the Weavers Drive area. The Clerk would ask Tony Mitchell to make one.

Mr. Gray complained about the amount of litter on New Cut. The Clerk would ask the street cleaner to attend.

Mrs. Alston asked about the pavement being cleared when they were covered in snow and ice. The Chairman advised her of health and safety implications.

Mrs. Alston asked if the footpaths could be cleared of rubbish. The clerk said that if there were any specific area that needed tidying to inform her and she would ask the street cleaner or litter picker to attend.

Ben Bolton asked if it would help the youngsters cause if they were to submit a petition regarding the Youth Facilities Park. The Chairman advised him that the land would be purchased in the Autumn and that things would hopefully be put into place then.

Mr. Alston informed the meeting that the Church were suffering financial difficulties but the Chairman explained that the Parish Council currently gave a donation of £200 per year.

Mr. Laflin informed the meeting that he had owned land on Low Street for a number of years. He had suffered vandalism on his property since 1992, but now things had reached ridiculous proportions. Since May 2003 he had needed to spend £6,000 after vandalism and burglaries. He had now put in plans to develop the site, but Cllr. Thake advised that it would be better to apply for agricultural use. Mr. Laflin explained that at present he could not consider putting animals on the land, as the fences would be vandalised.

171 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Young reported that following complaints from a resident about the inclusion of crime figures in the Glemsford Parish Council's newspaper reports, he had spoken to the public relations officer at Babergh District Council. He had been advised that a working party should be set up to promote the good points of the village and to this end Cllr. Gurr would work with Cllr. Young to promote the village.

Cllr. Young reported that he had spoken with Mr. Kistner re Babergh's District Auditors not signing the accounts off for the years 1999-2001 despite having the relevant papers sent to them on three occasions. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact SALC for advice.

The brown bin scheme was now coming into force and householders would have to pay £30 a year to take part. Four thousand people would join the initial scheme.

172 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Kemp had sent a letter to the Clerk informing councillors that he was opposed to the proposed school transport charges to Catholic Schools. The matter would be discussed with the Governing Bodies and brought back to Council for a final decision in September 2004.

173 CLERKS REPORT

A letter had been sent to Babergh regarding the dumping of rubbish on greensward near Gowers End. The area had now been cleared.

Suffolk County Council had been asked to look at the drain outside Greyhound Cottage and also to repair the fire hydrant in New Cut.

Suffolk County Council were at present resurfacing the footpaths that we asked about over a year ago.

Cleanaway had again lost the padlock and chain for the wheelie bin at the Village Hall. The Clerk had purchased a new lock and chain and had sent them the bill.

174 FINANCIAL MATTERS**a. Account Status**

Income	3629.23
Expenditure	2475.26
Cash in hand	51721.06
Petty Cash	172.84
Youth Facilities Park	135.25
High Interest Account	20265.05
Total (not including yfp)	72158.95

b. Payments Received

Organisation payments for Village Hall	525.00
Burials	15.00

c. Accounts to be paid

Eastern Contracting	150.00
Mr. W. Dane	248.64
Inland Revenue	213.64
Industrial Supplies	15.72
Suffolk Acre	1597.17
Neighbourhood Watch	100.00
THSLLP	284.35
SCC	3000.00
Chilton Office Supplies	46.74

d. Payments made out of Council

Big Fun.uk.com Limited	40.88
THSS LLP	361.90
Mini Waste	122.20
Chilton Office Supplies	63.45

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

175 **PLANNING MATTERS**a. **New Applications**

B/04/00138/FHA/BJW Flax House, 15 Long Pastures
Erection of a single-storey side extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/04/00141/FUL/FM 4 Links Close
Erection of a telescopic mast for amateur radio use.

Cllr. Thake would make enquiries regarding the policies for this application.

B/04/00142/OUT/GD Land at New Barn Farm, Low Street
Outline - Erection of a dwelling.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal due to being outside the village envelope and structural village plan.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

B/04/00160/FHA/BJW Methodist Chapel, Tye Green
Retention of front boundary railings.

The Parish Council had no objections to the railing in principle but were concerned about the safety aspect because of their pointed designs.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

B/04/00093/FHA/BJW 4 Pearsons Close
Erection of a rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/04/00268/FHA/COB 5 Stanway Close
Erection of single-storey side extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval but have concerns over the overhang of the roof onto the turning space in the road below.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

B/04/00392/FUL/MC Methodist Chapel, Tye Green
Erection of single-storey rear extension (demolition of existing single-storey extension)

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal because we were on the understanding that no flat roofs were allowed in conservation areas.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/04/00357/LBC/COB Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Application for listed building consent - Insertion of replacement side window.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

b **Applications Granted**

B/03/01497/TPO 19 Long Pastures
Lopping and reduction of 1 no walnut tree protected by TPO B147.

B/03/01951/FHA 43 Brook Street
Erection of front porch.

B/03/02102/FHA 23 Brook Street
Erection of a detached double garage.

c. **Applications Refused**

B/04/00032/FHA 94 Kings Road
Erection of two-storey side extension.

e. **Any other planning matters**

B/03/02015/OUT/GD Fuller Leisure, Lower Road
Outline - Erection of 14 no. dwellings. Change of use from workshop to class A1 retail. Existing no. 1 dwelling to be demolished.

Application withdrawn.

176 CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from a gentleman wanting to buy a property in the village who had concerns over the footpath 33. The Clerk would pass him back to Suffolk County Council as footpaths were their domain.

177 COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LAND PURCHASE

The Chairman now had some figures for the sale of the land and development, but it was agreed that these were quite high.

Cllr. Thake would speak to officers at Babergh for advice, and the next stage would be the public meeting to be held in April. Posters had been placed in the Village shops to advertise this.

178 YOUTH WORKERS

The Clerk had a meeting with one of the youth workers next week to discuss matters.

179 YOUTH FACILITIES PARK

The Clerk and Chairman were meeting with Mr. Hunkin on Friday to discuss matters arising from the original siting of the Youth Facilities Park.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Next meeting

Signed **Date and Min No.**