

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006 AT  
GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Colin Parmenter Len Young Rex Thake Neil Gurr	Anna Watkinson Howard Lay Lucy Knox Neil Searle
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Cllr. Boone (work) Cllr. Suttle (prior engagement)	

**070 Suffolk Acre**

Sam Jackson explained the funding options for a new village hall. Opportunities for gathering enough grant funding for a brand new village hall have all but disappeared. A new village hall would cost about £1800 to £2000 per square metre. A hall of this size would cost in the region of half a million pound. The maximum grants available would be the lottery who will give grants of up to £500,000. However between now and 2009 there is only one round and applications would have to be in by April 2007. If the application was not presented by that time then chances of a main grant for between now and 2009 would not be feasible.

There are alternative funders and the list for them is very good for smaller projects. If funding is needed for extensions and developing the existing hall then you would increase your chances of securing monies. Extensions are more viable an option now, but the type of extension must be considered and the uses that it is going to be put to as funders will look at reasons for wanting a hall. Funders would need to know the beneficiaries and why you would be extending. If there were activities such as employment, car or management that needed other funding then reaching communities is the branch of the lottery that you should apply to.

Equipment needs capital funding. There are list as you go down into more specialised application process of people who may be more willing to support the project. Acton and Lavenham as well as Stratford St Andrews halls are worth going to have a look at.

**071 Police Matters**

A dummy had been set fire to on the Tye Green bench over the Halloween period.

No police report had been received for the meeting and the Clerk had telephoned Den Mullet ten days ago to report a crime but has had yet received no reply. A letter would be sent asking for some answers and also one sent to Ken Turner.

**072 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

**073 Public Question Time**

Colin Bloomfield explained that he had been a resident for 21 years in the village, living at Clockhouse Farm. He has recently been asked by Babergh to prove a continued use for motor home storage. He had a Folder full of information relating to application, dating back to 1985. He had the original licence from Babergh but had to prove that he had lived there for at least ten years.

Bob Richardson reported that he had visited the Library on Saturday morning where the librarian was quite distressed as she had some problems with five or six boys who would not leave the library. He was not aware that the police had been called and the Clerk advised that she had told the library to call her if there were any problems but she had not been telephoned either.

Cllr. Thake said that he had recently spoken to the district manager of the library and asked whether the panic button or CCTV had been installed. As far as the Council were aware, neither of these measures had been taken although the Library had been advised some time ago that this was the avenue to explore.

**074 Suffolk County Councillors Report**

Suffolk County Council had outlined budget plans and early indications tell us there will be a shortfall of 22 million pounds.

Cost increases are growth and demand of services and increase in elderly population, and also fuel and power. The council cabinet will make their final budget recommendation on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

A lack of landfill sites meant that Suffolk County Council were now investigating ways forward. 94% of all waste is incinerated in some places. An element of heat source would emanate from any incinerator. The Incinerator needs to be near a junction and a main town so Cllr Thake said there was no need to worry about it being in Glemsford.

Cllr. Kemp reported a parcel scam whereby a note was put through residents doors and they were asked to call a premium rate number for collection. If this number was called then a £15 charge would be added to your phone bill.

**075 District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Thake reported that he attended a meeting about CAST in Babergh. His PERSONAL observation was that he was not happy with the proposals and thought Babergh were proposing a lot of money to be laid out for what would actually be achieved, which would amount to better communications. He had witnessed a couple of departments using the proposals and was concerned about the financial implications in the future. He would personally have rather have seen a slower process which would be looked at carefully before proceeding any further. He had voted against it.

Babergh had a project called LAMP which was the marrying of two address databases and this will take two years. Cllr. Thake said that he felt that LAMP should have been completed before the information from this was put into the CAST project. He felt that this was not the highest priority of the electorate, and that recycling, affordable housing and other issues are much more important. The majority of the Lib Dems, with the exception of three, voted against the proposals, all Conservative voted for it, Labour voted against it but all independents voted for it.

Cllr Young stated that he had voted for it giving the casting vote, as he was on the strategy committee, and he had voted only because the committee were assured that it would come back after six months to be reassessed. Cllr. Young stated that he would watch and insist that it comes back to the strategy committee.

Cllr. Young reported that Babergh had succeeded expectations on recycling. Cllr. Lay said that on the published tables Babergh were much lower than St Edmundsbury which was disappointing. Cllr. Thake explained that they had a greater surplus of money.

Cllr Kemp and Young represented Babergh at West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnerships. It was hoped to encourage councils like us to go into partnerships with other councils

It was hoped to hold a Kwik cricket session on 10<sup>th</sup> December in the village hall. Sally Scott and Greg Cooper would organise after a suggestion from Cllr. Young. This would be run under Be Active.

Cllr. Young had been in contact with a man from Lavenham about the badminton but had received no reply.

#### **076 Clerks Report**

There had been a lot of trouble with the new street lights Flax Lane and the one on the junction of Stanway Close/Bells Lane had no power and when the latter was rectified the remaining lights in Stanway Close were shut off. The Clerk had been liaising with Alfred McAlpine to sort this together with EDF Energy.

Sally Scott had secured funding for a youth shelter which would be placed near the youth facilities park. Sports courses would begin next week in the Village Hall.

The Clerk, Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Thake had attended a recent Babergh meeting with parish councils. The Clerk had obtained information on formulating an emergency plan for the village and it was agreed that the Clerk and Vice-Chairman work together on this.

The recent media interest in Glemsford Primary School had caused much concern as the story had been featured not only in local papers, but in national and on the television. It was agreed to write to the area education officer at shire hall and ask who supplied the information the press and ask if the press unit were consulted before the story was made public.

Cllr. Gurr stated his concerns that the problem of Santa had again been raised, yet this happened some years ago. The paper had reported a cost of ten thousand pound for the vandalism which occurred at this time.

#### **077 Financial Matters**

##### **Account Status**

Income	8757.78
Expenditure	5116.05
Cash in hand	67372.05
Petty Cash	222.46

**Payments received**

Village Hall	304.50
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**Payments made out of Council**

R David Teasdale	285.00
Jocks Locks	112.80
BDC for bins	154.58
Mitchell engineering	200.34
R David Teasdale	45.00
Mitchell Engineering	799
Mitchell engineering	1648.52
T&P	123.38

**Accounts to be paid**

Mr Gunn	845.00
Cubitt Theobald	1640.88
Chilton Office Supplies	70.50
Anglian Inspection Services	70.00
Inland Revenue	238.08
Infotone	832.49

**Any other financial matters**

The annual playground inspection had been undertaken and there were some issues on the report which needed attending to. The Clerk would contact Playdale to get these underway.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

The Clerk had received a quotation from Mr. Gunn regarding the cupboard in the village hall for the sum of £845. Agreed to accept this.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Lay

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

The resurrection of the newsletter was discussed. As delivery was a bone of contention in previous years, it was decided that in future the newsletter would be placed in various outlets in the village and would be produced on a rough quarterly basis, the first being issued just after Christmas. The Chairman would arrange dispensing units for various outlets in the village.

**078 Planning Matters****New Applications**

**B/06/01731/FHA/GP            2 Brices Way**  
Retention of summer house.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Gurr

**SECONDED:** Cllr Searle

