

**MINUTES OF THE
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 4th November 2003 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| 108 | <u>PRESENT</u> | Mr. C. Parmenter
Mrs. A. Watkinson
Mr. N. Gurr | Mr. L. Young
Mr. J. Suttle
Mrs. L. Knox |
| 109 | <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | Mrs. S. Turner (Parish Clerk)
Sgt. Nunn | |
| 110 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> | Mr. H. Lay
Mr. R. Thake
Mr. B. Richer
Mrs. L. Lord | (ill)
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There were six members of public present.

111 LETTER OF RESIGNATION

A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr. Richer, due to his imminent move. The Clerk would write and thank him for his services to the Council, and Cllr. Young would present him with a tankard.

112 POLICE MATTERS

Sgt. Nunn reported that crime overall had decreased this year, apart from violent crime. He explained that this was because domestic incidents were now included in the numbers.

The police had recovered a number of drug related item and drugs in the village recently.

There was still a problem with cash boxes on telephone boxes being vandalised and the money then stolen.

During the Halloween period, extra special constables had been patrolling the village, and although several houses had been "egged", many had not been reported to the police. A person had, however, been arrested in connection with an incident in the Kings Road area.

The barn at the bottom of Low Street was still being targeted, and was being vandalised on a more regular basis. The owner had been advised to install lighting and security cameras to alleviate the problem.

113 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2003, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

114 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A petition had been received from residents in the Post Office Lane area, who were fed up with the increasing anti-social behaviour of youths in the village. The old allotment land owned by Mr. Gilman Game, was becoming neglected, and was being used by youngsters as a hide out. Neighbouring properties were being damaged, and the foul language was becoming intolerable. Sgt. Nunn said he would inform other officers to patrol the area, and the Clerk would write to Mr. Game, as well as Mr. Barker, who owned the land to the rear of Crownfield Road, where youths were continually building shelters, and congregating on the land. Fires were being lit most evenings, and one shelter had already been burned down. Mr. Winders of Enforcement at Babergh District Council would also be informed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr Knox

115 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A speed profile had been received from Suffolk County Council regarding the Egremont Street area, and despite the names of the roads being wrong in a number of areas, the results were alarming. The Clerk would now write to Cllr. Kemp as to the possibility of having a smaller flashing sign in that area.

116 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Young had attended the recent youth conference at Babergh District Council, and was pleasantly surprised at how down to earth the comments from the youngsters in attendance had been. The priority was for more public transport in the area, and one young man had said that for persons working shifts in Sudbury, it was impossible to get home using buses, as the last one left the town at 6pm. Youngsters also felt that community spirit was low in the villages.

Cllr. Young had attended the recent strategy meeting at Babergh. The provision of monies from Babergh for the Youth Facilities Park was discussed, and to Cllr. Young's dismay, he was told to leave the room, despite having already asked Karen Trickey if he would be able to comment, as there were items in the Babergh report that were incorrect, such as no mention of the fact that both District Councillors had met with various Babergh officers, to discuss the siting of the park, and also to look at the said plans. Also, no mention had been made of the fact that Babergh District Council had advised for the siting of the earth bank on the park, nor that the Parish Council had wanted it to go through the planning process. Consequently, the item had now been deferred until January, as Babergh could not make a decision on whether officers should be paid for their time in overseeing the project.

Cllr. Young reported a recent locality meeting between Suffolk and Essex County Councils regarding the Sudbury bypass. He was slightly perplexed that no elected members had been invited to attend the meeting.

117 CLERKS REPORT

Playdale had replied to the letter sent about worn boards on the play area. They had informed the Clerk that no work need be undertaken at this time, as all splitting was normal wear and tear.

Cllr. Watkinson had done numerous radio, newspaper and television interviews regarding the fiasco of the hole in the road.

Transco and Suffolk County Council had both admitted that the hole could be filled in now, but until the culvert was mended and that sewage was traced, this would not be done. The responsibility for this was the Environmental Health Department at Babergh District Council. Highways had also stated that an inspection chamber could be put into the hole, but this would take about a month.

A meeting was being held between all the relevant bodies this Friday, and Cllr. Young would see if he was able to attend.

Emails had been received regarding the bench at the top of Greyhound Road, which was becoming worn. Cllr. Young had also looked at the bench at the cemetery and said it would cost as much to repair as to buy a new one.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Tony Mitchell, regarding the provision of three new seats for the village.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

A letter had been received from Babergh, stating that the name Seabrooks could not now be changed.

An email had been received from the Library, asking if the Parish Council would like to hold surgeries in the building. The Clerk would reply.

The hedge on Duffs Hill had still not been cut, despite the Clerk writing two letters to the owner. Another letter would now be sent, asking for it to be cut within seven days, otherwise the Council would undertake the work and send the owner the bill.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

Allsorts Playgroup had asked if they could have half of the notice board in the foyer of the village Hall. The Clerk would inform them that this would be possible at the present time, as there were other notices that needed to be placed on it on a regular basis.

118 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. **Account Status**

Income	385.75
Expenditure	2856.97
Cash in hand	61280.29
Petty Cash	110.85
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest Account	14893.51
Total (not including yfp)	76284.65

b. **Payments Received**

Organisation payments for Village Hall 343.00

c. **Accounts to be paid**

Mr. W. Dane	248.64
Asset Management Limited	150.00
Inland Revenue	213.64
Timely Help Security	361.90
British Telecom	84.18
Viking Direct Limited	62.24

d. **Payments made out of Council**

Mr. W. Hickford 62.00

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

e. **Any other financial matters****119 PLANNING MATTERS**a. **New Applications****B/03/01791/OUT Nos. 20 & 24 and land to rear of 22-34a Egremont Street**

Erection of 7 no. single-storey dwellings and construction of new vehicular access. Demolition of No. 20 Egremont Street (including its garage). Erection of double garage to serve No. 24 Egremont Street.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

Cllr. Suttle voted against the application.

B/03/01734/LBC 4 Egremont Street

Application for listed building consent – Internal and external alterations.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/03/01718/FUL Land adjacent to Willow Farm, Lower Road

Erection of 10 no. stables and siting of mobile home in connection with new livery and equestrian business.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal. Over-development of the site, outside the structural plan, and horses would be a danger near to a main road.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

B/03/01751/FUL The Briars Residential Care Home, 23 Hunts Hill

Erection of two-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal due to over-development of the site, concerns about insufficient parking and huge loss of light for the adjacent building. One letter of objection sent to Babergh District Council.

Cllr. Parmenter declared an interest in the above application.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

b. **Applications Granted**

B/03/01269/FHA The Looking Glass, Flax Lane

Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation.

B/03/01614/TCA Churchgate Barn, Churchgate

Felling of 2 no. willow trees.

120 YOUTH FACILITIES PARK AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Malcolm Firth, asking why he had stated in a phone call to the Vice-chairman that Babergh were not aware of the siting of the skateboard park until an application for a grant was received. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Firth why Cllr. Young had been excluded from the recent strategy meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

The Clerk would now write to Julia Catterwall, inviting her to the meeting of the working party, which would be held on 18th November 2003, at 7.45pm.

The working party would consist of the Chairman, Clerk, Cllr. Lay, Cllr. Watkinson, Cllr. Knox and Cllr. Thake.

The Chairman would arrange a meeting between the Village Hall, Social Club and Playing Field Committee regarding the proposed community centre.

107 ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Remembrance Sunday parade was this Sunday.

The Clerk would ask Mr. Dane to clean the war memorial.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm
Next meeting 11th November 2003 (precept), 18th November 2003 (working party)
and 2nd December 2003**

Signed Date and Min No.