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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2006

Present	Colin Parmenter	Anna Watkinson
	Len Young	Howard Lay
	John Suttle	Rex Thake
	Lucy Knox	Neil Gurr
	Neil Searle	

In attendance Sara Sunderland

Apologies Richard Kemp (holiday)
Howard Boone (meeting)

059 Co-option of a New Councillor

Neil Searle was co-opted onto the Council.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

060 Ged Robinson

Mr. Robinson spoke to the meeting about the youth offending service which is a national program directed at children of 8-13 year olds at risk of anti social behaviour or youth crime.

Schemes were currently running Great Cornard, Stowmarket and Glemsford and would be beginning at Forest Heath after Christmas. The team worked with Sally Scott and took referrals from schools, social care and police, or anyone else who would like to make a referral. After names were put forward the families are then interviewed. At present three families in Glemsford were taking advantage of the scheme.

During the Summer holidays a six week programme was put together which encouraged youngster to engage in something that interested them. Fifteen youths in Cornard are still engaging in activities on a regular basis. The sports sessions will begin in the October half term. There will be a bus and taxi service to Sudbury for the activities there.

061 Police Matters

A letter had been received from residents near The Cock, complaining about excess noise.

From the 15th August 2006 through to the 9th October 2006 25 crimes had been recorded within the parish, this compares to 22 for the same period the previous year.

6 reports of burglaries to dwellings have been received and dealt with during this time but five of these burglaries had taken place during daylight hours on unsecured properties.

One report of burglary to another dwelling had been received during this time

Six reports of Criminal damage had been received, together with two reports of vehicle crime.

Six offences of violent crime had been reported and four reports of theft.

062 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

063 Public Question Time

Donald Rodger Brown explained to the meeting that the Downs site in Brook Street had been owned by his family since the 1920s. It was sold in 2002 but ceased trading in March 2006 although the lease ran until September 2007. At present they were trying to find sub tenants for the site. The Babergh Plan states that down sites can be retained and no residential development will be permitted. Over 50% of the buildings are unsuitable for modern industrial use. So far Merryfields have failed to find a suitable tenant. Mr. Rodger Brown will be applying for an outline planning application for change of use. If the Village do not want a trading estate then this must be conveyed to Babergh.

Questions were raised about the disabled parking space and ramps for the village hall. The Chairman would organise these. A resident of Kings Road complained about refuse bins not being returned to their original place after collection. Cllr. Thake would speak to Environmental Health about this.

Roland Hill thanked the parish council for the letter circulated to residents of Tye and Fair Green, but asked if signs could be put onto cars. He was not keen to do this himself and the Clerk explained that the Parish Council could not be at the Greens every time a traffic offence took place. She would pass the details onto PC Mullet .

John Slater informed the meeting that on 22nd September raw sewage had leaked in Crownfield Road as the inspection chamber in his property was full. Anglian water had attended to flush it through. This problem had occurred on many occasions over the last ten years.

064 District Councillors' Reports

Media releases were handed out.

Councillor Thake attended a District debate at Lavenham village hall. The Police and fire brigade were both in attendance but conflicting reports had been received from the police officers depending on their rank so he will be following that up.

The Clerk had passed some information on from Sally Scott about a Youth parish council. Cllr. Thake was interested in helping to set this up.

Cllrs. Young and Knox went to visit Capel St. Mary and Lavenham village halls to get some ideas for community centres.

Cllr. Young reminded the meeting that forms relating to the Electoral roll should be returned to Babergh as soon as possible in order for residents to be able to vote in the forthcoming elections.

The Clerk would liaise with Jill Barton and ask for more nomination forms for the community achievement awards. Three names had been put forward.

Cllr. Thake passed some information from Suffolk Acre regarding grants for village halls.

065 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	30512.01
Expenditure	5065.42
Cash in hand	63730.32
Petty Cash	252.46
High Interest	43136.50

Payments received

Village Hall	311.00
Burials	170.00

Payments made out of Council

Industrial Supplies	19.63
Mr. D. Teasdale	85.00
Jocks Locks	1043.70
Hygieco	251.46
Mitchell Engineering	349.56
Viking	35.92
Wiles	317.25
Alfred McAlpine	318.23

Accounts to be paid

BT	130.98
Mini Waste	135.13
Stuart Duncan	150.00
Suffolk tree services	881.25
Inland Revenue	297.60
Mitchell engineering	466.47

066 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/06/01404/CAC/DB Land at Elm Grove, Tye Green

Application for Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and shop store.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

B/06/01502/ROC/GP 12 Bells Lane

Revision of Condition 02 attached to P.P. B/03/00931/FUL – to enable revised access.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay **SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

B/06/01354/FUL/GP Land adjacent 26 The Pippins

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling and garage. Construction of new vehicular access.

One letter of objection received.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Lay

B/06/01451/FHA/RM 31 Brook Street, Glemsford

Erection of front porch.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox **SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

B/06/01353/OUT/GP Part side garden to Lansdowne, Drapery Common

Outline - Erection of 1 no. single-storey dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay **SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

B/06/01338/FUL Patches Yard, Cavendish Lane

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay **SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

Applications Granted

B/06/01248/FUL/DB The Old Bakery, 50a Egremont Street

Change of use of bakery to residential dwelling.

B/06/00980/FHA/GP Stour Vista, Skates Hill

Erection of 1 ½ storey side extension.

Any other planning matters

A letter had been received from Babergh regarding Elm Grove. The Clerk would write and state that the Parish Council were in agreement with the retention of the original name.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

067 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Highways stating that Bells Lane would be closed from 5th to 10th October for resurfacing.

068 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

A letter had been received from Record offering £450 as a credit against their invoice. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this was not acceptable and the Clerk would now formulate a letter stating that the work must be completed as per the contract and express our dissatisfaction at the amount of money offered in recompense. A four week period would be allowed for the work to be carried out otherwise another contractor would be called to put the work right and a bill sent to Record.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

The Vice-Chairman and Clerk had looked at the cupboard in the village hall corridor and suggested that this could be extended in height, width and length. The Clerk had Spoke to carpet bowls who have mats locked in the present cupboard and needed to be kept locked away as part of their insurance policy. Agreed that a new cupboard would be made and the existing one or a one of equivalent size would be sited in the end cupboard.

Cllr. Knox would obtain prices for this work.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

069 Any other matters

Cllrs. Thake and Young would give the Parish Council some ideas on how to deal with the press after the next meeting.

Cllr. Young would contact Lavenham village hall about the badminton court and report back to the next meeting.

The Casey footpath by Pannels Close was very overgrown so the Clerk would inform Wayne Hickford.

A motorbike and other household items had been dumped on the land to the rear of Whitlands. The Clerk would inform Babergh.

The wall of Brook House was falling down and was now a danger. The Clerk would contact Suffolk County Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Approved

Date