

**MINUTES OF THE GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2004 AT 7.45
IN GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| 079 | <u>PRESENT</u> | Mr. C. Parmenter
Mrs. A. Watkinson
Mr. N Gurr
Mr. H. Boone | Mr. R. Thake
Mr. J. Suttle
Mrs. L. Knox |
| 080 | <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | Mrs. S. Sunderland (Parish Clerk) | |
| 081 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> | Mr. R. Kemp (County Councillor)
Mrs. L. Lord
Mr. H. Lay
Mr. L. Young | |

Five members of public were in attendance.

082 **POLICE MATTERS**

No police officers were in attendance again but a report had been sent to the clerk which covered the period 7th September 2004 to 9th November 2004.

During this period there have been 17 crimes reported within the parish, this compares to 35 the same period the previous year.

Four reports of burglaries have been received. The first was a dwelling burglary overnight 25th-26th September 2004 in Schoolfields. The offender entered by forcing a rear window, it appears that they stayed the night, helped themselves to food during their stay and then stole items on leaving. Between the 12th-19th September 2004 offenders entered a secure garage in First Avenue by force and stole a lawn mower. In the early hours of the 20/09/04 and the 02/10/04 unknown offenders entered the Glemsford Social Club at Hunts Hill; on the first occasion they caused damage to a rear door to gain entry. Cigarettes were stolen along with cash from the gaming machines, on the second occasion damage was caused to a rear window but nothing was stolen.

On the 02/10/04 damage was caused to the door glass of a private dwelling in Golding Way by a large stone being thrown at it.

Eight reports of vehicle crime was received during this period.

Three theft offences reported during this period. On the 08/09/04 an unknown offender stole laundry from a washing line in the village, on the 24/09/04 an unknown offender stole property from a parked and unattended caravan in Golding Way and on the 26/10/04 a ladder was stolen from beside a garage on private property in Drapery Common.

The other reported crime relates to a malicious communication.

083 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2004 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

Cllr. Boone reported that the last issue of the Minutes were not accessible on the web site. The clerk would look into this.

084 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Bob Richardson reported that four or five people arrived in Glemsford to look for the war memorial and couldn't find it because it was covered in trees. He asked if it could be trimmed up and offered to do the work. The chairman stated that as the trees were on a residents land, he would have to check with the resident that this was in order before he did anything.

Mr. Richardson stated that the new street sweeper was doing a wonderful job but had a problem with the bins in the Tower Meadow area. The Chairman stated that these had keys and he would provide her with a set.

Cllr. Watkinson asked why youths had been refused entry to the recent public meeting regarding the village plan. Mr. Richardson stated that he refused them entry as he felt there were already too many in the Hall. Cllr. Watkins refuted this and said that on no circumstances should anyone be told they could not attend a public meeting in the village. The chairman stated that the youth were the future of the village and should be involved in all matters.

085 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Cllr. Kemp had received a letter regarding speed issues in the village from the local constabulary. The areas of Hunts Hill and Egremont Street were not suitable for hand held speed enforcement to be undertaken due to the volume of street furniture and the fact that the areas were heavily congested with parked cars. An attempt had been made to monitor the speed of vehicles on Lion Road but the equipment had been tampered with and insufficient data had been recorded. As there had only been one accident in the areas over the past three years it was felt that Glemsford was not a priority for speed enforcement.

Cllr. Gurr advised councillors and the public to pass on the names of any offenders who were speeding to the police.

Cllr. Watkinson expressed her concern at the rumours surround the closure of the wards on Walnuttree hospital as this would mean the loss of a valuable community resource. The Clerk would pass this to Cllr. Kemp.

086 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Thake had attended the Western Area Parish meeting last week. Questions had been asked about good value and the discussion continued for about an hour and half. The main items discussed were twin bins and planning issues. Overall it was quite a good discussion. Some parishes were really against the 75 square metre

planning policy yet some were for it so no conclusion was reached. The Eastern Area meeting would be held soon and once all the viewpoints had been collated, decision would be made as to the way forward.

The constitution was being revised and Cllr. Thake advised councillors to be increasingly vigilant on planning matters as officers now have more powers and not so many applications will be going to the development committee. If a delegated decision is going in a different way to the view of the parish council the district councillor does have power to call it to a meeting providing he can quote the policy. If Cllr. Thake is not present at a parish meeting he must be informed of any planning issues the following day. If officer does not feel that the parish has given sufficient objection or it is not valid he can make a delegated decision based on the comments received.

087 Clerks Report

The Clerk had traced the paperwork for the light on Third Avenue and found that this had been reported to EDF last October so she had sent another letter asking why the light was still not repaired. A reply had been received with a quotation and a cheque had been raised and sent off. The light should be repaired soon.

The clerk had arranged a meeting with Richard Carter from Suffolk County Council at 10 am on Thursday regarding the road beside the village hall.

The Clerk was concerned about the state of the football pavilion and asked if the youth team could now change in the village hall as the facilities were so dire in the pavilion. Although the roof was currently being replaced, the toilets were in a disgusting state, as were the shower room and changing facilities. Councillors would visit the site over the weekend and the matter would be discussed at the precept meeting next week.

087 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	585.91
Expenditure	2367.04
Cash in hand	62662.39
Petty Cash	195.53
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest	40691.19

a. **Payments received**

Village hall groups	445.20
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b. **Payments made out of Council**

Viking Direct Limited	52.75
British Telecom	91.18
British Legion Poppy Appeal	19.00
Playdale	4560.48
Mr W Hickford	1990.00
EDF	498.20

c. **Accounts to be paid**

Asset	150.00
Inland Revenue	297.25

d. **Any other financial matters**

A new street cleaning barrow had been received and had been paid for by Babergh. This had been passed on to Rachel.

088 Planning Mattersa. **New Applications****B/04/01738/AGD/GD Part OS 7265, New Street Farm, New Street**

Notification under Part 6 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 - Erection of General Purpose Farm Building.

Although this item had been discussed at a planning meeting it had since been withdrawn and a new application following re-positioning of the farm building.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/04/01777/LBC/GP 11 Tye Green

Application for Listed Building Consent - Insertion of replacement first-floor window.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/04/01835/FHA/LCT 20 Bells Lane

Erection of single-storey side extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval providing that it is in keeping with the rest of the property.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/04/01867/FHA/SPL Land adjoining 30A Hunts Hill

Erection of detached double garage.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/04/01818/FHA/JCV Flax House, 15 Long Pastures
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

B/03/01192/FUL/JG Land adjacent to and rear of 5 Egremont Street
Erection of 14 no dwellings as amended by plans received 15th August 2003 from agent.

The Parish Council could not make a decision on this application as the plans were incomplete. The covering sheet with the application did not list any officer to directly contact so the Clerk would speak with Michael Collins.

b. **Applications Granted**

B/04/01089/FHA/SPL 20 Bells Lane
Insertion of replacement 2 no. windows and front door to front elevation.

B/04/01518/FHA/GD Lawley House, 28 Hunts Hill
Erection of two-storey rear extension.

B/04/01487/FHA/CT Linum, The Croft
Erection of 2 metre high boundary fence.

c. **Applications Refused**

B/04/01434/FUL/GD Garage adjacent to Station House, Lower Road
Change of use of existing garage/workshop to a single dwelling.

B/04/01414/ADV/CT Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane
Application for Advertisement Consent – Erection of 2 No. illuminated single sided free standing advertising display units.

B/04/01363/FUL/GD The Cherry Tree, Tye Green
Change of use of public house to form 1 no. dwellings.

d. **Any other planning matters**

A letter had been received from the owner of the tin tabernacle outlining his concerns over letter received from Babergh District Council. He had spoken to an officer at Babergh and asked if planning permission would be needed for the work and was advised that it would not be necessary. He had then received a letter from another officer advising him that he should not be carrying out any work without planning permission. The chairman took copies of the correspondence and would investigate.

B/04/00992/FHA/BJW 23 Fair Green
Application withdrawn.

A letter had been received from Babergh following investigation into some wooden posts erected in a front garden on Brook Street. Babergh had decided that even though they had asked the owner to submit a planning application and he had not complied, that they would not be taking the matter any further.

A letter had been received stating that the investigation into the untidy site at 3 Egremont Street would not be pursued as work had started on the development.

089 Correspondence

Several letters had been received complaining about the proposal to move the war memorial nearer to the church. A public meeting would be held in the New Year to gauge resident's thoughts.

090 Youth Facilities Park

A meeting had been held with Tim Mutum and Leslie King to discuss the re-siting of the youth facilities park.

If the park is to be sited on the old tennis courts, the hedges must be trimmed and it was imperative that the area should be well lit. Although the general consensus was that the site was not ideal place everybody concerned felt that it was the only option.

091 Community Centre

The most important thing on the agenda was to ascertain how much the social club is worth before matters progressed any further, then it would be clear how much money was available.

The Chairman stated that the Social club would be shut down by April if things carried on as at present and although the Members or the management committee can sell for development but they must invest money on a new social club in the village.

The chairman stated that public meetings had been held at the Social club and all members were in agreement with the proposed move.

Cllr. Suttle asked if everything is all legally above board and the Chairman stated that the members were in agreement with the proposed changes. The chairman estimated that the social club land would be worth in the region of half a million pounds and that the project would be a joint venture between the Social Club and the Parish council although the community centre will be on parish land.

Cllr. Thake stated that the social club has two options. They could either do a marketing campaign for a year or the other option would be to replace the facility so it can be pulled down and rebuilt.

Cllr. Thake queried whether a vote had been taken on the proposal and the Chairman reiterated that this had been done already.

The chairman stated that the Social club is dying on its feet, and the pavilion was continually vandalised so to combine those, the village hall and the library into one community centre seemed to be a sensible option.

Cllr. Thake still had concerns about the legality of passing the ownership of the social club from the members but the Chairman would contact the Parish solicitors and also speak to Babergh. Cllr. Thake would organise a meeting with planning officers.

It was agreed that the Council should now look into the possibility of siting the new community centre at the present village hall site.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

092 PARISH PLAN

A steering committee had now been formed with two members of the parish council, and they would be organising a meeting soon. The Clerk had received some paperwork from Annette Gray and this would be passed on to the Cllr. Lay.

093 Any other matters

Cllr. Suttle reported that the tree root had still not been removed opposite Greyhound Road. The Clerk would contact Mr. Hickford.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next meeting 16th November and 7th December 2004