

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2005
AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

052	Present	Colin Parmenter Anna Watkinson Lisa Lord Howard Lay	Rex Thake Len Young John Suttle Neil Gurr
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053	In attendance	Sara Sunderland Inspector Pepper PC Mullet
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054	Apologies	Richard Kemp Howard Boone Cllr. Knox
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055 Police Matters

During the period from 7th September 2005 to 10th October 2005 time 14 offences had been reported within the parish, this compared to 16 for the same period the previous year.

One report of burglary, seven reports of criminal damage, three reports of vehicle crime and one report of theft had been reported.

Two seventeen year old youths would be attending court the following day for their part in the recent vandalism to the Village Hall. The police hoped a community punishment order would be issued for the offences.

Damage had been caused to the roof of the doctors surgery but the police had suspects.

The police now had speed guns and recently carried out a check in Glemsford outside the school. No fixed penalties or notices had been issued but two people were given advice. The guns work up on a distance up to several hundred metres.

The DVLA would be prosecuting out of date tax disks, although it was not always effective. Traffic wardens in Ipswich are now on call to other villages so they will be asked to look at Glemsford in the near future.

Mr Tim Lawrence asked if many arrests had been made regarding drunk driving in the village or if many breathalyser tests were carried out. PC Mullet explained that it was not normal to set up and stop vehicles unless there is an initiative on but the officers always have the device and will always stop vehicles if they feel there is just cause. Mr. Lawrence asked if any had been carried out recently and was told not in the past month.

Inspector Pepper told the meeting that the crime rate had dropped in Glemsford by forty percent during the past year and these figures should allay any fears following recent newspaper reports. However, if crimes were not reported the police could not compile accurate figures.

The Chairman stated that there seemed to be a lack of police presence, and was backed by the Vice-Chairman, but Inspector Pepper said that this was not the case.

Mr. Lawrence had concerns that following the introduction of new licensing hours that Glemsford may suffer because police would be needed in Sudbury. Inspector Pepper said that he hoped if Glemsford's beat officer was on duty that he would hope where possible they would be patrolling but there may be times when this is not possible. Residents agreed that they would rather see police patrols on foot than police cars in the village.

Cllr. Lay appreciated that with limited resources the police needed to target where they were most needed. He asked how the percentage of crime fared with the surrounding villages. Inspector Pepper advised that it was certainly not higher.

056 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2005, having been previously circulated, were adopted and signed as a true record.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

057 Public Question Time

Mr. Gordon, the secretary of The Cock football team had received a call from a member of the Playing field committee advising him that the pavilion was to be demolished. The chairman advised him that the Parish Council now ran the pavilion and not the playing field committee, which had now been disbanded.

Mr. Gordon had concerns as The Cock were now the only team to play on the field and did not want to lose the facilities of the pavilion. He had concerns regarding the demolition order for the pavilion but the Chairman said that he had spoken to Babergh District council who had not advised him against the proposal.

Mr. Gordon asked if the project could now be put on hold as The Cock would like to take over the upkeep and maintenance of the pavilion. Mr. Bennet advised that a skip could be situation by the pavilion for the rubbish although he was told by the Clerk that the last skip had been turned over in the car park.

Although The Cock had been using the Village Hall for changing, next year this would not be possible according to their league, as teams needed to provide sufficient facilities.

Cllr. Thake advised that a long term package would need to be provided from The Cock, and that there was no point in taking on the project for three months then giving it up. Mr. Gordon assured the meeting that this would not be the case and stated that he had paid money to the Playing Field Management Committee for the hire of the field in the past, so this would need to be addressed if the team were taking over the maintenance of the pavilion.

It was agreed that no further investigations would be made on the demolition until The Cock had formulated a plan for the upkeep.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

The Chairman advised the meeting that no money had been given to the playing field committee since the Gladiators had relinquished the playing fields. Grass cutting will in future be carried out by contractors working for the parish council, but line marking will have to be done by The Cock.

Bob Richardson stated that the fair had been a great success in the village and they had informed him that they would like to return next year. The Clerk advised that they would have to provide their own generator in the future.

It was noted that the Cherry Tree sign on Tye Green was in a dangerous position and did not have planning permission. The Clerk would write to Babergh.

058 Clerks Report

The Clerk had asked Mr. Hickford to trim the trees in Post Office Lane and had also written to street lighting about the new street lights which had still not been assessed.

A letter had been received from a resident in Causeway Close about speeding in Kings Road. This was accompanied by a petition. The Clerk would write to the resident and inform them of the speed guns provided to the police.

059 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	30214.53
Expenditure	5910.64
Cash in hand	56037.74

Payments received

Burials	38.50
Village hall groups	42.00
Bookings	40.00

Payments made out of Council

Viking Direct Limited	27.20
Kelway	185.18
Mini Waste	135.18
Mr D Wallace	351.13
Mr. W. Hickford	30.00
Industrial supplies	19.25

Accounts to be paid

Asset	150.00
Inland Revenue	281.00
BT	154.60
Mrs A Watkinson	70.00

Any other financial matters

The accounts for the year 2001-2002 were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

060 Planning Matters**a. New Applications**

B/05/01539/FHA/GP 22 Angel Lane
Erection of two-storey side extension and front porch.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/05/01543/FHA/GP 18 Angel Lane
Erection of two-storey rear extension and front porch.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/05/01627/LBC/MC 4 Egremont Street
Application for Listed Building Consent – Erection of single-storey extension (existing lean-to to be demolished)

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/05/01626/FHA/MC 4 Egremont Street
Erection of single-storey extension (existing lean-to to be demolished)

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/05/01623/FHA/SB 21 Fair Green
Erection of conservatory to rear (existing shed to be demolished).

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

b. Applications Refused

B/05/01135/FUL/GD Part side garden of 15 first Avenue
Erection of single-storey dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access.

B/05/01174/OUT Land of rear to 23 Lion Road
Outline - Erection of 2 no single-storey dwellings and construction of new vehicular access.

061 Bus layby

An email had been received from Patrick Taylor advising the Clerk that the drawings for the bus shelter would be sent to her shortly and then a planning application could be made.

062 Village Hall and Skateboard Park

Planners had attended the social club site and highways would be attending the following week. Once they have advised as to what is needed, the Parish Council can look at what is feasible.

The clerk would write to Wiles again as there had been no reply to either letter regarding the layby or the surfacing.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the park would now be sited on the old tennis courts.

063 Any other matters

The Clerk would write to Keith Sampson and ask if the work on the footways at Skates Hill was likely to be completed this year.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting 15th November