

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

<b>Present</b>	Colin Parmenter Len Young Howard Boone Rex Thake	Anna Watkinson Howard Lay John Suttle Lucy Knox
<b>In attendance</b>	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
<b>Apologies</b>	Rex Thake (holiday) Neil Gurr (holiday)	

**049 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

**050 Public Question Time**

Bob Richardson stated that the youth initiative had been a great success. Sally and Den had both been in attendance at the first one. Bob had attended three sessions and felt that it would be beneficial for more of these youth initiatives in the future. The Clerk informed the meeting that Sally Scott was looking into funding for this.

Roland Hill expressed concerns that parking problems were still occurring on Tye Green and Fair Green. The Chairman informed him that all greens are registered and protected and felt that it would probably be a police matter. The Clerk asked Mr. Hill to provide more photographs which she would take to Den Mullet in order to identify the perpetrators, but in the meantime, letters would be sent to residents regarding parking on the greens.

Cllr. Suttle reported that the builder had been in contact regarding the posts on Tye Green. A metal post would be erected in the driveway that leads into meadow and this would then need a lock. Two posts will be sited along the drive that lead to the barns.

Adrian Digby from Ash House voiced concerns to the Patches Lane application. He stated that the public notice had actually been erected inside private land and was not on view to the general public. He had taken a photograph and sent to Richard Watson. The proposed development would be in a conservation area, and would provide a disruption to the historic park within the conservation area. Under the 1990 act it was the duty of the authority that it should enhance the character of the surrounding area but this application completely misses any environmental impact. There were many bird species and yellow necked fieldmice in the proposed site and the building proposed for demolition is inhabited by bats. All bats are protected. The application states that part of the wall of the barn will be left up if stable. This was a clever play on words as if the barn is taken down it will not be stable. The path won't be able to take extra traffic and the ground level of Mr. Digby's house runs

right along the path and if it was surfaced it would have detrimental effect on the structure.

Roland Hill had taken photographs of the barn and its current condition suggested it was in a moderately stable condition. The barn dates back to 1841 and the sale document lists barn in it from 1884. The elevations of house are not in keeping with surrounding grade II listed buildings which go back to 17th century.

**051 Suffolk County Councillors Report**

Councillor Kemp stated that under the Village green act to encroach on a village green is a criminal offence and he felt that this would be a police matter.

The future of day centres is under threat, and although Walnuttree had not been named he suspected that will follow.

Electric blanket testing would take place from 11<sup>th</sup> September for a two week period. Residents can have their blankets tested at the local fire station free of charge.

A 15 year projected plan for gravel extraction site at Acton was under way.

The Library had been inspected today by property services for better lighting, CCTV and panic button.

Elisabeth Harrison was giving up her present job and moving to Ipswich.

A warrant of arrest was in place for Ben Mountford who resides at 96 Kings Road.

**052 District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Young had recently attended a Members seminar at which the chief superintendent for South Suffolk was in attendance. He stated that Ipswich had 15% more officers than four years ago. These officers were not necessarily on the beat but could work in immigration, surveillance etc. Cllr. Young had raised the point about perpetrators not being arrested if they volunteered to attend the police station but was not answered. He had spoken to the chief superintendant during the lunch break who informed him that there was no policy regarding that.

All villages have problems with anti-social behaviour and SALC are inviting the chief superintendant to their next meeting.

**053 Clerks Report**

Letters had been sent to the residents of Kings Road regarding ball games.

A letter had been sent to Mrs. Alston.

The necessary documentation had been displayed for the advertisement of a new councillor. The Council can co-opt from 12<sup>th</sup> September so an agenda item would be added for the next meeting.

A reply had been received from the letter sent to the chief constable – this had now been passed to Inspector Pepper at Sudbury! The Clerk had sent him meeting dates and hopefully he would attend one before Christmas.

Forms for the Community achievement awards had been received and the Clerk advised that if any councillors had any nominations, they must let her know as soon as possible.

A form regarding travellers was passed to Cllr. Knox for completion.

The Clerk would contact the demolition people regarding the pavilion as all services had now been switched off.

#### 054 **Financial Matters**

##### **Account Status**

Income	771.08
Expenditure	3380.36
Cash in hand	38283.73
Petty Cash	188.48
High Interest	43054.03

##### **Payments received**

Village Hall	271.00
Burials	328.50

##### **Payments made out of Council**

C. Wallace	378.75
1&1 Internet	9.98
Kent Blaxhill	252.87

##### **Accounts to be paid**

Viking Direct	156.62
Inland Revenue	238-08
Alfred McAlpine	318.23
Chilton Office Supplies	18.79

##### **Any other financial matters**

The accounts for the years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 were approved and signed.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

It was agreed that the hole in the bus shelter be reported to the builder who did the roofing work for the village hall.

Cllr. Knox would arrange for a notice regarding no parking to be sited on the village hall gates.

It was agreed to withhold payment for youth facilities park until the shoddy workmanship had been rectified.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Knox

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**055 Planning Matters**

**New Applications**

**B/05/01684/ROC/GP                      46 Hunts Hill**

Removal of condition 04 of P.P. B/75/264 to allow garage to be used as additional living accommodation.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal and let original comments stand.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Suttle

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

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

Erection of 2 no. Class B1 units and Erection of 4 no. two-storey dwellings (demolition of existing 3 no. Class B1 units).

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal because of the presence of wildlife and bats, it being in a conservation area and being totally out of keeping with the surrounding properties and the possibility of this dwelling taking away valuable employment opportunities should it stop the erection of other business units.

Cllr. Young would arrange a site meeting.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Knox

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**056 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park**

Mr. Slater had still not fixed the concrete posts so the clerk would send letters to Breheny, Carters and Wiles asking for quotations which would be sent to Lucy.

A letter of complaint had been sent to Record about the shoddy workmanship on the youth facilities park. An engineer would be attending next week.

The village hall gates had been jumped on. Tony Mitchell was going to remove them and try to repair this week but Anna would liaise with him and if need be would contact Jocks Locks.

**057 Community Centre**

Cllr. Young had contacted Capel St. Mary's village hall and would be contacting Lavenham later in the week.

**058 Any Other Business**

Cllr. Watkinson had explored every avenue regarding the marking of the badminton court in the village hall. She had now approached a sports writer at the EADT to appeal for help.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Approved .....**

**Date .....**

**Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006**