

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2008
AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Lucy Knox Colin Parmenter
 Lynn Bloomfield Roy Diggins
 Neil Gurr

APOLOGIES Newman Ford
 John Suttle
 Len Young

IN ATTENDANCE Sara Sunderland

Cllrs. Searle and Thake were not present and no apologies were received.

055 Social Club and Village Hall Plans

Cllr. Parmenter produced draft plans for the proposed extension to the hall. The extension, which would be a mirror image of the current Village Hall would comprise the Social Club, with a main hall, meeting room, cellar, kitchen, WC and storage and would also provide a large area at the rear for storage and facilities for the football teams. This rear extension would be handed over to the Parish Council for them to maintain and run. The Social Club would also undertake to have the vehicular access altered. The changing rooms would have an exit at the rear of the Hall and there was a possibility that an extra fire door would be needed at the end of the current Hall, due to the loss of one when the extension was built.

A formal offer had been made on the Social Club site from the care home next door. The Social Club committee had accepted this subject to everything being formalised legally, and for planning permission to be granted and it was hoped that this would all be finalised shortly.

Cllr. Parmenter asked that as the Parish Council did not need to fund the extension, they could perhaps modernise the existing Village Hall. All parties agreed that the kitchen needed to be modernised and the toilets taken out and moved to the rear of the building, leaving more storage space where the toilets were currently situated. Staging was discussed and it was felt that storage could be put either side of the stage for the chairs and tables currently in the hall.

As the committee room was used purely for bar purposes, it was proposed that the Social Club could take this over, and would provide bars for parties and functions in the Village Hall, and anyone wanting to hire a smaller room would in the future be able to use the meeting room in the Social Club.

Cllr. Knox expressed concerns that storage was at the rear of the hall so was quite a distance from the Hall. The clerk stated that this was already the case and groups were quite used to this.

The Clerk would contact the working party and arrange a meeting to show them the plans. She would also contact the football teams, and ask for the legal requirements for the changing area.

Cllr. Parmenter said it was hoped that building could begin after Christmas and it was hoped that this could be completed by July 2009.

It was agreed that when the architects for the Social Club came to the site, that Cllr. Parmenter would inform the Clerk so that a meeting could be arranged to discuss moving of the toilets to create more storage.

It was agreed that any future bookings next year for the Social Club should be conveyed to the clerk in the interests of Village Hall bookings.

As the acoustics were so poor in the main hall, the meeting discussed the possibility of putting acoustic tiles on the walls when the refurbishments were undertaken.

It was agreed that the project should go ahead, subject to legal and planning permission.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Approved

Date