**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at Glemsford Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Leopold, Sewell, Stephens and Cain

The clerk.

7 members of the public

**01.01Parish announcements**

No announcements

**02.01 Apologies for absence**

CCllr Kemp, DCllr Holt and Cllr Mills

**03.01 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests**

Cllr Plumb declared an interest in all planning matters due to being a member of the planning committee at BDC.

**04.01 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on the 14th Dec 2021**

***It was resolved*** to adopt the minutes.

**05.01 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

No matters arising

**06.01 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp report –**

Report can be viewed on the website

**DCllrs report –**

Report can be viewed on the website.

As of 12th January all meetings at Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils will be held virtually. At present there is no legislation to allow Parish Councils to do the same.

**07.01 Planning:**

**New applications:**

**DC/21/06319 – 12 Tye Green**

Replacement of front and rear windows and doors with UPVC sash windows. Erection of a conservatory (following demolition of existing).

***It was resolved to recommend***: no reason to object

**DC/21/06617 – 2 Lower Rd**

Application for listed building consent – removal of existing and provision of new external render to south elevation of cottage

***It was resolved to recommend:*** no reason to object

**DC/21/06892 – 42 Fair Green**

Application for tree works in a conservation area. Crown raise 1no silver birch to 15ft, reduce overhang at rear of the tree and prune upper crown and fell 2no fruit trees

***It was resolved to recommend:*** no reason to object

**Granted applications:**

**DC/21/00754 – GCB Factory and Premises, Lower Rd**

Planning Application - Part demolition and replacement of existing logistics space, alterations to existing logistics building to accommodate a new chocolate production facility, construction of a new Waste Water treatment building, new gatehouse and 2no. weighbridge offices, and other associated works.

**08.12 Public question time**

No questions

**09.01 Accounts for approval**

***It was resolved*** to agree the accounts.

Payments for authorisation December:

Main account:

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Receipts Dec:

Hall hire - £793

**10.01 Reports from working groups**

**Cemetery**

Installation of the new path is now complete and a grit bin has been installed.

**Finance**

Further discussions were held regarding the precept for 2022-23. The main increase is due to rising electricity costs for the street lights. See item 11.01.

**Village Hall**

**Update on village hall extension**

A meeting with the architect and builders will take place on Friday 14th January.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

There is little to report with regards progress of the plan. The group are awaiting details from the consultant and the Local Plan is still not finalised.

**Playing Field Management Committee**

Report can be viewed on the website.

**Climate Emergency (Greening Glemsford)**

Lesli Tunbridge is to liaise with Cllr Southgate with regards planting the trees at the Cemetery.

There has been no response from BDC regarding seeding of the green area in Kings Rd.

The environmental policy is to be reviewed.

The possibility of establishing a wildlife friendly community scheme is to be looked into. This is to be an agenda item next month.

**New Village Hall play park**

A site meeting is to be held with Roy Emmerson of BDC.

From the quotes received for the new play park, it is apparent that there will be a shortfall of s106 funds to cover the project. The shortfall is in the region of £13,000.

***It was resolved*** to use C.I.L. funds held by the Parish Council to make up the balance.

**11.01 Confirmation of precept submission.**

***It was resolved*** to increase the precept by 3.8%. This is an increase of £3832, making a total precept of £104,678.00

**12.01 Agreement of external auditors report**

***It was resolved*** to agree the external auditors report

**13.01 Painting of speed bumps – village hall**

***It was resolved*** to have the speed bumps on the village hall approach road painted at a cost of £170.76 plus VAT.

**14.01 Container purchase for temporary village hall storage – possibility of**

Cllr Southgate is awaiting prices.

**15.01 Funding request – setting up of pie club**

Harriet North is to set up a pie club for men. A trial session is to be held on Weds 26th January. Some funding is already in place from other sources. The Parish Council will consider supporting the venture after the trial session has taken place.

**16.01 Setting up of Parish Council Facebook page – possibility of**

***It was resolved*** that Cllr Mills will set up a Parish Council Facebook page which is to be used as an information service only.

**17.01 Correspondence to report**

A letter has been received from the playing field committee asking if consideration would be given to placing the new play area on the playing field instead of on Tower Meadow (next to the village hall). The new play park working group are to draft a reply to the committee.

**18.01 Date of next meeting**  – 8th Feb2022 at Glemsford Village Hall

Meeting finished at 7.30pm

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