**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2020 @ 7pm**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Leopold, Sewell, Cain, B Stephens & R Stephens.

DCllr Holt. The clerk.

0 members of the public.

**01.05 Parish announcements**

No announcements

**02.05 Apologies for absence**

CCllr Kemp

**03.05 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.

**04.05 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 14th April 2020**

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

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

It was confirmed that Suffolk County Council will be financing the cutting of fewer footpaths due to budget restrictions.

**06.05 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –**

A full report can be viewed on the website. Cllr Cain asked about road repairs; Cllr Plumb is to make enquiries about these.

DCllr Holt read the BDC report as below:

***We know you’ve ‘bin’ waiting***

*Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are poised to re-launch their garden waste collections during May, having stopped them to protect essential collections during COVID-19.*

[***£17m COVID-19 grant funding unclaimed by small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/17m-covid-19-grant-funding-unclaimed-by-small-businesses-in-babergh-and-mid-suffolk/)

*Over £28m has been awarded to eligible small businesses, shop owners and leisure organisations in Babergh and Mid Suffolk since the launch of the Government’s Small Business Grant and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants at the end of March.*

***Local community groups to receive over £64,000 in emergency funding***

*Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have approved grants totalling more than £64,000 to support local communities in their response to COVID-19.*

[***Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities receive funding boost of more than £4.5 million***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/babergh-and-mid-suffolk-communities-receive-funding-boost-of-more-than-4-5-million/)

*Communities across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded Community Infrastructure Levy funding in excess of £4.5 million since the start of the year.*

[***Cyber cons capitalising on coronavirus crisis***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/cyber-cons-capitalising-on-coronavirus-crisis/)

*Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are urging vigilance against rising numbers of coronavirus cons, with over 2,000 online scams identified nationally in the last month alone.*

[***Council meetings to resume remotely***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/council-meetings-to-resume-remotely/)

*Council meetings for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are set to resume remotely following the Government’s decision to grant local authorities’ powers to meet and make decisions using digital technology to ensure public safety.*

[***Meet the heroes helping Babergh through the coronavirus crisis***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/meet-the-heroes-helping-babergh-through-the-coronavirus-crisis/)

*Communities across Babergh have rallied together in response to Covid-19, and now we want to recognise and support their extraordinary work.*

[***Small businesses in Suffolk urged to access £200m pot of COVID-19 aid***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/small-businesses-in-suffolk-urged-to-access-200m-pot-of-covid-19-aid/)

*Eligible businesses across Suffolk are being urged to access grants of £10,000 or £25,000 to help them through COVID-19 crisis.*

[***Further financial support for struggling households in Babergh and Mid Suffolk***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/further-financial-support-for-struggling-households-in-babergh-and-mid-suffolk/)

*Families already struggling with financial hardship are to be given further support to reduce their council tax bills, with letters due through the doors of more than 4,000 households in Babergh and Mid Suffolk over coming days.*

[***£45m COVID-19 grant funding available to small businesses in Babergh***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/45m-covid-19-grant-funding-available-to-small-businesses-in-babergh/)

*Over £14m has been awarded to eligible small businesses in Babergh in the first wave of payments from the business grant fund created to help businesses through the COVID-19 crisis, with almost £30m still available to claim.*

[***Joint statement on COVID-19 from Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s political group leaders***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/joint-statement-on-covid-19-from-babergh-and-mid-suffolks-political-group-leaders/)

*Although the political make up of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils is varied and diverse, the resolve to work together to look after our communities, protect the vulnerable and safeguard our local economy during the COVID-19 pandemic is entirely the same.*

[***Businesses urged to access financial support and guidance during COVID-19 crisis***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/businesses-urged-to-access-financial-support-and-guidance-during-covid-19-crisis/)

*Businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being urged to find out what financial support is available to them as well as seeking advice and guidance in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.*

[***Emergency funding pot available to help local community groups***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/emergency-funding-pot-available-to-help-local-community-groups/)

*Community groups and organisations can now apply for immediate grants of up to £2,500 as part of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils’ response to COVID-19.*

[***Leader pays tribute to former councillor and respected community stalwart***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/leader-pays-tribute-to-former-councillor-and-respected-community-stalwart/)

*Babergh District Council leader Cllr John Ward today paid tribute to long-serving former councillor Nick Ridley OBE, who died on Tuesday following a short illness.*

***Homelessness - “Everyone in” Scheme***

*All Local Authorities were requested by government to ensure that anyone who was street homeless or currently living in dormitory style emergency housing should to be accommodated to minimise the risk of them contracting Covid-19.*

*A Housing Task and Finish Group has been created in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, following the government directive and for local authorities and agencies to source immediate accommodation to those who have certain underlying health conditions, have nowhere to safely self-isolate and rough sleepers. The group reports directly to the countywide Collaborative Communities Covid-19 Board as part of the emergency response to the Coronavirus pandemic.*

*Membership of the HTFG consists of Suffolk’s Local Authorities, Children and Young People and Adult Services from Suffolk County Council, CCG, Public Health, Probation and Police – all working in partnership to support the drive to keep residents safe and ensure that everyone has  a safe place to stay and sleep*

*Full details can be obtained via the BDC website*

*Recording of meeting commenced at 7.18pm*

**07.05 Planning**

 **New applications:**

 **DC/20/01646 – 22 Angel Lane**

 Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe accommodation ancillary to main house

 ***It was resolved*** to recommend no reason to object. However, concerns were raised about highway issues

 **DC/20/01749 Old Bank House, 2 Lion Rd**

 Notification of tree works in a conservation area – T1 – reducing cherry plum to hedge height (reducing by 4mts)

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

 **DC/20/01/01792 – 4 Whitlands**

 Erection of single storey rear extension

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

 **Granted applications:**

 **DC/20/00927 – 12 First Avenue**

Erection of a single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of existing garage)

 **DC/20/01443 - 63 Brook St**

 Notification of tree works in a conservation area – cut tree back to the main two trunks to control and maintain growth – BDC does not wish to object

 **DC/20/01148 – Chirbury House, 4 Rectory Close**

Notification of tree works in a conservation area – G1 (Hawthorns and a fruit tree) – fell to ground level – BDC does not wish to object

**08.05 Public question time**

No questions

**09.05 Accounts for approval**

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

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| Charge card | 177.07 |
| Places4People Ltd | 891 |
| Gardesn ARB | 480 |
| Auto Innovations (V/H banner) | 64.8 |
| A Southgate-allotment exps | 24 |

**10.05 Reports from working groups – Cemetery, Finance, Village Hall, Climate Emergency and report from playing field management committee.**

V/Hall – Cllr Cain is to view a webinar with reference to applying to the Public Works Loan Board for the financing of the proposed extension to the village hall.

No other reports

**11.05 End of year budget figures – agreement of**

***It was resolved*** to agree the end of year budget figures

**12.05 Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

***It was resolved*** to agree the AGAR

**13.05 Neighbourhood Plan – AECON report**

The site options and assessment report had only just been received. This is to be an agenda item next month

**14.05 Allotments update**

There are currently no available plots, however, there is the possibility of a few more plots if other items are re-positioned. Cllr Southgate will advise.

**15.05 Village Hall – damaged footpath**

It has been reported that a small section of the footpath leading to the village hall is breaking up. Cllr Southgate is to obtain quotes to repair.

**16.05 C.I.L. Funding – application for cemetery works**

A new footpath is required to access the newly obtained Cemetery land. It was agreed to apply to the C.I.L. 123 fund at BDC. Cllr Southgate is to obtain quotes to include works to the large Cherry tree which is currently obstructing the planned pathway.

**17.05 Correspondence to report**

None

**18.05 Date of next meeting** – 9th June 2020

Meeting finished @ 7.45pm

(For reference: a recording of this meeting was made via Zoom)

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