**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 @ 7pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

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

DCllr Holt. The clerk.

10 members of the public.

**01.07 Parish announcements**

None

**02.07 Apologies for absence**

CCllr Kemp

**03.07 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.

**04.07 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 11th June2019**

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

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

None

**06.07 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –** A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk’s office.

DCllr Holt – read the report below:

***Councils approve Joint Local Plan for Consultation***

*At a Full Council meeting on 27 June, Babergh Members voted to put the council’s Joint Local Plan to the public for consultation. The draft joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals. Key points from the document include an identified housing requirement of 7,560 new homes in Babergh from 2018 to 2036 – working out at 420 dwellings per year – and prioritising new retail and town centre uses in strategically important towns such as Sudbury and Hadleigh.*

*The consultation will be launched later this month, with updates posted on the* [*Joint Local Plan homepage*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/)*.*

***New Bin Collection Days***

*The majority of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils’ residents will be given a new bin collection day this month as part of plans to future-proof waste and recycling services in the districts. By re-routing the current collection rounds and introducing new ones, the councils will make them more fuel efficient; both reducing the impact on the environment whilst providing the service needed for current and future residents. Your residents will already have begun receiving information about their new collection day, with the new rounds starting next week, 15 July. Read our full* [*press release online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/weve-bin-busy-future-proofing-our-waste-service/).

***Women’s Tour seeks spectator feedback as Women on Wheels take off***

*Following the success of the OVO Energy Women’s Tour stage one in Suffolk on Monday 10 June, the international cycle race’s visit to Suffolk is hoped to inspire more people than ever to get out on their own bikes, with the Women on Wheels Suffolk events being an excellent way for women to take part in mass-participation cycling. The events are aimed at non-cyclists and existing cyclists alike, with routes of an achievable distance open to all ages. Find out more on the* [*Women on Wheels Suffolk website*](http://www.wowsuffolk.org.uk/)*.*

***Sudbury’s new Skate park ready for summer fun***

*Sudbury’s new skate park and multi-use games area were officially opened in Belle Vue Park on 22 June following £150,000 of investment from Babergh District Council. The work and design followed a long period of planning and community engagement, which saw community groups, skate and BMX park users and the town council work with Babergh District Council to identify the right facilities for Belle Vue Park. Find out more* [*online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/park-ready-for-summer-fun/)*.*

***Councils bring democracy online***

*Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are making their council meetings, which include major decisions such as budgets and major planning applications, accessible to everyone as online livestreaming begins. Several meetings have already been broadcast online, with the videos available both during the meeting and after on the councils’* [*YouTube channel*](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSWf_0D13zmegAf5Qv_aZSg)*. Plans are in place to broadcast all meetings held in the King Edmund chamber, the agendas and location for which are published ahead of the meetings* [*online*](https://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1)*.*

***Sporting Memories project expands across Suffolk***

*The Sporting Memories Foundation has been awarded £93k from the National Lottery to tackle rural isolation and loneliness in Suffolk. The project is supported by the Most Active County Partnership, Suffolk Community Foundation and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with extra groups targeted in these rural areas, initially around Sudbury, Eye, and Woolpit. Individuals, organisations and facility providers who may want to get involved can contact Phil Lown on 07864 614 979 or via email at* *phil@sportingmemoriesnetwork.com*

***Suffolk Youth Fund***

*The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner has announced the investment of £100K – half from the PCC, half from Suffolk Community Foundation – to support voluntary organisations to work with young people in Suffolk to address the challenges they face in today’s society, providing opportunities for positive activities, increasing life chances and reducing crime and disorder.*

*The fund officially launched on 3 July and community groups across Suffolk who work with young people can apply for funding. Further details of the fund and how to apply will be on* [*Suffolk Community Foundation’s website*](https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/)*.*

***Hot topics on social media***

* *Vision for Hadleigh*
* *New Bin Collection Days*
* *Scam Alert: we’ve been informed of a council tax scam*

The overgrown hedge at Kings Rd was discussed. It was explained that this had already been reported to SCC. Richard Kemp is to be asked to help solve this issue.

Street lights 68&69 were reported as faulty.

Free swimming is to be available at the kingfisher Leisure Centre during the summer holidays. This is open to under 16 year olds. More details can be obtained from BDC website.

DCllr Plumb reported on the new draft Joint Local Plan. This is about to become available for consultation which will last for 10wks. Within the plan the number of houses estimated to be built in Glemsford has dropped to 37.

**07.07 Planning**

Cllr Plumb explained that prior to the main Parish Council meeting the planning working group meets to discuss planning applications in detail. A recommendation is then put to full council.

 **New applications:**

 **DC/19/02696 – Land to rear of The Martins, Windmill Row**

Erection of 3no dwellings

 ***It was resolved*** to recommend refusal - unsuitable access (highway issues) and loss of amenity to homes in Kings Rd

 **DC/19/02779 – Sandle House, Lower Rd**

Erection of single storey front, rear and side extensions and internal alterations

 ***It was resolved*** to recommend approval

 **Granted Applications:**

 **DC/19/02063 – 29 Angel Lane**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

 **DC/19/02135 – The Little Cottage, 13 Fair Green**

Redesign basement layout and alterations to light wells

 **DC/19/02145 – 38 Fair Green**

Erection of a shed/summerhouse (retention of)

 **DC/19/02318 – 4A Causeway Close**

 Erection of a single storey side extension and porch

 **Refused applications:**

 **DC/18/01526 – Land west of Low St**

Outline Planning application. Residential development consisting of 101 new dwellings and 35 retirement living apartments (as revised)

**08.07 Public question time**

The flint wall at Chequers Lane has been demolished. It was reported that the builders stated it was unstable and beyond repair. A request has been submitted to see if the flints were saved to re-instate at a later date; as yet there has been no response. Enquiries were made if anything could be done about this. Contact with Suffolk Preservation is to be considered.

Problems with a surface water drain were reported at Chequers Lane. This is being looked into.

Sarah Barron from Suffolk County Council has been out to inspect some footpaths in the village, particularly footpath 12 which runs through the playing field/skate park area.

A new footpath consultation is available to view on BDC’s website.

Thanks were given for organising the new road surface. It was explained that the only road marking lines that will be re-instated are those that are statutory.

**09.07 Accounts for approval**

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| Gardens ARB | 840 |
| R Cain exps | 4 |
| Jayden Electrical | 495.36 |
| Contact Magazine | 50 |
| S Plumb exps | 12 |

**10.07 Reports from working groups**

**Finance – none**

**Cemetery – none**

**Village Hall –** it was agreed to investigate alternative service providers to project manage the proposed village hall extension.

**11.07 Parish Communications**

Cllrs R Stephens and M Leopold are to produce a trial newsletter. If this is successful it is anticipated this will be produced quarterly with ‘special editions’ in between if necessary.

**12.07 Neighbourhood Plan – update**

There is to be a presentation of the results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey. This will take place 1st-4th August at the village hall. Councillors and Neighbourhood Plan volunteers are asked to be available to help on those days. Children from the school have produced artwork which will be used to help display the results. It is hoped the next stage of grant funding will be available soon.

**13.07 Repairs to skate park**

***It was resolved*** to make repairs to the skate park at a cost of £1625.00. The playing field committee are to be approached with regards the possibility of taking on ownership of the park after the repairs are completed.

**14.07 Correspondence**

A letter had been received from the Local History Society requesting a contribution of £100 to help with the printing of an illustrated leaflet of Glemsford walks. This is to be an agenda item next month.

Eden’s are withdrawing their involvement in the running of Glemsford Youth Club. The Youth Club will finish at the end of this term. Special thanks were given to volunteers, Michael Brown and Adrian Southgate for their faithful support.

Cllr Southgate is to look into the possibility of keeping the Youth Club going. This is to be an agenda item next month.

**15.07 Date of next meeting – 13th August 2019**

Meeting finished at 7.55pm

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