

Glensford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2017@ 7.15pm at Glensford Village Hall (draft)

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Southgate, Plumb, Sewell, Cain, Leopold, Stephens & Homer
DCllr Holt. The clerk.
6 members of the public.

01.12 Chairman's announcements

Ian Homer was welcomed as a new Parish Councillor.

A letter of thanks had been received from Pauline Jones for the flowers and gift token given to her after her retirement as the village hall cleaner. Rachael Twitchett has taken over the job. A reminder was given that the public can only ask questions during public question time or when standing orders have been suspended.

The Parish Council office will close for the Christmas break at 12noon on Friday 22nd Dec and re-open on Friday 5th Jan 2018.

Thanks were given to Cllr Southgate and Grahame George for erecting the Christmas tree on the village hall.

There is a part II meeting for councillors.

02.12 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kemp

03.12 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.

Cllr Leopold declared an interest in planning item DC/17/05452 – 46 Fourth Avenue

04.12 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 14th November 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes (Cllr Homer abstained from voting)

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 9th November 2017 (Cllrs Cane and Homer abstained from voting)

05.12 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Four quotes had been requested for the hedge cutting at the cemetery. *It was resolved* to accept the quote @ £950.00 plus VAT (Cllr Southgate abstained from voting)

06.12 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp – a full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

DCllr Holt – Occupancy of the houses at Schoolfield should take place by the end of January. BDC have published details of waste collection and Christmas tree collection. These can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

With regards the proposed merger, there has been a vote of no confidence in the leader of BDC. There is to be a full council meeting next Tuesday (19th). Details can be viewed on the BDC website.

DCllr Plumb – the delay with the houses at Schoolfield has been caused due to getting planning matters cleared.

07.12 Planning

New applications: DC/17/05452 – 46 Fourth Avenue

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling with associated parking and landscaping

It was resolved to recommend refusal. Parking detailed on plan is not practical (insufficient space). Over development of site (It is to be noted that the footpath detailed on plan as “shared public access path” is in fact a private footpath for rear access to nos 38,40,42 and 44 Fourth Avenue only and is maintained by the residents)

Granted applications:

DC/17/03959 – Barns at Mill Hill farm, Shepherds Lane

Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and associated operational development under town and country planning order 2015 schedule 2 part 3 class Q (a&b)

DC/17/04550 – Hunts Hill House

Fell 1no walnut tree covered by tree preservation order WS228/T6

DC/17/05406 – 17 Chequers Lane

Remove to ground level 1no Alder, pollard to 20ft 1no Alder and reduce by 50% 3no Silver Birch trees

DC/17/04086 – Langley, New St

Outline planning application – erection of a detached dwelling and associated out building via new vehicular access

B/17/00216 – Cherry Tree Inn, Tye Green

Installation of replacement kitchen extraction and ventilation system (following removal of existing system)

B/17/01002 – Silk Factory, Chequers Lane

Erection of 3no dwellings (following demolition of fire damaged mill building)

Reserved matters approved:

B/17/01014 – Silk Factory, Chequers Lane

Submission of details relating to planning permission B/14/00468/OUT – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 10no dwellings (part retention of original mill building and associated works)

08.12 Public question time

It was asked if anyone could quote for tree/hedge works at the Cemetery. It was explained that anyone can lodge their details with the clerk for future reference. Insurance paperwork would need to be provided.

It was asked if more Christmas lights could be erected in the village. It was explained that Suffolk County Council had been asked to install a power supply on Fair Green approx 14mths ago. This would enable the large tree to be illuminated. However, due to other works this has not yet been completed.

The possible removal of the Willow tree which forms part of the planning application at the Silk Mill site was discussed. It is not clear if this can be objected to. DCllrs Plumb and Holt will look into this for clarification.

It was asked if Wong’s needed planning permission to paint the building purple. It is not required.

The removal of a length of hawthorn hedge along the footpath to the sewerage works was questioned. It was confirmed this is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council.

It was asked if consideration could be given to the flint wall on the Silk Mill planning application as mentioned at a previous meeting. DCllrs Plumb and Holt will look into this.

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09.2 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.12 Black Lion Public House – possible closure of

Cllr Southgate reported that he had spoken to the owner of the Black Lion who confirmed the pub is not closed, is not going to close and is not thinking of selling it. Confirmation of this is to be requested in writing.

It was confirmed that an Asset of Community Value submission had been accepted by Babergh District Council. It was asked if the Parish Council would support this application. This is to be an agenda item next month.

11.12 BT Wayleave agreement over village hall land – update

BT has offered £597.00 compensation for the inconvenience caused when the cabling is laid. *It was resolved* to accept this offer and to sign the two wayleave agreements.

12.12 Village Hall - proposed extension – update including initial planning permission expenses

Expenditure with regards planning matters for the proposed village hall extension was discussed. There is a previously agreed balance of £950 remaining to move this project forward. *It was resolved* that these funds be made available to Cllr Cain with guidance with from other councillors. DCllrs Plumb and Holt will help with planning guidance.

13.12 Skate park – removal of graffiti

It is necessary to remove graffiti from the skate park. *It was resolved* to spend £150 plus VAT on getting this done. If removal is unsuccessful there will be a cost of £30 plus VAT.

14.12 Playing field – request to erect “no dog fouling” signs.

The playing field committee are to be approached with reference to this matter.

15.12 Correspondence to report

Wincer Kievenaar, architects for the possible development at Low St have confirmed a date for a presentation at the village hall. This will take place on Tues 23rd January from 3-7pm. EON has reduced the monthly fuel payments for the village hall. A refund is also due.

16.12 Date of next meeting

9th January 2018

Meeting finished @ 8pm