

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb, Bloomfield and Sewell
The clerk.
13 members of the public.

01.03 Chairman's announcements

Thanks were given to the Scouts together with their helpers and leaders and to Cllrs Mallalieu and Southgate for painting the bus shelter.
Thanks to Jim Walker for supplying the underlay and laying the carpet in the clerk's office.
Thanks to Grahame and Debbie George for clearing the office and supplying a carpet.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in April when all village groups, clubs and organisations are invited to attend.

02.03 Apologies for absence

None

03.03 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Southgate declared an interest in item 14.3

04.03 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 14th February 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes

05.03 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Consideration of a neighbourhood plan for the village was discussed. Cllrs Brown and Southgate had attended a seminar in Mildenhall and it was agreed that more information is required before a decision could be made. DCllrs Plumb and Holt will put a formal proposal together to bring to council.

06.02 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp – A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office. Apologies were made on behalf of Suffolk County Council regarding pot holes. Cllr Kemp is trying his best to resolve these issues. It is hoped that finance will be available for a S.I.D. (Speed Indicator Device) for the village

DCllr Holt – The building site access at Shepherds Lane was discussed, with particular concerns about the amount of concrete on the road. This is a health and safety issue and the developers have been informed that the site will be shut down if this is not resolved. Concerns were also raised about the condition of the road and green areas which have been damaged by lorries. It was confirmed that the both of these will be made good by the developers. It is hoped that by the 20th March this road will no longer be used as vehicles will use the Schoolfield access.

Babergh District Council are doing an assessment of open spaces.

Any waste or environmental issues can be reported direct to DCllr Holt.

A funding seminar is to be held on April 12th

DCllr Plumb – Roof trusses for the new development at Schoolfield will be dropped off at the site entrance.

Discussions are ongoing regarding rights of way. An update will be given to the council at a later date.

07.03 Planning **New applications:**
B/17/00125 – Stourview, Skates Hill
It was resolved to recommend approval

08.03 Public question time

Enquiries were made about possible development on land off Low St. DCllr Plumb explained that a survey had taken place by BDC and four potential sites (these can be viewed on p78 of the Strategic Housing Plan on BDC's website) had been identified, one of which was land off Low St. It was confirmed there are no formal planning applications in place. There is to be an update on 'calls for sites' soon. It was suggested that a neighbourhood plan may help determine area used. BDC are very keen to put resources in place behind neighbourhood plans. If anyone has any further questions these can be sent directly to DCllr Plumb.

09.03 Accounts for approval
It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.03 Proposal for a new village hall site

Cllr Plumb produced a plan to show how the site could look. It included 16houses, a new village hall and a play park. At this present time this is just an idea and lots of details would need to be looked into. The next step would be pre-planning advice to see if it could be taken any further.
It was resolved not to progress with this project (two votes in favour four against).

Suspension of standing orders to allow public discussion

11.03 Playingfield land swap

An update was given on the possible land swap at the playing field. Concerns were raised by the trustees of the playingfield about who would pay costs, what exactly would be achieved and who would benefit. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the trustees and the Parish Council as there are many details to be discussed.

12.03 relocation/removal of bench to rear of village hall

It was resolved to remove the bench from the village hall. It is hoped to place this on the green near to the doctor's surgery. Permission from BDC needs to be obtained.

13.03 Reinstatement of floodlight at rear of village hall

This will not be done as there is already a street light in situ.

14.03 Grass cutting tenders – decision on contractors

It was resolved (Cllr Southgate did not vote) to give both the footpath contract and the grass cutting contract to supplier no2

15.03 Consideration of site for S.I.D's (Speed Indicator Devices)

There is a long list of criteria in order to put a SID in place. Sites such as Bells Lane, Hunts Hill, Tye Green and Egremont St where suggested. Suffolk County Council who authorise the placing of these devices are to be contacted to ask further questions.

16.03 Adoption of current standing orders

It was resolved that the standing orders had been reviewed and adopted with reference to NALC legal briefing LO5-15 and financial regulations had been reviewed and adopted with reference to financial briefing FO1E-16.

17.03 Maintenance of trees at village hall

It was resolved to have the maintenance on the trees done at a cost of £175

18.03 Craft afternoon 11th April – request for free use of hall

The date has been amended to the 4th April. *It was resolved* to agree this and in perpetuity for the next 12mths under guidance by the Parish Clerk.

19.03 Correspondence

None

24.02 Date of next meeting

11th April 2017

Meeting finished @ 8.45pm