

Glemsford Parish Council Annual Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb, Bloomfield , Sewell, Bangs, Stephens, Cain & Leopold. CCllr Kemp, DCllr Holt. The clerk.
7 members of the public.

01.05 Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Brown was nominated by Cllr Southgate, seconded by Cllr Mallalieu. All voted in favour. Cllr Brown accepted the position and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Brown welcomed new councillors.

02.05 Appointment of vice-chairman

Cllr Southgate was nominated by Cllr Mallalieu and seconded by Cllr Bloomfield. All voted in favour. Cllr Southgate accepted the position.

03.05 Apologies for absence

None

04.05 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Southgate declared an interest in planning item B/17/00914

05.05 Appointment of members of committees and working groups

It was resolved to appoint the following working groups:

Finance: Cllrs Sewell and Cain

Planning: Cllrs Bloomfield, Leopold and Stephens

Cemetery: Cllrs Stephens and Leopold

06.05 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 11th April 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes

07.05 Matter arising from the minutes of the last meeting

A reminder was given to councillors regarding the meeting to be held with the trustees of the playing field on Monday 22nd May at 7pm

08.05 To receive reports

Congratulations were passed to CCllr Kemp on his re-election.

CCllr Kemp – CCllr Kemp thanked all for their support given for during the elections.

Pot holes were discussed once again. A link has been sent to councillors on how to determine the criteria for repairing of holes. An application has been made to Suffolk County Council for details of claims for damaged cars as a result of hitting pot holes. An application has gone forward for a Speed Indicator Device for Glemsford. A full report can be read on the website or viewed at the clerk's office.

DCllr Holt – issues at Schoolfield with regards the installation of a dropped kerb on the entrance to the allotments have been resolved.

DCllr Plumb – a meeting with two officers from Babergh District Council has been arranged to discuss neighbourhood plans. This is to be held at the village hall on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm. All are welcome.

Access issues, particularly for emergency vehicles in Lodge Farm Rd were discussed. It has been confirmed by Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council that there is no right of way down to Lower Rd for residents of Lodge Farm Rd. DCllr Plumb is to contact the fire brigade to discuss access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Mallalieu is also looking into land/road ownership.

09.05 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to approve accounts

10.05 Public question time

Peter Brown of Fenstead End offered his services with regards the monitoring of the upkeep of roads/footpaths that adjoin Glemsford.

11.05 Planning

New applications: B/17/00490 – 17 Lion Rd

Erection of two-storey rear extension and single storey lean-to rear extension (following demolition of existing)

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/00500 – 38 Hunts Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/00907 – 23 Lion Rd

Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/00914 – Willow Tree farm Shop, Lower Rd

Erection of a single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing lean to) for use as extended retail floor space

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/01028 – Greyhound Cottage, 42 Egremont St

Fell 8no Lawsons Cypress trees

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/00923 – 16 New Cut

Erection of single storey annexe (following demolition of garage)

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/17/01039 – St Andrews, Bells Lane

Erection of front porch including relocation of front door

It was resolved to recommend approval

Granted applications:

B/17/00259/FHA/MAHA – 34a Hunts Hill

Erection of pitched roof to extension following removal of existing flat roof

Appeals:

B/16/00839/FUL – Land west of Station Yard

Erection of 9no dwellings and detached cart lodge

12.05 Parking at Church – reply to Suffolk County Council

Enquiries had been made to SCC requesting a white line be placed on the road near to the Church to allow access onto the green (owned by the Parish Council). Although it appears there is a dropped kerb to allow this it is not within guidelines as it is too high. *It was resolved* (Cllr Mallalieu abstained from voting) not to allow a white line or a new dropped kerb.

13.05 New councillor training – authorisation of

It was resolved to pay for training for new councillors

14.05 Broadway – land purchase request

It was resolved (Cllrs Mallalieu and Cain abstained from voting) not to allow the purchase of land to access houses on the Broadway.

15.05 No parking signs – siting of

Permission has not been obtained for the siting of a no parking sign at Orchard Way. A further request for a no parking sign has been requested by residents of Patticroft. DCllrs Plumb and Holt are to look into ownership of the land. DCllrs Plumb and Holt will also look into issues regarding residents claiming additional land at Fern meadow.

16.05 Street light order

It was resolved to place an order for street lights to the value of £23,245.60. This is to come from the 2016-17 budget.

17.05 Village hall – fitting of new door handles and locks

It was resolved to purchase new handles and locks

18.05 Approval of end of year accounts

It was resolved to agree the end of year accounts

19.05 Annual Return Accounting and Annual Governance statements – confirmation of

It was resolved to agree the statements

20.05 Fern Meadow – fencing of lagoon – approach to Babergh District Council

DCllr Holt confirmed that Public Realm at BDC will be completing these works within the next two months.

21.05 Correspondence

An email had been received from a resident of Lodge Farm Rd (detailed as requested below):

I am writing to notify Glemsford Parish Council that Notices 7 and 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the 11 Public Right of Way Evidence forms regarding Lodge Farm Road have been sent to Suffolk County Council. Notice 8 has been sent to Mr Mason.

We would hope that if the Parish Council is contacted by Suffolk County Council regarding our application they would support us?

We have lived in Glemsford happily for over 20 years and I was uplifted by the annual reports at the meeting on 11th April from all the voluntary organisations in the village, hopefully when I am finally retired I can join some of them.

Unfortunately I was extremely disappointed with the Parish Council itself, and particularly with the Councillor who thought it amusing and laughed heartily when questioning if the emergency services were using the wrong Satellite Navigation systems when attending residents in Lodge Farm Road. Several ambulances have already arrived at Lodge Farm to find their route blocked, have had to turn round and find another route wasting valuable time reaching their patients. Somehow I don't think the residents who dialled 999 and were awaiting life saving help would find it amusing at all.

Confirmation is to be obtained regarding support required. If this relates to the notices served this will be put as an agenda item next month.

Correspondence was also received from Sudbury Town Council regarding a charity wheelchair event. Two men will be self propelling from Clare to Sudbury on Monday 28th August and will be asking others to join them along the way. This is after the completion of a journey from Lands End to John O'Groats commencing on the 9th August. The Parish Council has been asked to suggest 'pick-up' points.

22.05 Date of next meeting

13th June 2017

Meeting finished @ 8.20pm