

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Plumb, Sewell, Bloomfield, Bangs & Leopold
DCllr Holt. The clerk.
44 members of the public.

01.09 Chairman's announcements

Thanks were given to all who helped tidy the Cemetery.
Craig Western & Trevor Blanchard from Wincer Kievenaar Architects will be doing a presentation at item 10.09. Standing orders will be suspended for public participation.
Cally Boardman from Suffolk County Council will do a brief presentation during public question time.

02.09 Apologies for absence

CCllr Kemp. Cllrs Southgate, Cain and Stephens

03.09 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

04.09 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 8th August 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes.

05.09 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

It was confirmed that the Silk Mill is within a conservation area.
The Silk Mill has now been boarded up to stop children accessing the building.

06.06 To receive reports

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

DCllr Holt – the housing project at Schoolfield is running approx 8 weeks behind. It is hoped completion will be the 8th December 2017 at which point it will be handed over to Babergh District Council.

DCllr Plumb- There is now a charging point for electric cars at the Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Sudbury

07.09 Planning

New applications:

DC/17/03681 – Three Gables, Egremont St

Erection of higher pitched roof to create first-floor living accommodation and erection of porch canopy; replace windows. Change of external materials

It was resolved to recommend refusal

Loss of amenity to neighbours.

CS18 (change to mix and type of dwellings)

CS15 (need for single storey houses)

DC/17/04086 – Langley, New St

Outline planning application (some matters reserved) – erection of a detached dwelling and associated out building via new vehicular access

It was resolved to recommend refusal

CS2&3 (outside of village envelope)

DC/17/04119 – St Andrew’s, Bells Lane

Erection of a detached summer house

It was resolved to recommend approval

DC/17/04219 – 11 Patticroft

Erection of a single storey rear extension

It was resolved to recommend refusal

Loss of amenity to neighbours

Granted applications:

DC/17/02342 – Partridge Cottage, Egremont St

Reduce by 30% 1no walnut tree

DC/17/02101 – Hunts Hill Stores, 21A Hunts Hill

Erection of first floor rear extension to create 1no self contained 2 bedroom residential flat and provision of external access staircase

Appeal decision:

APP/D3505/W/17/3167354 – land adjacent to Station Yard, Lower Rd

Appeal dismissed

08.09 Public question time

It was confirmed that all trees at The Silk Mill have a tree preservation order on them. Cllr Plumb is to ensure BDC are aware of this.

Cally Boardman, Local Area Co-ordinator from Suffolk County Council gave a brief presentation. All details can be viewed on the website or via the clerk’s office

09.09 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.09 Possible development at Low St – Wincer Kievenaar

Representatives from Wincer Kievenaar gave a presentation on the possible development at Low St. Plans showing 160 homes were displayed. The plan had been raised in accordance with BDC policies and the emerging Local Plan together with consultation of other authorities.

Details of how the plan was structured with regards consideration of the conservation area, orientation of the site, the built up boundary, historic growth of the village and listed buildings was explained. It was stated that this proposal is at consultation stage only and is very much a fluid plan. No submission has been made for this site.

7.45pm - Standing orders were suspended for public inclusion.

Many questions were raised by the public.

Drainage is a major issue. There is already an issue with the exiting Hopkins Homes site and additional development raised further concerns. The architects explained that a full drainage strategy is to be completed.

An emergency access point in Chequers Lane was discussed. This is only a consideration at this stage.

The positioning and size of the site was questioned with regards areas previously quoted. This is to be checked and confirmed.

Concerns were voiced regarding traffic issues, lack of infrastructure to support these new homes and the general scale of the development.

A request was made to see documentation about how the ‘call for sites’ was developed.

Many other points were raised.

The architects hope they will be able to answer all questions at a public presentation to be made at the village hall at a later date; at present this is planned for Tuesday 26th September 3pm-7pm (to be confirmed).

9.20pm – standing orders re-instated

11.09 Flooding at Church – repair costs

Suffolk County Council has estimated that the sum of £11,100.00 is required to complete works to solve the flooding issue at the Church. Cllr Richard Kemp and the Parish Council have been asked to finance this. However, it is thought that to put in a soak-away may not solve the issue. It is believed that the problem arose when the ditch was filled in by Highways (more information is to be obtained).

Cllr Kemp and the Parish Council do not have the funds available to finance these works.

It was resolved that Cllr Plumb will liaise with Cllr Kemp and Highways to resolve this matter.

12.09 Income from installation of telecommunications mast – to consider to offer to held funds.

It was resolved (Cllr Brown abstained from voting) to agree to hold funds subject to conditions. These will be agreed at a later date.

13.09 BT – request to install services to telecommunications mast via village hall land

Very little information had been received from BT/Shared access regarding this matter. Until further details have been received a decision will not be made.

14.09 Correspondence to report

BDC and Mid Suffolk are holding a briefing regarding the Joint Local Plan. Cllrs Plumb and Bangs agreed to attend.

A letter of thanks for support had been received from Paul Gant from Suffolk County Highways. As part of restructuring he will no longer be attending Glemsford which he has covered over the last 6yrs. We will now be looked after by a new service delivery centre based in Rougham (RoughamSDC@suffolk.gov.uk).

16.07 Date of next meeting

10th October 2017

Meeting finished @ 9.35pm