

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

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

01.04 Chairman's announcements

Allotment holders are reminded that rent for the coming year is now due.
Glemsford Matters website still needs an administrator. If you are interested please contact the clerk.

02.04 Apologies for absence

Cllr Cain

03.04 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 Southgate declared a private interest in planning item DC/18/00856

Cllr Stephens declared a private interest in planning application DC/18/00856

04.04 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 13th March 2018

It was resolved to adopt the minutes

05.04 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

06.04 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp – See minutes from Annual Parish Meeting

DCllr Holt – See minutes from Annual Parish Meeting

DCllr Plumb – See minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting . 57 houses have been proposed for the old Babergh District Council offices site in Hadleigh.

07.04 Planning

New applications:

DC/18/00856 - New St Farm, New St

Conversion of existing agricultural barn, rebuilding of linked yard buildings, removal of redundant buildings and erection of extensions to barn, creation of car park and new access to site to facilitate use for weddings, functions and events

It was resolved to recommend refusal (one vote in favour, three against)
(Does not comply with CS15, sustainable development in BDC.

Also:

NPPF 116 – detrimental effect on the environment, landscape and recreational opportunity

NPPF 125 – light pollution

NPPF 132 – effect on heritage asset)

DC/18/00912 – 17 Brices Way

Erection of a two bedroom dwelling

It was resolved to recommend refusal (overdevelopment of site and lack of parking spaces)

08.04 Public question time

Progress of the SID's (Speed Indicator Devices) was enquired about. It was explained that these are still being dealt with by Suffolk County Council. However, progress is being made.

The Parish Council were asked if there were any ideas for Suffolk Day (21st June). There are none at present.

09.04 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts

10.04 Allotment facilities

Cllr Southgate advised that now the building of the affordable housing is finished plans for the allotments will move forward. There are still plots available if anyone is interested.

11.04 Public Interest Report – previous clerk

Cllr Brown explained that a Public Interest Report had been generated by the BDO (the Parish Council's external auditors), the summary of which was read out at the meeting. This report is available to view at the Parish Council office (a small charge will be made for a printed copy), alternatively it will be available to view on the website.

8.30pm - Standing orders were suspended for public questions

It was asked whether any money had been recuperated, how much the sum involved was and what had the clerk been charged with. As read out from the report "the former clerk was dismissed and charged with 5 offences including fraud by abuse of position and false accounting. The total sum she was prosecuted for and for which she pleaded guilty on the 26th October 2015 was £16,000".

8.35pm - Standing orders re-instated

The list of recommendations within the report was studied and it appears they are all being completed. There will be an agenda item next month to ensure all procedures are in place.

12.04 Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding the state of the grass on Tye Green asking if a no parking sign could be erected. Also issues with vehicles causing an obstruction on Cavendish Lane. The obstruction is an issue which needs to be reported to the Police. A no parking sign will be looked into.

Correspondence had also been received suggesting Glemsford Parish Council consider applying to make 'The Glemsford Horseshoe' into a designated quiet lane as explained in the CPRE document. It was explained that this was already being looked into.

13.04 Date of next meeting

8th May 2018 (Annual General Meeting)

Meeting finished @ 8.45pm

