

## **Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb & Sewell.  
Cllr Kemp, DCllr Holt. The clerk.  
2 members of the public.

#### **01.12 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman wished all a Merry Christmas.

#### **02.12 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Bloomfield

#### **03.12 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests**

Cllr Mallalieu declared an interest in planning item B/16/01514

#### **04.12 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

*It was resolved* to adopt the minutes

#### **05.12 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

None

#### **06.12 To receive reports**

**Cllr Kemp** – A full report can be read on the website or viewed at the clerk's office. Despite efforts of Cllr Kemp road repair services from Suffolk County Council remain very poor. All were wished a peaceful, healthy and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**DCllr Holt** – The affordable housing development at Schoolfields is underway.

It seems that Suffolk is 'going it alone' with regards devolution. Discussions are ongoing with Government.

East Bergholt's judicial review was found in favour. As a result, planning meetings at BDC have been cancelled. This goes to show the significance of having a neighbourhood plan.

The application for a takeaway adjacent to the Spa store has been refused.

There is no further news regarding the Silk Mill development.

The Bush Boake Allen development is to be discussed by Braintree District Council next week.

DCllr Holt wished all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**DCllr Plumb** - DCllr Plumb wished all a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year!

#### **07.12 Planning**

##### **New applications:**

##### **B/16/01452 – 16 New Cut**

Erection of 1no dwelling with integral garage (following demolition of existing garage)

Application withdrawn

##### **B/16/1402 – 5 Windmill Row**

Erection of two storey side extension with porch

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/16/01514 – Three Gables, 36 Egremont St**

Erection of double garage

*It was resolved* (Cllr Mallalieu did not vote) to recommend approval

**B/16/01589 – 85 Brook St**

Removal of group of conifers and 1no laburnum

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/16/01614 – Angel House, 12 Egremont St**

Reduce 1no beech tree by 3m and 1no yew tree by 2m; cut back 1no mulberry tree

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**08.12 Public question time**

Enquiries were made regarding the planning application for the telecommunications mast on the playing field; it was confirmed that this was still in the hands of the planning authority. Patrick Currie registered the interests of the people of Glemsford regarding the bus service in the village. The council were asked for their views regarding the moving of the bus station in Sudbury. DCllr Plumb said he was totally against the idea “it is a disaster waiting to happen”. DCllr Holt said it has to be moved if Sudbury is to grow. Whether Girling St is the perfect choice he is not sure. Other sites have been looked into but are not feasible. It was suggested that a bus station is not actually required, just to have suitable bus stops (as in other towns); there are no proposals for this idea at present.

Cllr Brown raised a question on behalf of a resident regarding access issues in Lodge farm Rd/George Lane. Particular emphasis was on gaining access via Lower Rd for refuse lorries and emergency vehicles. BDC councillors are to check whether historic usage should allow continuing use of this road.

**09.12 Accounts for approval**

*It was resolved* to agree the accounts.

**10.12 Village hall – decorating/blinds/power points**

It was agreed that a plan needs to be drawn up for possible works prior to obtaining quotes to have the hall decorated. This is to be discussed in more detail at a finance working group meeting. It has been pointed out that the damaged floor in the village hall needs to be checked for asbestos. The clerk is to arrange this.

**11.12 Suffolk County Council street light order – agreement of**

Unfortunately the order had not been received in time for the meeting

**12.12 Fair Green – removal of litter bin and resiting of grit bin**

*It was resolved* to remove the broken litter bin and resite the grit bin (subject to approval from Suffolk County Council)

**13.12 Grass cutting contract – splitting of with regards new tender**

*It was resolved* to split the grass and footpath cutting contract when this is up for renewal

**14.12 Christmas office opening times**

*It was resolved* to close the office after business on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec and re-open on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

**15.12 No parking signs on Tye Green and Fair Green – response to questionnaire**

*It was resolved* to place no parking signs on both Tye Green and Fair Green. This was in response to majority in favour votes by local residents.

#### **16.12 Craft afternoon – use of hall 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

*It was resolved* to allow free use of the hall

#### **17.12 Shared Access – right of way permission**

*It was resolved* to grant a deed of right of way to the trustees of the playing field to allow access over Parish Council land to the playing field.

#### **18.12 Village hall income generators – update**

Feedback from some councillors was not available. It was agreed this will be discussed at a finance working group meeting.

#### **19.12 Village hall – installation of new smoke detectors**

*It was resolved* to take a retrospective vote to approve the new smoke detectors

#### **20.12 Update on plans for new village hall**

Cllr Plumb reported that further discussions had taken place with a developer who indicated that it may be possible to build 18 houses on the existing site, together with a new village hall, keeping the car park and the play park. *It was resolved* (Cllr Brown voted against) to allow Cllr Plumb and the clerk to make enquiries at the Parish Council solicitors to see if there are any restrictions that would not allow this plan to go ahead.

#### **21.12 PCSO – use of (joint funded opportunity)**

The Parish Council have been approached to see if they are interested in employing a PCSO for one day (or equivalent hours) per week at a cost of £7000pa. Cllr Plumb is to make more enquiries with the PC responsible for Glemsford. Concerns were raised that PCSO's do not work after 6pm.

#### **22.12 Cemetery land purchase – update**

There is no further progress on this. Cllr Plumb is to speak to the land owner.

#### **23.12 Correspondence**

Correspondence had been received from the Glemsford History Society asking for support from the Parish Council with regards the establishment of a heritage centre.

Two letters had been received regarding the importance of the financial support the Parish Council gives the library. Also, regarding the library being included in any possible future plan of the village hall in conjunction with an exhibition area for historical artefacts.

#### **24.12 Date of next meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

Meeting finished @ 9.15pm