

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Southgate, Plumb, Sewell, Bangs, Stephens, Leopold & Cain
CClr Kemp. The clerk.
2 members of the public.

01.07 Chairman's announcements

Thanks were given to Cllr Anne Mallalieu for being a member of the Parish Council for the last 6yrs and wished her well for the forthcoming future. A bouquet of flowers were displayed which were a gift of thanks from Anne to the clerk. Anne had sent a card of thanks to all the Parish Council and especially the clerk thanking all for putting up with her for the last 6yrs and wished everyone well for the future and that she will be watching developments with interest. Anne's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Parish Council.

Thanks were given to Jayden Electrical for fitting the defibrillator at a reduced cost.

There has been some unpleasant vandalism in the Cemetery. Damaged memorials have been reported to the Police, however, there is no further information at present. Broken glass has also been found.

Rubble and garden rubbish has been dumped on public footpaths. Can the public please ensure these items are disposed of correctly.

02.07 Apologies for absence

DCllr Holt and Cllr Bloomfield

03.07 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Southgate declared an interest in item 12.07

04.07 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 13th June 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes.

05.07 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Residents of Lodge Farm Rd supplied a list of people who had been contacted with regards access issues in Lodge Farm Rd.

Mr Ford has said that his land agent will be in contact prior to the next Parish Council meeting regarding acquisition of land to extend the cemetery.

06.06 To receive reports

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

CCllr Kemp contacted Mr Mason regarding access issues at Lodge Farm Rd. No response had been received.

UK Power Networks no longer maintain the access to the sub-station at Spring Meadow and it has become very overgrown. The strip of land is not registered as belonging to anyone. CCllr Kemp said he may be able to help with locality funding to get this area cut back/down.

CCllr Kemp is to contact Suffolk County Council once again regarding the culvert in Hobbs Lane and flooding at the Church.

DCllr Holt – DCllr Holt submitted a report stating that the fencing at Fern Meadow should be complete before the summer school holidays.

DCllr Plumb- A boundary review is being carried out at Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils. Cutting members down to 31 from 43 has been suggested.

The consultation for the Local Plan is out for Babergh and Mid Suffolk. DCllr Plumb is currently reading this. The documents will be out to the public in the autumn/winter. It can be viewed on-line.

07.07 Planning

New applications:

DC/17/02569 – 8 Chestnut Road

Erection of 1no 2 storey dwelling and construction of new vehicular access following demolition of existing carport and severance of garden. Construction of new vehicular access and parking to existing dwelling
It was resolved to recommend approval (Cllr Plumb abstained from voting)

DC/17/02706 – Plot 7&8 Scossels

Erection of 2no detached bungalows and attached garages
It was resolved to recommend approval (Cllr Plumb abstained from voting)

Granted applications:

B/17/01012 – Phillips Aven, Lower Road

Installation of aluminium roller shutter

B/17/01039 – St Andrews, Bells lane

Erection of front porch including relocation of front door

08.07 Public question time

The Parish Council were asked for their support regarding access issues at Lodge Farm Rd (a list of people contacted about residents concerns had been supplied). Each application will be dealt with on an individual basis should a request be made.

It was emphasised to Cllr Plumb that AWA had tried to access Lodge Farm Rd from Lower Rd (by Sat Nav). Concerns were raised that this may happen with emergency services. Cllr plumb reiterated that the emergency services have stated that they will not use this access.

09.07 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.07 Neighbourhood plan

A response to questions asked at the recent meeting has been received. This can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office. However, it was felt that not all questions were answered.
It was resolved to set up a committee to consider a neighbourhood plan. This will consist of local people and some Parish Councillors.

11.07 Air conditioning in village hall – servicing of

It was resolved to have the air conditioning serviced at a cost of £138.00

12.07 Keeping chickens on allotments – to allow or not

It was resolved (Cllr Southgate abstained from voting) to allow the keeping of chickens on the allotments. However, there are a set of rules and regulations to be adhered to. The use of an electric fence is not permitted.

13.07 Parish Council fidelity insurance – cost of increased cover

The fidelity insurance cover has been increased to £250,000. This was done free of charge by the insurance company.

14.07 Approach to playing field committee – ref payment of proceeds from mast installation

It was resolved to make an approach to the playing field committee for 50% (as previously agreed) of the funding received from the installation of the mast on the playing field.

15.07 Correspondence to report

A resident whose garden backs onto the playing field had requested a payment of £500 towards the erection of a fence which has had to be installed after the hedging was cut back on the field. It was explained that the Parish Council has no powers to make such a payment. The playing field committee paid the same resident £40 to have the garden cleaned after considerable mess was left by the contractor.

16.07 Date of next meeting

8th August 2017

Meeting finished @ 8.35pm