

## Glensford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016@ 7.15pm at Glensford Village Hall

### Present:

Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb & Bloomfield.

DCllr Holt. The clerk.

5 members of the public.

### 01.11 Chairman's announcements

None

### 02.11 Apologies for absence

DCllr Kemp and Cllr Sewell

### 03.11 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Glensford Parish Council declared a pecuniary interest in planning application B/16/01429 as it will be benefitting financially from this notification. Procedures for this planning application are being followed subject to clarification from the interim deputy monitoring officer at Babergh District Council.

### 04.11 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 9<sup>11th</sup> October 2016

*It was resolved* to adopt the minutes

### 05.11 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

### 06.11 To receive reports

**Cllr Kemp** – A full report can be read on the website or viewed at the clerk's office.

**DCllr Holt** – The appointment of a new chief executive has been made at BDC.

It has been agreed that BDC will adopt the play area and SuDS at Fern Meadow. Certain areas are to be fenced off and more planting is to take place. Issues with the footpath are still ongoing.

**DCllr Plumb** - DCllr Plumb met with developers to look into developing the Tower Meadow site, with the possibility of knocking down the old village hall, building a new one plus housing. A further meeting with another developer is to take place.

### 07.11 Planning

#### New applications:

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#### **B/16/01273 – 2 Brices Way**

Erection of a rear conservatory

(no extension of time granted – retrospective vote only)

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

#### **B/16/01155 – Lodge Farm Barn, Lodge Farm Rd**

Conversion of 2no barns to 1no dwelling and 1no annex, with internal and external alterations

*It was resolved* to recommend approval. However, clarification is required on access issues.

***B/16/01429 - The following details are notification only (not an application). The Parish Council is not the applicant.***

**B/16/01429 – The Playing field, Tye Green**

Notification under part 16 of the Town and Country planning order 2015 – erection of 15m climbable monopole to support 9no telecommunications antennae and installation of 4no dishes and 8no ground based equipment cabinets

***It was resolved*** that there were no objections

**B/16/01341 – St Anthony’s, Skates Hill**

Erection of detached double garage with storage over and alterations to existing vehicular access

***It was resolved*** to recommend approval

**08.11 Public question time**

Questions were asked about further details on the proposed mast at the playing field. It was advised that contact should be made with BDC planning department.

**09.11 Accounts for approval**

***It was resolved*** to agree the accounts.

**10.11 Possible no parking signs – Tye green and Fair Green**

Public opinion is both for and against no parking signs on the greens. It was agreed to write to residents of the relevant areas to ask their opinions and assess the results.

**11.11 Speed Watch sign – thoughts on**

Cllr Mallalieu explained that the WI would be willing to fund/ help fund this item. Further details are to be looked into.

**12.11 Finance working group meeting – report on**

**Budget report Apr – Sept**

These all appear to be in order and on-track to the year end.

Questions were raised regarding future donations to the library (this year’s precept contribution has already been made). The clerk is to make enquiries as to whether funds are needed and whether other parishes contribute to library costs.

*(It was confirmed* that the library still require the contribution made by the PC).

**Village Hall – income generators**

Concerns were raised about the cost of running the village hall, particularly energy costs.

The following points are to be considered:

- Should ‘business’ type users of the hall be charged more?
- Should private hirers who hire bouncy castles pay more?
- Should new guidelines on charges be drawn up for ‘charitable’ users of the hall?  
If so, for example:  
Who qualifies?  
Is the income from the rental of direct benefit to Glemsford people? If not, should more be charged (currently £10 per approx 4hr block)?

- Should the room currently used to store toys be converted into a new meeting room which would be available for hire?
- Should people from outside the village who hire the hall pay more than the £2ph extra currently charged.

***It was resolved*** to charge £4 for the use of a bouncy castle in the village hall.

All other points above are to be considered by councillors and suggestions brought to the next meeting.

### **Precept 2017-18**

Discussions were held concerning the precept for 2017-18. It was agreed that an increase of 1.9% is to be made as per last year. Increases are to be made to cover salaries, professional fees and grass/hedge/tree cutting. Cllr Brown confirmed that the budget allowance for the emergency plan can be removed as there are sufficient funds 'in the pot'. There is flexibility for other changes. It is hoped we may be able to obtain cheaper insurance premiums once the claim against the previous clerk is concluded.

***It was resolved to*** agree a 1.9% increase on the precept for 2017-2018.

### **Allotment lease**

***It was resolved*** to pay the £1170 to complete the lease and land registry documents for the allotments

### **13.11 Meeting dates**

***It was resolved*** to agree the meeting dates for 2017-18

### **14.11 Possible new youth shelter – update**

Cllr Mallalieu had been looking into the cost of a new youth shelter. The cost appears to be on average £7000-£10,000. This was considered far too expensive and alternative ideas need to be looked into. Concerns were raised on vandalism/anti-social behaviour issues and on location. Cllr Mallalieu said there is funding available to fully fund the cost of this project.

### **15.11 Use of mortuary building by scouts – questions**

Various questions were raised regarding use of the building. It was confirmed that racking can be installed inside the building but gas canisters cannot be stored outside of the building. There will be no charge for storage. Should the Parish Council need to regain use of the building the scouts will be given a reasonable amount of notice to vacate. The scouts will liaise with the clerk when access to the building is required to ensure no disruption at the cemetery.

### **16.11 Christmas tree for village hall – purchase of**

***It was resolved*** to purchase a Christmas tree.

### **17.11 Tree of Fair Green – possible illumination for Christmas**

***It was resolved*** (Cllr Plumb abstained from voting) to have a power supply installed at a cost of approx £550 to illuminate the tree on Fair Green. This will be a permanent fixture. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient time to get this organised for this year.

### **18.11 Fire risk assessment for village hall – agreement on**

***It was resolved*** to have a fire risk assessment done at the village hall at a cost of £260 plus VAT

### **19.11 Village hall – decoration of – look into obtaining quotes**

It was agreed to obtain quotes

### **20.11 Correspondence**

The scouts have kindly volunteered to help in the Spring with the painting of the bus shelter and the planting of trees and shrubs in the surrounding area.

Questions were raised concerning the progress of the proposed extension to the village hall. There has been no further progress with this. However, Cllr Plumb reported that he had met with Custom Build who are developers who do work in the community. The idea is to demolish the existing hall, construct a new one and use the remaining land for the development of houses. A further meeting is to be held with another developer. These meetings are at discussion stage only.

### **21.11 Date of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Meeting finished @ 9.15pm