

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Southgate, Plumb Sewell, Bangs, Cain, Leopold and Stephens
CCllr Kemp, DCllr Holt. The clerk.

51 members of the public.

01.10 Chairman's announcements

S.A.L.C. will be holding their AGM at Blackbourne Community Centre on 7th Nov.

There is a part II meeting for councillors.

02.10 Apologies for absence

Cllr Bloomfield

03.10 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.10 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 12th August 2017

It was resolved to adopt the minutes.

05.10 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

06.10 To receive reports

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

CCllr Kemp is due to meet with the land owner to discuss right of way issues at Lodge Farm Rd.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding the culvert repair at Hobbs Lane.

There are concerns over the cost of school transport. Discussions have been temporarily halted.

DCllr Holt – Schoolfield council housing should be available for occupation mid December. If anyone is interested in putting their names forward please contact DCllr Holt

(Michael.Holt@babergh.gov.uk)

BDC boundary review is going through consultation at present.

DCllr Holt attended a Police and Crime Commissioners meeting. The main concern is drugs particularly circulation at schools. This is to be looked into.

There is an initiative to try and gain funding for a Sudbury Bypass. No route is planned at present.

A merger of BDC and Mid-Suffolk is once again being discussed. Local district councillors feel that this is not a good idea.

DCllr Plumb – The temporary pump at Foundry Close is due to be removed by the 30th October.

DCllr Plumb requested the Boundary review be an agenda item next month.

With regards the Joint Local Plan comments can be made on line by the 10th November. If there are any problems doing so please contact DCllr Plumb (Stephen.Plumb@babergh.gov.uk)

The offices at BDC are closing. There is a drop in point at Sudbury Town Hall; however, it is closed from 12.30-1.30 daily.

07.10 Planning

New applications:

DC/17/03959 – Barns at Mill Hill Farm, Shepherds Lane

Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling houses (class C3) and associated operational development under Town and Country planning (general permitted planning) order 2015 schedule 2 part 3, class Q (a) and (b)

No comments made as this was a notification only

Granted applications:

DC/17/03681 – Three Gables, 36 Egremont St

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

DC/17/04219 – 11 Patticroft

Erection of single storey rear extension

08.10 Public question time

It was asked if the trees at Chequers lane have tree preservation orders on them. Cllr Plumb confirmed that there are no TPO's but would check further with David Pizzey at BDC as they are in a conservation area.

Concerns were raised about the old flint wall at The Silk Mill. Cllr Plumb is to visit the site.

The Glemsford residents Action Group enquired about development in the village. Questions were asked about % growth (Cllr Plumb will make enquiries about this), use of Community Infrastructure Levy money and sites identified in the proposed Joint Local Plan. Also, does the Local Plan comply with the duty to co-operate (DCllrs Holt and Plumb will look into this). Enquiries were made about a re-scheduled meeting of the architects with regards land at Low St. It was confirmed a new date had not been set.

Many raised concerns that they had not received notification of the consultation of the Joint Local Plan. Leaflets were posted to all houses on the electoral role (with exception of a few new developments, which have now had leaflets delivered by hand). The plan is available to view on BDC's website and hard copies are available to view in the library and at the Parish Council Office. Anyone wishing to comment on the Joint Local Plan must do so by the 10th November.

Questions were asked about a Neighbourhood plan. This will be covered under item 10.10. Further questions about the Joint Local plan consultation are covered under item 11.10.

Hopkins Homes and AWA believe they have sorted the pump problem at Foundry Close. It is unknown at this present time where the waste will be pumped to. DCllrs Plumb and Holt are seeking clarification as to what went wrong and how it is being resolved.

09.10 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.10 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Stephens said he was speaking on behalf of the Steering Group which comprised Cllrs Bangs, Cain, Plumb and himself. They felt that there was a need to start developing a Neighbourhood Plan right away. The strength of feeling of Glemsford residents regarding the future development of the village was demonstrated during this evening's Public Question time. The Parish Council had received 34 emails in support of a Neighbourhood Plan.

He outlined the benefits of adopting a plan. Answering the Chairman's question about funding he said that Central Government would provide up to £9k and had recently announced a further fund of £23m to be used principally for professional help. The Community Infrastructure Levy currently had a healthy balance and using skills and experience of Glemsford residents would help defray costs.

It was resolved to start work on developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Glemsford. It was agreed that the current Steering Group should continue to work on the plan and that volunteers from amongst residents would be invited to join the team (Cllrs Brown and Southgate abstained from voting).

Anyone wishing to get involved can contact Cllr Plumb via his surgery held at the village hall (third Friday every month from 12pm – no appointment necessary) or by appointment at his office at home (tel 01787 280890)

11.10 Joint Local Plan consultation – report from briefing

Standing orders were suspended to include public inclusion

Cllr Bangs reported the following:

A report from a briefing given by Babergh District Council Re. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. Known as the 'LOCAL PLAN'

On Tuesday 26th September 2017 Stephen Plumb and I (John Bangs) along with other local village Councillors, were invited by Babergh District Council planning development team to attend a briefing at Lavenham village hall, with reference to the: 'Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation Document (August 2017)' [https://baberghmidsuffolk.jdi-consult.net/documents/pdfs_4/bmsdc_jlp_consultation_document_\(aug_17\)_main_doc.pdf](https://baberghmidsuffolk.jdi-consult.net/documents/pdfs_4/bmsdc_jlp_consultation_document_(aug_17)_main_doc.pdf) We were taken through the logic and the many considerations to formulate a 'Local Plan'. Core Villages are defined in the Document.

Glemsford is a Core Village.

A major consideration for a 'Core Village' is the allocation of housing growth.

Under the heading 'SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION' for housing, 4 OPTIONS are identified in the Babergh District. Each option allocates a different percentage of housing growth to each settlement category, Settlement categories are defined as:

Ipswich Fringe Area (ie. Bramford, Claydon, Sproughton, not Ipswich Town itself.)

Urban Areas and Market Towns (ie. Cornard, Hadleigh, Sudbury.)

Core Villages (ie. Glemsford, Lavenham, Long Melford.)

Hinterland villages (ie. Kersey, Lawshall.)

Hamlets and Countryside (ie. Stanstead, Boxted.)

New Settlements (ie. Standalone greenfield site.)

The 4 OPTIONS are named in the document as:

1. ' COUNTY TOWN FOCUSSED ' 15% housing growth allocated for Core Villages
2. ' MARKET TOWN / RURAL AREA BALANCE ' 25 to 35 % housing growth allocated for Core Villages
3. ' TRANSPORT CORRIDOR FOCUSSED ' 30% housing growth allocated for Core Villages
4. ' NEW SETTLEMENT FOCUSSED ' 15% housing growth allocated for Core Villages.

Pages 29 - 32 in the document explain the rationale for the 4 options

Theoretical capacity for new dwellings in Babergh District is 9568, with 275 estimated for Glemsford. The Assessed Need for Dwellings in Babergh district, for period 2014 - 2036 is 7820 dwellings, spare/over capacity of 1748. The numbers are current as of August 2017.

The development team acknowledged the statement made on 14th September 2017 in Parliament by the Secretary State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid MP.a proposal to increase the number of homes currently planned by Local Authorities by 40 % (.... !!),he also proposes more cross boundary co-operation between Local Authorities to meet the housing shortfall.

There are many other issues in the Document that need consideration.

The Babergh Development Team were actively encouraging people to respond. All comments must be received by 5pm on Friday 10th November 2017

The Local Plan is due for adoption in Spring 2019

SO, is this an opportunity and is it appropriate for Glemsford Parish Council to put their view? Is it fair to say the majority of Glemsford villagers do not wish for large scale developments adjoining the village?

Standing orders re-instated

It was resolved that Cllrs Plumb, Stephens, Bangs and Cain would submit a response to the Local Plan consultation.

12.10 Village Hall extension – re-instating idea of

Cllr Cain produced a draft plan showing an extension to the village hall requesting support to take the idea forward. It was hoped that all requirements had been covered. Councillors were asked to consider the plan and bring their thoughts to the next Parish Council meeting. This will be an agenda item in November.

13.10 Planting of bulbs at village hall – request from Brownies

It was resolved to allow this

14.10 Rental of wheelie bin at village hall

It was resolved to rent the wheelie bin and have a weekly collection at a cost of £422 per year.

15.10 Request from Church to use TV in village hall at Christmas fete

It was resolved to allow usage

16.10 New bank signatory/on-line banking authorised user

It was resolved that Cllr Stephens would be an additional bank signatory and online banking authorised user.

17.10 Correspondence

Two letters had been received concerning development in the village. These will be replied to at a later date.

A petition had been received in respect of funding for Sudbury Bypass. These can be viewed at the Post Office, Village Hall and local shops.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Babergh District Council. This closes on 11th December. It can be viewed on www.lgbce.org.uk

18.10 Date of next meeting

14th November 2017

Meeting finished @ 9.40pm

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