

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th Sept 2015 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb, Sewell & Bloomfield. The clerk. DCllr Holt. 3 members of the public.

01.09 Chairman's announcements

Emergency plan visits and calls to vulnerable people are now complete.

Ady last from Suffolk County Council will be visiting the village on Monday 14th Sept to discuss the next phase of LED street lighting.

02.09 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kemp

03.09 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.09 Police Matters

No Police in attendance. No report received.

05.09 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 11th August 2015

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th August 2015.

(There was some confusion as to who was to attend the solicitors regarding the village hall. However, the visit was made and all in order)

06.09 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Further to the visit to the solicitors regarding the village hall, it appears the land on which the hall stands and surrounding land belongs to the Parish Council. Further correspondence from the solicitors shows there may be conditions attached to selling the land. It was agreed Cllr Plumb and the clerk would look into this further. Concerns were raised as to whether the site would be viable.

The risk assessment at the Hunts Hill cemetery has been carried out and all is in order.

Cllr Mallalieu suggested that an item for the 4yr plan should include annual review/maintenance of assets owned by the Parish Council.

07.09 To receive reports

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

DCllr Holt – Mainly attended planning meetings. Nothing further to report.

DCllr Plumb – The joint statement for a devolved Suffolk was discussed. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

08.09 Planning New applications:

B/15/0967/FHA – 2 The Barn, Skates Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension & internal & external alterations

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/15/00932 – Plot 5 Scossels

Erection of a bungalow

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/15/00818 – Land west of Station yard, Lower Rd

Erection of 9no dwelling houses and detached cartlodge building

It was resolved to recommend refusal (insufficient information to demonstrate suitability of site)

Applications granted:

B/15/00614/FHA/NLW – 11 panels Close

Erection of single storey rear extension

B/15/00754/FHA/AT – 1 Orchard Way

Erection of a single storey side conservatory extension

B/15//00092/FUL/JD – Cherry Tree Inn, Tye Green

Change of use from public house to mixed use comprising restaurant, public house and take-away and alterations to existing external extraction pipe.

Applications withdrawn:

B/15/00687 -Brookcroft, Duffs Hill

09.09 Public Question time

A request was received for a dog bin at the approach to the children's play area on the Crown Fields development. The clerk is to look into this.

The Parish Council were asked what authority they have to influence the placing of, for example, satellite dishes and wheelie bins outside the front of houses in the conservation area as this appears to be a problem. DCllr Holt is to look into this matter and advise.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the promised white lines outside The Cherry Tree pub have still not been done. The clerk is to follow up with Suffolk County Council.

The poor condition of the garden at the Cherry Tree Pub was discussed, also concerns raised about the possibility of replacement windows being installed in a conservation area.

10.09 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to pay accounts.

11.09 Hedge cutting – playing field access road and perimeter of field

Unfortunately, the quotes for these jobs have not yet been received. This is to be an agenda item again next month.

12.09 War memorial – cleaning of

It was resolved to use the services of Sudbury Town to clean the war memorial at a cost of £180.00 This will cover x4 cleans.

13.09 Playing field swap and skate park project – updates

The footpath that needs to be moved to proceed with the planned land swap appears to be un-used. Cllr Mallalieu will check details. A survey is to be done and planning permission will then be obtained.

Cllr Plumb will follow up BDC the results of the playing field survey.

A full proposal/plan of the skate park is to be obtained to enable funding to be looked into.

14.09 Poppy wreath – purchase of

It was resolved to purchase a poppy wreath at a cost of £20

15.09 Correspondence to report

Community Action Suffolk has requested a survey be completed regarding rural services in Glemsford. The clerk will do this.

There is a Babergh District Council consultation on the Gambling Act 2005, anyone who wishes to review the draft document and comment can do so via the BDC website.

Suffolk County Council have advised that they have cut back footpaths in the village. However, there is often a problem with side growth which is the responsibility of the landowner. Anyone who wishes to report such issues can do so via SCC. Dog fouling on footpaths was also mentioned. It was stated that the cutting of footpaths is jeopardised if owners do not clean up after their dogs.

Correspondence was received regarding concerns about the change of use at the Cherry Tree public House. A copy of the granted planning document is to be forwarded for reference.

Correspondence from a representative of the football club had been received concerning a rumour that the team had folded and would no longer be using the field. The letter confirmed this was not so. Cllr Mallalieu explained that this may have been her fault as something had been viewed on the Social Club website. Apologies were given for this misunderstanding.

The Allotment Association asked the Parish Council if they could have permission to install toilets and a bore hole on the allotments. It was explained that permission would need to be obtained from the Charity who owns the land.

16.09 Date of next meeting 13th October 2015

Meeting finished at 8.40pm