

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb & Bloomfield. The clerk. CCllr Kemp. DCllr Holt. No public.

01.08 Chairman's announcements

Thanks were given to the Glemsford Line dancers and Gary and Jacqueline Tuff for donations to the emergency plan fund. The clerk gave thanks to Cllrs Brown and Southgate for their hard work regarding the replacement front door lock, roof repairs and toilet repairs at the village hall.

02.08 Apologies for absence

Cllr Sewell

03.08 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.08 Police Matters

PC Gary Austin attended the meeting. There had been numerous crimes during July but many were connected to one particular location. Concerns were raised regarding the parking of construction vehicles in Brook St. The police are to look into this. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the office.

05.08 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 14th July 2015

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2015.

06.08 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

The Wi-Fi at the library is now operational between 9am – 5pm. Thanks were given to Glemsford Angels for their donation of £300 towards the play week.

07.08 To receive reports

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

DCllrs Plumb & Holt – Many planning meetings have been attended. A new joint (mid Suffolk & Babergh) council house tenancy agreement is being drawn up. Council houses locally are being insulated.

08.08 Planning

New applications:

B/15/00649/OUT – Stafford Park, Clare Rd, Long Melford

Outline planning application for the proposed development of up to 100 dwellings and the change of use of an existing building to create up to 22 apartments and a community centre plus associated works.

It was resolved to recommend refusal – unsustainable development

B/15/00671/FUL – Stafford park, Clare Rd, Long Melford

Remediation works to licensed landfill site north of the river Stour, conjunction with the residential development of land south of the river Stour.

It was resolved to recommend refusal – unsustainable development

Applications granted:

B/15/00296/FUL/SS – 14 Brook St

Change of use from mixed use to residential

B/15/00468/FHA/JC – Hunts Hill House, Hunts Hill

Erection of a single storey side extension as amended

B/15/00487/FHA/AT – 1 Three Turns, Lower Rd

Erection of a conservatory

Applications refused:

B/15/00471/FHA/NLW – 3 Lower Rd

Erection of two storey side extension. Erection of single storey rear infill extension. Erection of pitched roof and erection of dormer window.

B/15/00472/LBC/NLW – 3 Lower Rd

Application for listed building consent

09.08 Public Question time

DCllrs Plumb and Holt were asked about the outstanding planning permission at the Cherry Tree Public House. It was confirmed that no official answer has been given as there are matters to be resolved.

10.08 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to pay accounts.

11.08 Finance working group meeting – report from Village Hall repairs

It was agreed to make emergency repairs to the village hall.

It was resolved to carry out the following repairs

Guttering @ £225

Replace flashing on 2no velux windows @ £870.00

Repairs holes in roof @ £765.00

The fire door and frame needs replacing in the hall. The quote is to be chased up. Both doors need new ‘furniture’.

Quotes for a new suspended ceiling have been received. However, further quotes for heating and lighting need to be obtained.

The CCTV system is partially broken and is not fit for purpose. Quotes for a new, more sophisticated system are to be obtained.

Cllr Mallalieu suggested re-painting the black railings around the village hall. After investigation it was found that the railings are in reasonable condition and not corroding badly at the moment. However, if they were to be refurbished they would need to be shot blasted before painting.

Play park repairs

Three quotes have been received for the re-fencing of the play area to the front of the village hall as it is in a very poor state of repair. ***It was resolved*** that works are carried out at a cost of £3742.07 plus VAT, however, this figure is subject to final survey of the site.

Repairs need to be carried out to some of the skate park equipment. ***It was resolved*** that these be carried out at a cost of £265.00 plus VAT (this may be subject to slight change due to age of quote).

Consideration is to be given to repairs/replacement of some of the play equipment in the village hall play park which is showing signs of wear. These are not emergencies but need to be monitored.

Cemetery

Cllr Southgate has kindly agreed to remove excess soil from the cemetery. Costs for equipment hire have been previously agreed. Some excess soil will be used to fill major holes.

Quotes for hedge cutting are to be obtained.

A risk assessment needs to be carried out at the old cemetery at the top of Hunts Hill. It is hoped this will be done within the next two weeks.

A date is to be set to plant the Jubilee oak tree.

4yr plan – incorporating village hall plan

Cllr Mallalieu suggested making a 4yr plan. Councillors are to make suggestions which will be documented and reviewed on an annual basis.

The village hall plan was discussed. ***It was resolved*** to look into the suggestion of building a new village hall including a car park on the current site. The remainder of the site would be sold for development. Investigations need to be made as to who owns the land.

12.08 Teen shelter refurbishment – agreement on design

Unfortunately no response had been received from the youngsters of the village regarding a design for the refurbishment of the teen shelter on the playing field. The Police will engage further and provide further information. A request had been received to put sides onto the shelter.

13.08 Wall mounted cigarette station- purchase of for village hall

It was resolved to purchase a cigarette station to the value of £45.00.

14.08 Replacement street lights – next order

It was resolved to place the next order of replacement street lights with Suffolk County Council.

15.08 Changing room container-update

Works to the changing room container have not been completed as requested. Unfortunately the container does not comply with the rules and cannot be used as a changing room. ***It was resolved*** to advise the football club that they can no longer use the container and request the keys be returned.

16.08 Cemetery charges – revision of

It was resolved to increase the cemetery charges as proposed. These will take effect from 1st

September 2015.

17.08 Playing field – Trustees and Parish Council

Cllr Mallalieu is to liaise further with Colin Parmenter and the trustees about the future of the playing field. Concerns were raised about ongoing maintenance charges. There is a grant available to improve the playing field as an amenity. Cllr Mallalieu will look into this.

18.08 Correspondence to report

Correspondence had been received from Olly Webb regarding the future of the new skate park. He requested that funds raised towards the park be used for other purposes if the project was not going ahead. Olly is to be advised that the plan for the skate park is still ongoing.

19.08 Date of next meeting 8th September 2015

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

