

Glemsford Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th April @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chair) D George (Clerk)
Cllr Kemp, DCllrs Thake and Young, 4 Parish Councillors and 5 members of the public

01.04 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting.

02.04 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lynn Bloomfield, Jan Murrell, Bowls Club, Hugh Norris, The Social Club, Harriet North, The Library, Patrick Currie, The History Society, Linda Pease, The Brownies and senior lunch club, Tony Callender, Monthly mini-bus trips, Film Club and Emergency plan group, Fiona Dinning-Cole, Glemsford Angels

03.04 To adopt the minutes of the Parish Meeting 2013

The minutes were agreed.

04.04 Chairman's Report

Thanks were conveyed to members of the council who have put in 100's of hours of work outside of the regular meetings, to Pauline Currie for her help as internal auditor and to Cllr Richard Kemp for donations from his locality budget.

Congratulations were passed to the clerk for gaining the CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualification.

There were lots of achievements throughout the year including, placing an order for replacement street lights, new changing rooms, new equipment and play bark in the play area, the trees at the village hall and cherry tree in the cemetery have been cut back, doors in the cemetery have been replaced and a new gate on the old cemetery has been installed, a risk assessment of the cemetery has been completed, the street cleaners have new trollies, registrations of various pieces of land around the village have been completed, new waste, grit and dog bins have been installed, an emergency plan is underway and £500 was awarded to the Parish Council as runners up in Suffolk Most Active Village competition. Donations have also been made.

A reminder was given that vacancies still exist on the Parish Council.

05.04 Internal auditor's report

Pauline Currie reported. The report can be viewed on the website.

06.04 Police report

The police were not in attendance at this time. However, an annual report can be viewed on the website.

07.04 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Kemp gave his 21st annual report (a full report can be viewed on the website).

Thanks were given to the chairman, clerk, members and people of Glemsford.

Thanks were given to Cllr Kemp for all his hard work.

District Cllr Thake reported. 'Highlights of Babergh's Year 2013/14' can be viewed on the website. A feasibility study regarding combining the two offices of BDC and Mid-Suffolk is currently being undertaken. It appears operations are still not running smoothly at BDC. Development plans are ongoing regarding the Downs site and the Silk Factory. DCllr Thake will keep us informed.

DCllr Thake thanked the Parish Council. If anyone has any questions, please contact him.

A hard copy of the Core Strategy is now available.

District Cllr Young reported. Apologies were made for the amount of absence during the year, this was mainly due to ill health.

DCllr Young re-iterated the problems at BDC. There appears to be lots of new faces, but poor communication was still an issue.

A Suffolk Flood review workshop is being established.

Cllr Sewell leaves the room

08.04 Report – Bradley Smith – Village Warden

"An eventful year!" The rapid change at Sudbury Town Council had not allowed for all anticipated hours to have been worked, however, many jobs have been completed including the installation of grit, dog and litter bins, barking of the footpaths, marking up of the village hall car park and disabled parking bays and dog fouling patrols amongst various other jobs.

The village appears to have accepted the warden and his colleagues really well who in turn consider the folk of Glemsford to be happy and friendly residents.

All in all it has been a good year. A meeting is to take place in the near future to discuss hours and on-going projects.

09.04 Reports from village organisations

Glemsford Monthly Minibus Trips

Cllr Brown reported. This continues to be popular and is taking its 48th trip this week.

Glemsford Film Club

Cllr Brown reported. A new projector and dvd/blueray player has been purchased. The venue has been enhanced by blinds and additional screenings are being made including a conspiracy theme and children's cinema. A programme is available until June. The club will recommence in September.

Glemsford Emergency plan

Cllr Brown reported. The plan continues in its development stage. Members of the group have attended a countywide meeting and are due to meet with the county coordinator. A village survey together with a public meeting is to take place in the near future.

WI

Lesley Lagdon reported. Next year sees the centenary of the WI. To mark the occasion a baton containing a memory stick of regional photos is at present travelling the country and it is hoped this will pass through our area on November 13th/14th. Ten centenary rose bushes have been purchased. It is hoped, with the PC's permission, to plant these on the green at Brook Street as this is the site of the old WI hall. Glemsford WI looks to the future built on the heritage of the past. Lesley says it is a privilege to be president of the WI.

Friends of Glemsford Library

Anne Mallalieu reported. Although only a small group, the 'friends' have gained some new members and hope to raise more funds. A book trolley has been donated from the Glemsford Angels, craft afternoons have been held, meetings about keeping fit and a hedgehog book reading have been held. There is a very good library manager who is very supportive. More information can be gained from the Contact magazine.

Youth Club

Anne Mallalieu reported. This has now been established for two years being run primarily by the Eden's project with help from Cllrs Michael Brown, Anne Mallalieu and Adrian Southgate, with approximately 25 children attending each week. It is hoping to expand and widen children's experiences.

Young mum's coffee morning

Anne Mallalieu reported. This has gone from strength to strength, providing services mainly for young mums, although 'all' are welcome. Any children that attend are the responsibility of their parents/carers. Volunteers kindly help run this session and donate cakes on a weekly basis. As well as supporting 'Tot Rock' the group would like to have facilities for teaching young mums to cook.

Cllr Sewell returns to the room

Glemsford Angels

Jeni White gave a report. This can be viewed on the website.

Meeting finished at 7.55pm