

GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllrs Mallalieu, Plumb, Sewell, Southgate, Taylor and Young. 11 members of the public also attended.

01.07 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone present to the meeting. He congratulated PCSO Hannah Partingdon on winning the Sheepshanks trophy. He announced that the play park to the front of the village hall would be closed for three days from Friday 19th July as new chippings were to be laid. He also had leaflets available for any carers wishing to attend meetings which would provide information and help (dates specified).

02.07 Apologies for absence

County Cllr Richard Kemp, District Cllr Thake, Cllr Bloomfield and Parish Clerk D George (minutes taken by Cllr Taylor in her absence).

03.07 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No declarations or requests received.

04.07 Police Matters

PCSO Hannah Partingdon reported that between 12th June and 9th July 6 crimes had been reported compared to 7 in the same period last year. These included 2 vehicle crimes, 2 drugs related offences and 2 thefts. Full report can be found on the website.

05.07 To adopt minutes of Council Meeting held 11th June 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of this meeting, proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Young.

06.07 Matter arising from last minutes

Cllr Young reported that the meeting he had attended on new licensing laws had been short and no information had been available at the time.

07.07 To receive reports

County Cllr Kemp's Council report can be found on his website.

Cllr Young reported for the District Council and gave some information on a new committee entitled 'Health, Wellbeing and Communities' of which he is a member. Babergh have still to appoint a Chairman.

The Chairman read a written report received from District Cllr Thake. The reorganisation of staff within Babergh was still taking place with tier 5 almost completed. It will be approximately three months before the staff are all in their positions. The Police Crime Panel had met the previous week and with the savings being made the panel were satisfied with the performance of the Commissioner. Anyone with any concerns or problems could contact Cllr Thake and he would pass on their comments.

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08.07 Accounts for Approval

The date on the accounts should read 'June' and not 'May'. *It was resolved* to approve the accounts.

09.07 Public Question Time

Terry Sealey asked when the grass would be cut at the graveyard in Drapery Common as it was now obscuring the wild flowers which the Gardening Club had planted. It was agreed that the club would trim around the edges and the council would arrange cutting the rest.

Cllr Young reported, on behalf of the Glemsford Angels, that at the popular strawberry tea party their 1,000th meal had been served. He thanked all those who had helped with the event.

10.07 Play Week & Old Fashioned Fete

Play week is to be held from 28th July. On Saturday 3rd August the Old Fashioned fete is to take place. Any organisation or charity who would like to have a stall would be welcomed. Cllr Mallalieu asked if the Chairman would consider using some of his fund for prizes. The chairman agreed and £50 of vouchers would be purchased

11.07 Street Lights - Feedback

It was reported that a decision needed to be made now over the use of LED's to replace the old style G39 units, identified when the Chairman, the Clerk and Councillor Mallalieu had walked the village with Adrian Last from Suffolk County Council several months ago. The Chairman had received feedback from the village which showed that the majority who had contacted him, favoured using the LED lights. A discussion followed and it was agreed that LED replacements could be used where needed but not to replace any of the decorative conservation area lights. *It was resolved* that the clerk should contact Adrian Last to arrange the replacement work as soon as possible and check that the quoted cost was still correct. He had informed her that work could not commence before October at the earliest.

12.07 106 Money - Allocation of Funds

Cllr Mallalieu reported that a decision would need to be made over the use of the remaining balance of about £17,000 as 106 reports were no longer being sent out by Babergh and the department had changed. Problems might occur if the council waited too long before using it. She asked that the council should think about whether the money should be used for one project or split between two. A fitness trail for the playing field and the allotments were suggestions for its use. Cllr Plumb asked District councillor Young to make enquiries at Babergh about the situation with the 106 money

13.07 Allotments

It was hoped that some of the 106 money might be used towards the set-up costs of the new allotments. It was hoped that the site would be marked out on the field after harvest. A discussion followed over the organisation and running of them. Cllr Mallalieu asked if Cllr Southgate could consult the council's solicitors about the lease from the charity and any covenants which may exist. *It was resolved* that he should do this.

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14.07 Emergency Plan

It was resolved that a public meeting be arranged for the village so all interested parties could attend. A list of contact numbers and addresses of relevant key holders and volunteers would be required. Babergh Council 's Emergency Plan officer would be invited to attend.

15.07 New Skate Park

Standing orders suspended

A petition was presented by Ollie who had collected 200 names in support of a new skate park on the playing field. Glemsford Angels had offered to help with raising funds and parents are going to ask for some local funding. Cllr Mallalieu will obtain some quotes and look into possible grants. Ollie and friends will attend the next parish council meeting to bring along some ideas for the park.

Standing Orders re-instated

16.07 Planning

B/13/00617/FHA - 34 Hunts Hill

Erection of a rear conservatory

Recommended for approval

B/13/00669/TCA - 2 Rectory Close

Crown reduction by 30% and crown thinning by 30% to 1no field maple tree

Recommended for approval

B/13/00723/TCA - The Rectory, Lion Rd

Remove 1no willow, 1no tree of heaven (ailanthus altissima) and 2no sycamores. Prune leylandii hedge to height of 1800mm

Recommended for approval

17.07 Date of next meeting 13th August 2013.