

# Glensford Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 @ 7.15 at Glensford Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Sewell DCllr Thake. Martin Barnes-Smith and Lauren Mitson (Community Development Officer and housing officer-Suffolk Housing) the clerk and 7 members of the public.

## **01.02 Chairman's announcements**

Due to this being an election year the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March (not the 14<sup>th</sup> April as previously advertised). Martin Barnes-Smith from Suffolk Housing will be giving a presentation. There is a part II meeting for councillors.

## **02.02 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Kemp. Cllrs Plumb and Bloomfield.

## **03.02 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests**

Cllrs Mallalieu and Southgate declared an interest in item 19:02 (library lease).

## **04.02 Police Matters**

The clerk read a report. Three crimes had been committed in January.

## **05.02 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

*It was resolved* to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## **06.02 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**

Cllr Mallalieu suggested an event be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May (V.E. Day). This would take the form of a supper and music.

## **07.02 To receive reports**

**Cllr Kemp** – A full report can be read on the website or at the clerk's office.

**DCllr Thake** – A consultation on planning matters is currently taking place. Cllr Thake will forward a list of meeting dates. The Police precept is to go up by 1.997%, this was agreed unanimously. It is anticipated that BDC's precept will have a zero % increase. Planning is getting difficult with many new directives from Government.

**Martin Barnes-Smith – Suffolk Housing** – A very informative talk was given by Mr Barnes-Smith and his colleague who provide homes and services across Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Also in attendance was a tenant from Crownfield Road. Information was given about their work trying to build a positive community and about services offered other than housing, for example youth provision and assisting with community hubs. They ask that members of the public please approach them with ideas. Contact details are available from the clerk's office or on the village hall notice board.

## **08.02 Planning**

### **New applications:**

#### **B/145/00005/FHA – 1 Weavers Drive**

Erection of a first-floor extension

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

#### **B/15/00035/FUL – 15 First Avenue**

Erection of one and a half storey dwelling and integral garage

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

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## **Granted applications:**

**B/14/01494/FHA/AT – Serendipity Cottage, 61 Egremont St**

Erection of single storey rear extension

## **Refused applications:**

**B/14/01389/FHA/MP – Thatch End, 5 Fern Hill**

Erection of a raised platform in north corner of the garden  
(retention of)

**B/14/00473/AGDW – Lodge Farm Barn, Lodge Farm Rd**

Change of agricultural use to dwelling houses – prior approval for the conversion of barn (formerly a grain store to two storey dwelling)

## **09.02 Public Question time**

The topic of parking for the allotments was discussed. It was confirmed that spaces will be available inside of the allotment area. This may take a while to become established.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles accessing the green near to the children's play area. The Parish Council will look into a possible solution to this.

The lack of bus services was discussed. It was explained that this was out of the control of the Parish Council. The bus company cut services as a business decision. Car sharing may be looked into.

There is to be a litter pick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, meeting at the village hall 9.30-11.30. Refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

## **10.02 Accounts for approval**

*It was resolved* to pay accounts

## **11.02 No parking sign – School Fields**

*It was resolved* to look into other solutions to deter vehicles parking/entering the green.

## **12.02 New dog bins – purchase of**

*It was resolved* to purchase x2 dog bins at a price of approx. £175 each. One for the new area of Crownfields and one at the top of Shepherds Lane. However, both are conditional to BDC giving approval for placement.

## **13.02 Dog poo bags – purchase of**

*It was resolved* to purchase 4000 dog poo bags at a cost of £69.65.

## **14.02 Painting of current youth shelter – playing field**

*It was resolved* to purchase paint for the youth shelter on the playing field. The work will be carried out by PC Gary Austin, PCSO Sam Chandler and youngsters from the village.

## **15.02 Youth shelter – new**

*It was resolved* not to purchase a new youth shelter at this present time.

## **16.02 Cemetery – area for repositioning of shrubs/trees – possibility of**

*It was resolved* to allocate an area next to the cemetery building for placement of shrubs, bushes etc that are to be removed from graves in line with the cemetery rules and regulations.

## **17.02 Planting of shrubs near to library**

*It was resolved* to plant shrubs in the 'box' areas outside of the library. This will include the purchase of compost. It is hoped Cllr Mallalieu will be able to supply some cuttings.

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## **18.02 Allotment lease – agreement of**

*It was resolved* to sign the allotment lease.

## **19.02 Library lease – revision of**

*It was resolved* to sign the library lease. Concerns were raised over additional sub-letting but it was confirmed that this was only for the IPS.

## **20.02 Internal audit – confirmation of use of SALC services.**

*It was resolved* to use the services of SALC for the internal audit.

## **21.02 Microphones and stands – purchase of**

*It was resolved* to purchase x4 new microphones and stands

## **22.02 Coffee morning – use of hall for Marie Curie event**

*It was resolved* to allow the coffee morning additional time in the hall for a Marie Curie fundraising event.

## **23.02 Craft afternoon – use of hall 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

*It was resolved* to allow free use of the hall for this event.

## **24.02 Village hall plan – revision of**

*It was resolved* to put the village hall plan as an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, enabling the public to put forward their opinions. It is hoped a committee will be formed to finalise the plan.

## **25.02 Correspondence to report**

A letter had been received regarding the planning permission given for the signage at the new Spa shop. A copy of correspondence from BDC is to be sent as a reply. This will explain why planning permission was given.

## **20.01 Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Meeting finished at 8.55pm