

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2013 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Bloomfield, Southgate & Sewell. CClr Kemp, Clerk and 4 members of the public

01.10 Chairman's announcements

Councillor Brown welcomed all to the meeting. Reminders were given regarding volunteers registering for winter gritting and volunteers required to establish an emergency plan.

420 trees from the Woodland Trust have been awarded to the village together with a Biffa award for the sleeves and canes for planting. It is hoped these will be planted on the playing field and around the proposed allotments.

Councillors were reminded that a part II meeting will be held at the end of the Parish meeting.

02.10 Apologies for absence

DCllrs Thake and Young. Cllr Taylor.

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03.10 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No requests received.

04.10 Police Matters

The reading of the Police report was delayed as the scheduled officer was not present.

05.10 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 10th September 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2013.

06.10 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Ideas are still to be confirmed for distribution of the fit village award money (£500). Ideas included the skate park fund, the football club, the gardening club and a drinking water dispenser in the village hall (costs for this are to be looked into). Also the £100 community awards money was discussed. This is to be used for the play week next year.

07.10 To receive reports

CClr Kemp reported. Apologies were given for the length of the report. Severe problems are still being experienced by broadband users. Suffolk County Council have stated they will help in problem areas. Problems are being experienced with the bus service in the village. It is hoped that Go-Start may be a way forward to cover the lack of service. Suffolk County Council are looking into a dangerous wall at 119 Kings Rd. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

DCllr Thake – no report

DCllr Young – no report

08.10 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

It was resolved to transfer £30,000 from current to deposit account.

09.10 Public question time

Questions were raised regarding the development of the playing field with regards the land swap, the skate park and planting of trees. It was explained that the land swap only affected the area on the approach to the playing field, the skate park was only in very early stages and would be in the area of the old park, and the trees, it is hoped, will be used to develop a walkway type area to the edge of the field.

10.10 Play park Kings Rd – provision of fencing

It was resolved to obtain three quotes for fencing

11.10 New litter bin – village hall

It was resolved to purchase a new bin for the village hall

12.10 Affordable Housing – proposed

For the last two years the Parish Council has been working towards obtaining affordable housing. The authority organising this had advised the Parish Council to keep this information confidential, however, the Council can now confirm that due to the lack of funding this project will not be going ahead until possibly 2015. It was hoped that United Charities land to the rear of Schoolfields would be used. This site may well change in 2015.

13.10 Allotments – update

The allotments are moving forward. Fencing has been priced up and hedging is to be made available. Once paperwork has been finalised allotments will be allocated as per the list. It is hoped this will happen after Christmas, with plots available February.

14.10 Village Hall plan – proposal

A new plan of alterations to the village hall was produced. *It was resolved* to modify the plan slightly and make copies available for public opinion via the website and viewing at the clerk's office.

15.10 Container changing rooms – siting of

The changing room container is due for delivery on Monday 14th October. *It was resolved* to place this on the car park which makes the provision of services easier and is the preferred site of the football club.

16.10 Village Hall stage – safety of

It was resolved to dispose of the stage blocks at the village hall due to health and safety concerns. Prices for a replacement stage is to be looked into.

17.10 Replacement street lights – schedule confirmation

It was resolved to go ahead with the scheduled replacement of all G39 street lights. This is subject to BDC confirming that planning permission is not required for those in a conservation area.

18.10 Replacement dog bin – New St

It was resolved to replace the stolen dog bin in New St.

19.10 Planning

New applications:

B/13/00967/FHA – 35 Hunts Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage.
Conversion of existing garage to additional living accommodation.

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/1300888/FUL – Lodge Farm Barn, Lodge Road

Conversion of redundant agricultural building to 2no dwellings.

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/1301079/TCA – Greenlawns, Tye Green

Reduce height of leylandi cypress hedge to approx. 3.5m. Reduce height of 3no thuja placate trees by 50%

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/13/01061/FUL – Avent, Lower Road

Erection of main reception extensions and alterations for Phillips Avent factory.

It was resolved to recommend approval

Applications granted:

B/13/00168/FUL/AS – Common Crest, Drapery Common

Erection of 1no detached two storey dwelling

20.10 Correspondence

Letters were read concerning road repairs at Park Lane and Harpur's Road. These have been forwarded to Suffolk County Council highways.

As the Police were not in attendance the clerk read a report. Only 4 crimes were recorded compared to 20 crimes in the same period last year. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office

18.08 Date of next meeting 12th November 2013.

Meeting finished at 8.40pm