

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at Glemsford Village Hall

(following the Annual Parish Meeting)

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman) Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield, Taylor and Sewell. CCllr Kemp, D George (clerk) and 4 members of the public

01.04 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting.

02.04 Apologies for absence

DCllr Young

03.04 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No declarations

04.04 Police Matters

PC Hannah Partington had previously given a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. Available for viewing on the website or at the clerk's office.

05.04 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 12th March 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2013.

06.04 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

The play week has been arranged for 29th July – 2nd August. This will culminate in a village event on Saturday 3rd August. A name for the event is to be decided upon.

07.04 To receive reports

Reports had previously been given at the Annual Parish Meeting. Available for viewing on the website or at the clerk's office.

08.04 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payment of £74.19 for the business rates for the playing field. ***It was resolved*** to make all other payments.

09.04 Public question time

Use of the PA system was requested.

Council tax charges were discussed. There was some confusion as to how the 14.1% increase on the Parish Council element of bills had been arrived at. An explanation was given. However, confirmation of the breakdown of the increase is still awaited from BDC.

It was requested that a copy of the precept for 2013-2014 is published on the website.

It was requested that pressure be put on Suffolk County Council with regards the poor state of the roads in the village with particular attention to Hobbs Lane.

10.04 Traffic Regulation Order A1092

A very informative report was given by Mr Bob Fergusson on the problems of articulated lorries using the A1092. On average 96 articulated lorries per day use this road. This is causing major issues. **It was resolved** to support the lobby to Suffolk County Council for a traffic regulation order weight restriction of 7.5tonnes. This would not affect local business.

11.04 Report from Finance working group meeting

Village hall repairs – the electrical works in the village hall are now complete. Work is on-going with regards fire risk assessment. The ladies toilets were once again blocked (thanks to Cllr Brown for sorting this issue). Dynorod has identified a further problem which can be addressed at no additional cost (Cllr Southgate has kindly agreed to carry out these works). It is hoped this will alleviate the problem. It was felt that at this present time no further funds should be spent on updating the toilet facilities due to possible future improvements.

Precept 2013-2014 – discussion took place regarding the grant accepted from central government. If this had not been taken it is possible there would be a shortfall in precept next year.

Village hall Insurance - it is to be recommended to full Council to renew insurance with the current providers. The value of the village hall is to be looked into. Current valuation is £627,000 however a recent survey quoted £410,000. **It was resolved** to renew the insurance.

Payment structure for community warden – Sudbury Town has offered various scenarios for payment of warden services. It is to be recommended to full Council that this is paid on a quarterly basis. **It was resolved** to pay quarterly.

Community Action Suffolk – Recommend to full Council that we join. The Council were previously members of Suffolk Acre who form part of this group. Cost £30.00. **It was resolved** to join CAS.
Funding projects – Council involvement – Cllr Mallalieu outlined headings of subjects to be discussed with Jo Beaver of BDC at a proposed funding meeting. These included the village hall, the playing field, allotments and the good neighbour scheme.

SALC training – it is to be recommended to full Council that as requested Cllr Southgate attend training on allotments and planning. Also the clerk attends a clerk’s networking day. Costs: Allotments £25, Planning £25 and Clerk’s networking day £15. **It was resolved** to pay for these.

The litter pick competition entries were studied and a decision made on the first, second and third places. This was done to enable the prizes to be given before the Easter holidays. Cllr Brown is to present the prizes.

12.04 Highways

It was resolved to arrange a meeting with Suffolk County Council to discuss highway issues.

13.04 Councillor training – agreement on structure

Other local Parish Councils are to be approached to see if they are interested in attending a Councillor training course to be held at the village hall. This would help spread the cost. Cllr Plumb is to look into an on-line training course.

14.04 Cemetery doors – paint colour and door furniture

It was agreed to paint the doors a mid-green colour. Door handles/locks were discussed and it was agreed to go ahead with black wrought iron fittings.

15.04 Village hall – hire charges

For all new hire it was agreed to charge non-residents £12ph and residents £10ph both subject to a minimum hire-charge of £25. Refundable deposits are to be discretionary. Existing hire charges for regular usage is to be looked into.

16.04 Planning

New Applications:

B/13/00298/FHA – Rose Cottage, Plumb St

Erection of 1½ storey detached out building

Recommended for approval

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

Erection of 1no detached two storey dwelling

Recommended for refusal – over development of site
(abstention Cllr Plumb)

B/13/00318/FHA – Silverlea, Flax Lane

Erection of a two storey rear extension

Recommended for refusal – over development of site
(abstention Cllr Plumb)

B/13/00141/FHA – 20 Bells Lane

Erection of front dormer window

Recommended for approval

B/13/00341/FHA – Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane

Erection of a cart lodge and store with artist studio

Recommended for approval

Applications granted:

B/12/01206/LBC/JP – 12 Hunts Hill

Application for listed building consent

B/12/01186/FHA/JP – 12 Hunts Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension as amended

B/12/01275/FUL/AK – Carlton, Bells Lane

Erection of 2no detached single storey dwellings

B/13/00063/FHA/RB – 2 Rectory Close

Replacement of front windows and wooden front door and side panel.

Replacement garage doors.

B/13/00043/FHA/RB – 17 Kebbles

Erection of first floor extension above garage

B/12/01405/FUL/JD – The Crown, Brook St

Change of use from public house to bed and breakfast accommodation and Holiday lets.

B/12/01406/LBC/JD – The Crown, Brook St

Application for listed building consent

17.04 Correspondence

Glemsford history Society enquired about a possible centennial commemoration next year of the commencement of World War I. The Council confirmed they have no plans in place at this present time.

A letter had been received detailing concerns about the excess soil in the cemetery. It was agreed to approach the Community Warden to see if he can advise on removal of this.

BDC have signed an agreement with Ordnance Survey for the use of mapping for business purposes. This is to be free of charge to Parish Councils. It was agreed to sign up for this. Tony Callender had requested that this service be available for redrafting the village map.

Sudbury Newstalk requested a donation for their charity. It was agreed to decline at this time as donations are currently only made to village organisations.

Thanks were received for the use of the village hall for the St Mary's Church fund raising event.

It was agreed to take Sudbury Town Council up on their offer of a free trolley for use by the street cleaner. New bins may have to be purchased to fit in to the trolley. Spider UK are to be approached for sponsorship of these.

20.03 Date of next meeting (Annual meeting) 14th May 2013.

Meeting finished at 10.35pm