

GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2012 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllrs Bloomfield, Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Taylor and Young. 4 members of the public also attended.

01.07 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone present to the meeting. He reminded all councillors that their I.D photographs should be given to Debbie as soon as possible and also to sign and return the register of interest form. The Babergh Core Strategy was also available in the office for anyone to read.

02.07 Apologies for absence

PCSO 3231 Partington, County Cllr Richard Kemp, Cllrs Sewell and Thake and Parish Clerk D George (minutes taken by Cllr Taylor in her absence).

03.07 Declarations of interest

No declaration of interests received

04.07 Police Matters

The Chairman read the report which can be read on the website. In total, four offences were reported in the village during June. Cllr Young raised the question of police reports published on the website being unavailable to people who do not have computers. The wider advertising of the 'Police Direct' facility was discussed.

05.07 To adopt minutes of Council Meeting held 12th June 2012

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of this meeting.

06.07 Matter arising from last minutes

The play week which is being arranged during the school summer holidays will likely take place the week beginning 20th August. This will be funded from the sale of surplus jubilee mugs. Free refreshments will be provided for the children and parents.

The turnout for the neighbourhood watch coffee morning was a little disappointing, but the weather was not as inviting as hoped.

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 announced that Cockfield had won the Village of the Year in Babergh. He also reported that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils had decided to introduce charges to village halls for waste collection. These charges would be introduced in

October 2012. There had been many complaints from village hall management committees because they had already set their budgets for the year. This would continue to be discussed. Local takeaway shops needed to be aware that Police are clamping down on any that serve beyond their licensed times.

08.07 Accounts for Approval

It was resolved to approve accounts.

09.07 Report from Finance Committee

Cllr Sewell has been elected new Chairman of the Finance Committee. Anglian Water had not been helpful over the drain issue suffered by the village hall. Authorisation was being sought from the council to open a new deposit account which attracted higher interest. *It was resolved* to open a new account and transfer the sum of £20,000.00 from the current account. The guttering needs replacing on the north side of the hall and the soak away is currently blocked. A camera survey of the drainage is to be arranged to identify the problem. Steve Taylor has volunteered to do a simple plan of any changes required to the hall by moving internal walls. Although the roof is okay some repairs are needed to cure a leak in the disabled toilet and the man hole cover on the water tank requires updating. Cllr Plumb will liaise with the Clerk to obtain some quotes.

10.07 Public Question Time

It was reported that the library has now been refurbished, painted and re-carpeted. A plaque is to be erected to thank those who contributed. A cheese and wine evening will be held on the 18th June from 7.00 – 9.00pm. A story teller will be present during the Glemsford fete.

Hugh Norris reported potholes in some roads including Flax Lane.

The bottle bank at the social club is being filled very quickly. It was agreed to find out who was responsible for obtaining another.

11.07 Code of Conduct

It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct.

12.07 Previous Clerk

Cllr Mallalieu reported that the police have now had a report from the accountants and will be speaking to her soon.

13.07 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Plumb drew attention to the website 'Where You Live' as a helpful tool in understanding the booklet. It was agreed that the recent village survey would be a good starting point to discuss the content of the plan. As Glemsford is recognised by the local authority as a core village it will be important for the village itself to have some input into any future planning. *It was resolved* that we should go ahead with the plan. A planning meeting will be arranged to discuss it in the first instance.

14.07 Village of the Year

It was resolved that Cllr Young will gather together the names of interested parties to form a committee.

15.07 Village Hall Sign

It was resolved that the village hall should have a new sign and will include the Library. Cllr Mallalieu will obtain costings and Cllr Plumb will look into upgrading any lettering.

16.07 Landscaping of Village Hall

Cllr Southgate will organise this, but repairs to the hall should be done first.

17.07 New Play Areas

Mark Taverner has been helpful with his advice. Kings Road residents close to the new area are to be consulted. Equipment which has been removed will be replaced for this summer.

18.07 Playing Field Update.

Colin Parmenter has now arranged a committee meeting for Tuesday 24th July.

19.07 Report from Cemetery Meeting

Cllr Taylor has been elected Chairman. A survey has been completed. There were concerns raised because some records are missing. Cllr Taylor is to arrange the completion of details of graves currently occupied by using the new survey. *It was resolved* to approach a local landowner to buy a small piece of land to enlarge the cemetery. Cllr's Plumb and Southgate will obtain quotes for replacing the cemetery doors. Additional repairs which need doing could also be done at the same time. Rules and regulations are to be posted at the cemetery and will also be given to funeral directors.

20.07 Planning

B/12/00630/FHA – Common Crest, Drapery Common

Erection of 2no single-storey side extensions (to replace existing side extensions), erection of front porch and alterations to chimneys and external finish

Resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00716/TPO – Avent, Lower Rd

Crown lift 2no Silver Birch trees to 4m above ground level and reduce 1no Silver Birch tree by 2m away from building covered by tree preservation order BT 291/G1

Resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00599/FUL – B/12/000598/FUL

Glemsford Motor Services

Erection of single storey building to accommodate 2no class 1A retail units

Resolved to recommend for refusal. Reasons: Issues with delivery vehicle parking. Effect on public access during unloading times.

21.07 Correspondence

Cllr Young reported that Fiona Dining-Cole is unsure what jubilee tree will be delivered.

Cllr brown had received a letter from Ray Aynsby informing us that as there had not been any interest in applying for the vacancy as Parish councillor then this could be filled by co-option.

Cllr Southgate had been informed by Sanctuary Housing that they were unwilling to repair the fencing in Fourth Avenue. A letter will be returned advising them that if they are not prepared to do this then the council will consider repairing it then billing them.

Date of next meeting: August 14th @7.15pm.

Meeting concluded 9.30pm.