

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Bloomfield, Southgate, Taylor & Sewell. CCllr Kemp, DCllr Thake, Clerk and 2 members of the public

01.09 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. The Parish Council has been awarded £500 as runners up in the Suffolk Most Active Village Competition. There are two places available on a first aid course, please advise the clerk if you wish to attend. There is to be an emergency plan meeting on Tuesday 17th Sept at 7.15pm at the village hall. Public question time will take place between items 08.09 and 09.09 this was omitted from the agenda. A part II meeting is to be held for all councillors after the Parish Council meeting.

02.09 Apologies for absence

PCSO Partington

03.09 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No requests received.

05.09 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. 12 crimes were reported compared to 9 for the same period last year. A full report can be viewed on the website.

05.08 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 13th August 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2013.

06.08 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Two quotes had been received for repair work to the cemetery building. One for essential repairs at a cost of £880. *It was resolved* to go ahead with these repairs. The second quote was for shutters to replace the existing windows. Further ideas are to be considered before a decision is made.

Contact had been made with Mr Ford regarding acquiring land to extend the cemetery. The sale of a piece of land has been agreed, however a survey has to be completed and a price agreed. *It was resolved* to get a survey and start negotiations.

Cllr Plumb and the clerk had a meeting with Suffolk County Council regarding street lights and the possibility of putting cables underground. The electricity supply board and BT are to be contacted.

DCllr Young had looked into the 106 money and it appears there is someone different in charge. He is to confirm who is dealing with this at present.

07.09 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp reported. It is hoped that Go Start community bus will be able to assist with a scheme to help the people of the village. Care is to be taken with people approaching households and offering to clear lofts and offering to repair roofs. A full report can be viewed on the website.

DCllr Thake reported. BDC are trying to get decisions on planning made quicker. Cllr Thake requested that the Parish Council advise of their views prior to receiving the planning application, this particularly applies to larger projects. He can then put these views forward to members. The time scale for the completion of the core strategy is unknown, it is currently with the inspector. The 106 money is to be looked into. The police crime panel are due to meet on the 16th Sept. If anyone has any crime to report please forward information to DCllr Thake. Also, if anyone has any ideas on how these issues can be solved please advise accordingly.

DCllr Young reported. A Joint Audit Standards committee meeting had been held, this consisted of eight members of BDC and eight from Mid Suffolk. If anyone wishes to read the Joint Annual Governance Statement, this can be viewed via DCllr Young. Also discussed were points from the meeting held last year. If any questions asked had not been answered please refer to DCllr Young and he will look into it. Concerns were raised that at planning meetings people putting in objections were not being given the opportunity to speak. This is being looked into. It was

confirmed that BDC and Mid Suffolk operate completely separate on a financial basis. It was re-iterated that BDC do not support Mid Suffolk financially.

08.08 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

Additional item - Public question time

No questions received.

09.09 Money from Community Games/award money – allocation of

£100 had been received from the Community Games and £500 is being awarded from the most active village competition. Various ideas were discussed for allocation of these funds including contributing to existing groups, new groups and the play week next year. Ideas to be confirmed.

10.09 Planning permission – trees at cemetery and village hall

It was resolved to obtain planning permission to cut back the trees in the cemetery.

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The trees at Highbank were discussed. Requests have been made to BDC to cut these back, but they are unwilling to do so. *It was resolved* (as a good will gesture) to obtain costs to cut these back. Permission will have to be obtained from BDC

11.09 Planning permission – swap of land at playing field

The local farmer has agreed to swap an area of his land with existing playing field land. This will open up the access and significantly increase the size of the playing field at no additional cost. BDC have confirmed that planning permission will need to be gained at a cost of approx. £150 plus x2 A4 plans to accompany the application. *It was resolved* to proceed with planning permission as per BDC costs and obtain x2 A4 plans at approx. £20 each.

11.09 (b) Playing field changing rooms – container purchase

Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Southgate and Roy Diggins who kindly took time to view a changing room facility for the football club. *It was resolved* to purchase a changing room container @ £7500 plus VAT also to complete ground works at £130 plus VAT. It was agreed that the football club would provide labour to complete electrical and plumbing services and would take responsibility for the upkeep of the container.

12.09 Village bus service

Unfortunately there is nothing the Parish Council can do to subsidise a bus service. It is illegal to act when a bus service is already in operation. However Go Start may be able to help with this issue.

13.09 Village Hall tables, chairs and crockery.

It was resolved that chairs and tables would only be hired out to those holding public liability insurance and must be for indoor events only. Hire costs were agreed at 50p per chair and £1 per table. Crockery/cutlery will not be hired out. Hire is at the clerk's discretion.

14.09 Planning

New applications: **B/13/00979/TCA – Patches House, Cavendish Lane**

Reduce by one third to 1no sweet chestnut tree

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/13/00981/TCA – London House, Egremont St

Fell 1no conifer tree and 1no tree (species unknown)

It was resolved to recommend approval

15.09 Correspondence

A letter was read concerning the re-surfacing of Park Lane. This was to be looked into with Suffolk County Council.

18.08 Date of next meeting 8th October 2013.

Meeting finished at 9pm