

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Bloomfield, Young, Southgate & Sewell.
The clerk (no public) PC Barlow and PCSO Mansell

01.12 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman and the clerk attended a Parish liaison meeting at BDC. Cost cutting was the main topic with discussions on possible relocation to a new building to be shared between BDC and Mid-Suffolk. It was explained that planning training is available, this is to be arranged jointly with Sudbury Town Council.

An Emergency Planning group has been formed and a plan has been started.

The Parish Clerk's office will be closed after the 20th December, re-opening on Friday 3rd January 2014.

The Village hall plan is on the website. Can ideas/suggestions please be returned to the Parish Council by the 10th January 2014.

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman wished all a Merry Christmas.

02.12 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kemp and DCllr Thake

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03.12 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.12 Police Matters

PC Barlow and PCSO Mansell attended on behalf of the Police. There were 9 crimes compared to 6 this time last year. A full report can be read on the website. The next priority setting meeting is to be held at Assington village hall on Tuesday January 14th, 11am-12pm. Anyone can attend these meetings to discuss priorities for their own village. Alternatively concerns can be raised directly to the Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team.

05.12 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 12th November 2013

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

06.12 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

DCllr Young whole heartedly agreed with DCllr Thake's comments regarding the apparent chaos at BDC.

Cllr Southgate gave a report on a workshop he attended about gypsy and traveller sites.

Rev Prigg has suggested the Jubilee tree be planted in the church yard, rather than on the green. This is to be confirmed.

There is not enough fall space to install the proposed roundabout at the play park at the front of the village hall. *It was resolved* to purchase a see-saw and have The Landscape Group remove the old equipment and install the new.

07.12 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp - A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

DCllr Thake - The clerk conveyed a message that the new constitution is moving forward.

DCllr Young - confirmation was given that a steering group has been set up with regards the gypsy and travellers.

Warnings were given about the use of 0845 premium telephone numbers. These will be charged for. Also any 0303 numbers.

DCllr Young gave apologies for missing meetings. This was due to hospital appointments.

08.12 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

It was resolved to purchase a new external hard drive for the clerk's computer at an approx. cost of £50.

09.12 Public question time

No questions

10.12 Report from finance working group meeting

Expenditure 2013/2014 - Expenditure figures for the first 7mths and budgeted expenditure figures to the end of the financial year were discussed. It appears spending is on track. A large proportion of funds (in the region of £43,500) are to be spent making the G39 street lights compliant. These will be replaced with energy efficient LED units. Concerns were raised about the energy costs for the village hall. Quotes for new heating, insulation and ceiling renovation are to be looked into. It is hoped to obtain some feedback from the village hall plan with regards this matter.

Precept 2014-2015 - *It was resolved* that the precept for 2014-2015 be increased by 2% (subject to confirmation of tax base figures from BDC). This increase will help cover increasing costs and ongoing street light replacements.

Audit returns - The audit return figures for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 have now been finalised with BDO (external auditors). *It was resolved* that these figures be accepted and that an unreconciled amount of £488 from 2010-2011 be written off.

11.12 Adoption of the new standing orders

It was resolved that the new standing orders be adopted. The clerk is complete missing sections in line with previous standing orders.

12.12 Village Hall stage - provision of

The old stage has now been removed. Ideas for a replacement are to be looked into. A quote for a replacement is being obtained. Sudbury Town Council has offered to loan a stage when required. This is to be looked into further.

Cllr Young will advise where a retractable staging system can be viewed.

13.12 Planning

New applications: **B/13/01252 - Glemsford Motor Services**

Installation of ATM machine in front elevation of A1 retail building currently under construction

It was resolved to recommend rejection

B/13/01295/FHA – Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane

Erection of single storey studio and garage (revised following refusal)

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/13/01356/FUL – 15 Hunts Hill

Erection of extension to existing two-storey dwelling, alterations and subdivision to form two separate dwellings. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

It was resolved to recommend approval. Cllr Plumb abstained from voting.

B/13/01378/TCA – Michaelmas House, Bells Lane

Remove 1no hornbeam, 1no liquidambar and 1no malus tree

It was resolved to recommend approval

Applications granted:

B/13/01190/FUL/LJB – Phillips Aven

Alterations to existing front car park as amended.

B/13/01166/FUL/AK – Common Crest, Drapery Common

Retention of temporary siting of caravan for dwelling accommodation whilst 4 bedroom property under construction

B/13/01196/LBC/NC – 1 Lower Rd

Application for listed building consent.

B/13/01064/FHA/NC – 1 Lower Rd

Erection of side extension. Erection of boundary fence as amended.

B/13/01101/LBC/AK – 53 Egremont St

Application for listed building consent. Erection of single-storey rear extension

14.12 Correspondence

B/13/01274/TPO – Glemsford Parish Council

Village hall – repollarding of 9no lime trees and reduction of 2no silver birch and crown lifting of 1no silver birch

B/13/01279/TCA – Glemsford Parish Council

Church of St Mary – crown lift 1no cherry tree

Letter received from the Brownies requesting funding – this is to be taken to council on 14th Jan 2014

Confirmation was received from Suffolk County Council stating funding has been secured for patching work at Park Lane.

27.11 Date of next meeting 14th January 2014.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm