

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield & Sewell. CCllr Kemp and 3 members of public. Clerk.

01.03 Chairman's announcements

All were welcomed to the meeting. Reminders were given for the litter pick to be held on 29th March at 9.30am, the MAF meeting on the 8th April at Noon and the Annual Parish meeting on the 8th April at 7.15pm. The emergency plan is progressing well, a meeting at Needham Market was attended. The TV Licence for the village hall has been cancelled as it is not necessary to hold a licence when no live streaming is being done. All were reminded that any streaming of live TV on any type of device would result in a £1000 fine. There is to be a part II meeting for councillors.

02.03 Apologies for absence

DCllrs Young and Thake.

03.03 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

A dispensation request was granted to Cllr Mallalieu for item 12:3.

04.03 Police Matters

PCSO Siobhan Hemmett read a report. 5 crimes had been committed compared to 9 this time last year. The PC were asked if there were plans for play equipment for the older children. A grant from Suffolk Foundation may be available to help with this. Various services, including Police Direct are available to help with security, these can be found on the website or via PCSO Hemmett. Parking on pavements in the village was discussed, this problem is to be put forward to Suffolk County Council and the Police will take a look around the village. Spot checks on valuables left in cars is being carried out. People are asked to stay alert as there have been break-ins in surrounding villages and Churches are being hit with brass thefts.

04.03 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 11th February 2014

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2014.

06.03 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

A report from Suffolk County Council regarding the new street lights is now available. This will be published on the website or can be viewed at the Clerk's office.

07.03 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp – A full report is on the website or to view at the clerk's office.

DCllr Young sent in a report. A reminder was given about the elections on the 22nd May.

Unfortunately Glemsford has not qualified for village of the year competition as it is only open to small villages. There is to be a lottery funding meeting at the Quay Theatre in Sudbury on April 23rd. Contact details for this event is Jo Beever at MidSuffolk 01449 724654 or jo.beever@midsuffolk.gov.uk

08.03 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

09.03 Public question time

None

10.03 Parish Plan – formation of a working group

Cllrs Plumb, Sewell and Mallalieu volunteered to form a working group. Members of the public are to be asked to join. It is hoped the first meeting will be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

11.03 Village Hall alterations – methods of funding

Cllr Mallalieu has looked into many areas of national funding. It was agreed to arrange a finance meeting to discuss and select a few of these funds to apply for. All were asked to consider the outcome of the project and what it will bring to the community. This is what the funding applications are based on. Phillips Avent and Suffolk County Council have been approached with regards funding. A fund raising event is to be held in August, this will also raise awareness of the plans for the hall. Buy a brick and an auction were also discussed as means of raising money.

12.03 Friday morning coffee morning

As previously agreed a donation would be made to the village hall electricity costs. ***It was resolved*** this will be £250 with an ongoing charge of £5 per occasion of usage. The coffee morning is to become an unincorporated charity with its own bank account.

13.03 Skateboard and playing field – the way forward

It was agreed that Cllr Mallalieu will look into funding for a new skate park and outdoor gym equipment for the playing field. It is hoped that s106 funds and backing from the Police with regards the Safer Suffolk fund will help. Children of the village have managed to raise £177.60 towards the skate park.

14.03 MacMillan coffee morning

It was resolved to allow use of the village hall for the Macmillan coffee morning. This is to be an extension of the normal Friday coffee morning.

15.03 Allotments – land registry

To enable the lease to be drawn up for the allotments the land needs to be registered. ***It was resolved*** that up to £750 will be allocated to pay for the registration of the land if necessary. It is hoped that the Charity will be able to get this at a greatly reduced rate. The expenditure will be re-couped via the allotment rents.

16.03 Planning

New applications: **B/14/00097/TCA – 17 Chequers Lane**

Removal of 1no walnut tree

It was resolved to recommended for approval

B/14/00059/FHA – 2 River View, Lower Rd

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

It was resolved to recommended for approval

B/14/00204/TCA – 1 The Barns, Skates Hill

Reduce 1no pine tree by 6-8ft in height & reduce side branches by 1-1.5m

It was resolved to recommend for approval

Applications granted: B/14/00116/TCA – 44 Hunts Hill

Felling of 12no yew trees – advised work can be undertaken without further recourse to authority

B/13/01546/TCA – Greyhound Cottage, Egremont St

Fell 1no plum tree (T1). Reduce crown by 25% to 1no purple plum tree (T2). Work to be undertaken without further recourse to authority.

20.02 Correspondence to report

A letter of thanks has been received from the Church for free use of the village hall.

A request was received to place no parking signs on the grassed area next to Tye Green. This is to be placed on the agenda next month.

21.02 Date of next meeting 8th April 2014

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

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