

Glensford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2013 @ 7.15 at Glensford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Bloomfield, Southgate, Young & Sewell.
CCllr Kemp, DCllr Thake, Clerk and 20 members of the public

01.06 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Mallalieu had attended a Village Hall Briefing and a BDC area meeting. Cllr Brown had been one of nine judges at the dog fouling poster competition sponsored by Sudbury Town Council. Thanks have been conveyed from other Parishes to Glensford Parish Council for the way they are doing things and for methods used. In the near future the play park to the front of the village hall will be closed temporarily to allow for new bark chippings to be laid.

02.06 Apologies for absence

Cllr Taylor

03.06 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No declarations

04.06 Police Matters

PC 270 Marshall reported (full report on website or to view at office). He also reported on the findings of the Priority Setting meeting, with regards the parking issues at the junction of Angel Lane and Egremont St. It was agreed that at this time they are not considering double yellow lines, but PCSO Hannah Partington will continue to monitor the situation and issue warning notices if necessary.

05.06 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 14th May 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2013.

06.06 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

After a visit with Suffolk County Council a programme of extensive road repairs in the village has been scheduled. The most immediate repairs are resurfacing of Hobbs Lane, Flax Lane, Park Lane, George Lane and Braggons Hill, this is anticipated before the end of August. BDC have confirmed that a new bottle bank is available for installation at the Social Club. Permission was granted for this by Hugh Norris on behalf of the Club. Old village hall crockery had now been collected. It is of good condition and is to be offered for use to organisations within the village.

It was resolved to install a gate at the old cemetery at a cost of £150.

07.06 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp reported (full report on website or to view at office). Reference was made to the upgrade of broadband services which should be available to all by 2015. An update on progress can be viewed on www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband.

DCllr Thake reported that there are continuing problems with planning at BDC. If any member of the public is unable to reach an officer please contact DCllr Thake and he will direct you accordingly. There are also on-going issues with allocations of jobs, bad management not helping the situation. Unfortunately there is no good news to report. The Parish Council were advised to contact SACL for planning training if required as the promised planning training from BDC will possibly not be available this year.

DCllr Young reported that not much is happening at the moment, things are very chaotic. DCllr Young helped judge the village of the year competition, Glemsford was unable to enter due to the number of residents exceeding the criteria. A licencing meeting is to be held to discuss new rules.

Pauline Currie – gave an audit report (full report on website or to view at office).

08.06 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments

09.06 Public question time

The first AGM of Friends of Glemsford Library is to be held in the library on 1st July 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Sue Norris gave thanks to those concerned for the craft afternoon run during half term.

10.06 Confirmation of working groups

Working groups are to remain the same.

Planning: Cllrs Bloomfield, Plumb, Southgate and Young

Finance: Cllrs Sewell, Bloomfield, Plumb and Young

Cemetery: Cllrs Taylor, Southgate and Plumb

11.06 Old Fashioned Fete

Cllr Mallalieu requested confirmation that the Council were happy to have the fete at the end of the play week and allow anyone from the village to have a stall. As the play week is part of the Community Games no charge can be made for entry, however, should a society wish to raise its own funds at the fete it can do so, alternatively it may like to make a donation to the village hall or playing field funds. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would have a display with ideas for the village hall and playing field.

12.06 Performing Rights Society – licence

It has now become apparent that the village hall requires a licence. *It was resolved* to purchase this at a cost of £84.

13.06 New ventures at the village hall – free of charge trial periods

It was resolved to allow free usage of the village hall for new ventures. This is for once a week for one month.

Suspension of standing orders

14.03 The Silk Mill – The way forward – presentation by Mr Walters of Stephen Walters

Julius Walters thanked the Council for the opportunity of making the presentation. Despite attempts to market the site for industrial use there had been no interest. The premises have continued to fall into a serious state of disrepair. After consultation with local residents it appears the site may be put forward for new development, however, concerns were raised as to the nature of the dwellings as the site is in a conservation area. Lots of research, many reports and analysis have been carried out by the owners as this is a sensitive site. BDC are supporting discussions on alternative uses. It is hoped to move ahead with a planning application as soon as possible.

Standing orders resumed

15.06 Planning

Applications granted: **B/13/00404/LBC - 1 Lower Rd**

Application for listed building consent

B/13/00403/FHA - 1 Lower Rd

Erection of two storey side extension. Erection of post and rail boundary fence (recommendation: a thatch roof on extension to remain in keeping with adjoining property)

B/13/00339/OUT - former builder's yard, Drapery Common

Outline - erection of 3 no detached dwellings including access.
(recommendation: single storey dwellings)

B/13/00479/FHA - 25 Chestnut Rd

Erection of single storey rear extension: conversion of attached garage to additional living accommodation

B/13/00476/FHA - 7 Brices Way

Erection of first floor rear extension

B/13/00549/LBC - 10 Chequers Lane

Application for listed building consent - removal of existing pan tiles and re-tiling in natural slate to south facing roof slope and removal of existing roofing felt and installation of breathable roofing felt beneath existing pan tiles to north facing roof slope.

B/13/00449/FHA - 67 Brook St

Erection of fence

Applications refused: **B/13/00341/FHA - Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane**

Erection of a cart lodge and store with artist studio

Suspension of standing orders

Presentation by Bidwells (on behalf of International Flavours and Fragrances) ref proposals for conversion of Lodge Farm Barns into two 3 bed residential properties with gardens and storage space.

Plans were displayed and proposals discussed for the conversion of the non-listed barn (formally known as Town farm) and access roads. A heritage statement and assessment had been completed. The barn is not suitable for employment purposes and is too big for a single residential property. Although the slates are falling off the roof the overall condition is not too bad. However, to prevent further deterioration it is hoped to persuade planners that the future of the barn needs to be determined in the very near future. A planning application has as yet to be submitted, this will be done after consideration of points raised. Concerns were raised in respect of adoption of the road and access and exit from the Lower Rd. The nearby pond was also mentioned.

Standing orders resumed

16.06 Correspondence

BDC – consultation on a new draft supplementary planning document on affordable housing.

Babergh Core Strategy – consultation on further proposed main modifications.

A letter was read by the clerk. An apology for damage caused to the children’s play park in Schoolfield.

17.06 Date of next meeting 9th July 2013.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

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