

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2012 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllrs, Thake, Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate and Bloomfield, D George (clerk) and 11 members of the public

01.09 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. For those who had not already done so, a reminder was given to acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct. It is anticipated that work on the new play parks will commence in the next few weeks. There is to be a McMillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September @ 10am.

02.09 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Young, Sewell and Taylor also PCSO Hannah Partington.

03.09 Declarations of interest

Cllr Plumb declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application B/12/01051/TCA.

04.09 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. This can be viewed on the website or is available for viewing at the clerk's office.

05.09 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 14th August 2012

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

06.09 Matters arising

Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Southgate for repairing the fence at Golding Way. Bradley Smith the Community Warden has commenced work in the village, disabled bays have been marked in the car park and fly tipping issues have been addressed. A public meeting is to be arranged to discuss the Community Engagement Programme. DCllr Thake to arrange this with the clerk. A neighbourhood planning meeting is to be arranged for full council. The clerk will circulate possible dates to councillors.

07.09 To receive reports

CCllr Richard Kemp read a report. A copy is available on the website or at the Clerk's office. Cllr Kemp also reported that the lease for the new school playing field had finally been completed. It is for 10yrs with an annual rent of £1pa.

DCllr Thake announced his resignation from the Parish Council (letter available for viewing at the clerk's office). He will still be present at future Parish meetings in his position as District Councillor. Consultation is to be made with other Officers to arrange a suitable date for the Community Engagement Programme meeting. DCllr Thake is on the Police Scrutiny Committee and asks that the Parish Council pass on any problems in writing. He is also on the Police Crime Panel with regards the new Police Commissioner. It is felt that there is very little publicity about this and general awareness is very poor. Financial planning is still on-going, decisions on 'what

do you need' and 'what you don't need' will need to be made within the next year. DCllr Thake asks that if anyone has issues with regards contacting BDC please contact him and he will try and deal with it direct.

08.09 Finance Working Group meeting report

Cllr Plumb reported in Cllr Sewell's absence. Quotes for the drains, guttering and toilets were discussed. *It was resolved* (Cllr Plumb abstained from voting) to get a full structural survey and valuation of the village hall done by Harcourt Powell at a cost of £595 and £75 respectively. Cllr Plumb is to obtain a further quote for the single cemetery door. *It was resolved* to have a fire risk assessment done of the village hall at a cost of £238.00. *It was resolved* to have x2 post installation inspections done of the new play areas at a cost of £450 each. Concerns were raised about the issuing of a £1000 cheque to the Eden's Project (Epic Glemsford) Youth Club, as, although this had been allowed for in the precept it had not been put before, or approved by, full Council. It was agreed that all procedures would be followed correctly in the future and Cllr Mallalieu apologised for this oversight. Cllr Plumb asks that all payments are brought before full Council before cheques are issued. The clerk is to arrange a finance meeting to take place after the Neighbour Planning Meeting at which time the Precept will be discussed.

09.09 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

10.09 Public question time

Harriett North thanked all those who helped with the play week. A fantastic time was had by all and it is hoped this will take place again next year. A presentation is to take place in the library this Friday to the summer readers', the invitation is extended to all Councillors.

Sue Raynor enquired about the allotments. Cllr Southgate reported talks are still on-going with the charity land owners.

Fiona Dinning Cole reported on the success of obtaining free trees (a small copse) from the Woodland Trust. Thanks were conveyed to Fiona for agreeing to have them delivered to her home in early November.

A resident from The Croft enquired about the involvement of the Parish Council with regards the planning application for Selgrove House, which had previously been objected to by the Parish Council but agreed at BDC.

Mr Dinning-Cole raised concerns about conditions attached to a previous planning issue at Avent, as it appears these have not been fulfilled. The clerk is to look into this. Expenditure on the Youth Club was also discussed.

It was agreed that the PA system would be in place for use at the next Parish Council meeting.

11.09 Previous Clerk update

The Chairman reported that under the exemption for law enforcement (sections 30 & 31) within the Freedom of Information act 2000 no information is to be disclosed. A copy of this document is available via a link on the Parish website.

12.09 Play week - thanks

Particular thanks were given to Cllr Anne Mallalieu who spent all week running the scheme. Thanks were also conveyed to all those that helped during the week. Cllr Mallalieu thanked the parents for taking the time to bring the children along.

13.09 Multi Agency Forum Meeting

This is to be held on Tuesday 2nd October @ 12 mid-day.

14.09 Planning

New applications **B/12/00897/FUL – Former Pump House, Skates Hill**
Erection of shed and wood store
Recommended for approval

Cllr Plumb leaves the room

B/12/01051/TCA – 43 Egremont St
Fell 1no Silver birch tree
Recommended for approval- replacement tree requested

Cllr Plumb returns to the room

B/12/01054/FHA – Fair Green House, 15 Fair Green
Erection of a single storey rear extension
Recommended for approval

B/12/00981/FHA - 23 Lion Rd
Erection of rear single and two storey extensions
Recommended for approval

Applications granted **B/12/00734/FHA/ETR – Wilby, Windmill Row**
Erection of two storey rear extension and 2metre high wall

B/12//00547/FUL/JD – Selgrove House, The Croft
Erection of two storey dwelling and erection of detached double garage
(as amended)

Applications withdrawn

B/12/577/FUL – Carlton, Bells Lane
Erection of two no 1½ storey dwellings

15.09 Correspondence to report

SALC are offering training courses. It was agreed Cllr Mallalieu would attend the grants and funding opportunities course at a cost of £25.

An email from Tony Callender regarding the internet provider and email address usage was discussed.

A temporary traffic order for Brook St from Chequers Lane to Brook Croft was read. Details on the website.

A letter from the Woodland Trust was read detailing the acceptance of the free trees.

BDC Community Achievement Awards 2013 have been launched. Details on the notice board in the village hall.

16.09 Date of next meeting 9th October 2012

Meeting finished at 8.50pm