

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2013 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman) Mallalieu, Young, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield, Taylor and Sewell. CCllr Kemp, DCllr Thake, D George (clerk) PCSO Hannah Partington and 5 members of the public

01.02 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Southgate attended a councillor's training course. Congratulations were conveyed to Cllr Mallalieu on her forth coming BDC Community Achievement Award. Thanks were given to all who attended the village hall meeting. A part II meeting is to be held for full Council only after the public meeting.

02.02 Apologies for absence

Pauline Currie

03.02 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Southgate declared an interest in planning application B/13/00043/FHA - 17 Kebbles. Cllr Plumb declared an interest in planning application B/12/01543/FHA - Chez Nous, Flax lane.

04.02 Police Matters

PCSO Hannah Partington read a report. Full report on website

05.02 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 8th January 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2013.

06.02 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Sewell confirmed he is process of writing up a report on the Good Neighbour scheme, details of which have been obtained from Stanstead Parish Council. This will be presented at the next finance meeting.

Cllr Young had reported the lack of planning notices in respect of the application at the Church to BDC. DCllr Thake reported that by law planning notices only have to be advertised in the newspapers.

07.02 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp – a report is available to view on the website or t the clerk's office.

DCllr Thake – Community Engagement – priorities have been worked out with other districts and a review of the constitution is to be discussed, with the possibility of streamlining committees.

Planning transformations – this is not moving as quickly as originally thought. Huge changes are to be made, including delegated decisions and more liaising prior to meetings. More information will be provided when available.

Police Crime Panel – Police Commissioner has declared a zero rate increase in the Police budget, taking the Government grant available. Changes are to be made but no cuts in manpower.

DCllr Young – Thanks were given to CCllr Kemp for helping sort various issues.

Pauline Currie – full report on website

08.02 report from Finance meeting

It was agreed that the adopted precept was to remain as stated and be forwarded to BDC. The future of the village hall was discussed and a public consultation meeting arranged. Thanks were conveyed to Steve Taylor for the plans provided. It was agreed to go ahead with the investigation of the drains at the village hall at a cost of £460.00. ***It was resolved*** to ratify this decision.

09.02 Internet banking update

This is in the process of being set up. The facility will offer authorisation for payments by two signatories and viewing only facilities for the clerk.

10.02 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments

11.02 Public question time

Questions were raised concerning planning application B/13/00063/FHA, 2 Rectory Close, in particular the insertion of a leaded light to an existing window.

The clerk explained that BDC are looking into providing "T" (no through road) signs for roads off Kings Rd.

Thanks were conveyed for the prompt filling of grit bins.

Further concerns were raised concerning the dog fouling issues.

12.02 Village Hall soak away repair

It was resolved to carry out the repair at a cost of £1485.00

13.02 Litter poster competition

It was resolved to donate £25 for a competition prize. Cllr Mallalieu is to liaise with the school.

14.02 Planting of trees and Jubilee Oak

Further consideration was given to an objection to the planting of the Jubilee Oak on Tye Green. However, ***it was resolved*** to go ahead and plant the Oak on the Green as planned. A small ceremony is to be arranged to mark the occasion. Details to be finalised.

Cllr Southgate's advice was taken into account with regards the small copse of trees obtained last year. These are to remain in a nursery until they are more established.

15.02 Progress of Police investigation

Cllr Mallalieu reported that the investigation into the previous clerk is still on going. However, under Police restrictions no further details were available.

16.02 Litter pick

A litter pick is to be held on Saturday 23rd March, meeting at the village hall at 9.30am. Litter pickers, bags etc, plus refreshments will be provided.

17.02 Councillor Training

Cllr Southgate reported on the course he had attended. A synopsis is to be compiled. **It was resolved** (abstention Cllr Plumb) to arrange a Councillor training session at the village hall with the possibility of inviting other Parish Councils. The clerk is to investigate the cost of this. Copies of the Councillor's Guide are to be purchased.

18.02 Census – use of information

Cllr Mallalieu reported on the availability of information on the website, specifically with regards Glemsford. This will prove to be very useful to the Parish Council for various reasons.

19.02 Community Warden

Various discussions were had with regards use of the community warden from Sudbury Town Council. **It was resolved** to go ahead with using services for 6hrs per week at an annual cost of approx. £6000.

20.02 Planning

New applications:

Cllr Plumb leaves the room

B/12/01543/FHA – Chez Nous, Flax Lane

Erection of conservatory to rear of bungalow

Recommended for approval

Cllr Plumb returns to the room

B/13/00047/FHA – 41 Hunts Hill

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension

Recommended for approval

Cllr Southgate leaves the room

B/13/00043/FHA – 17 Kebbles

Erection of first floor extension above garage

Recommended for approval

Cllr Southgate returns to the room

B/13/00072/TCA – Mulberry House, Chequers Lane and Brook House, Brook Street

Cut down 3 of 5 trunks of multi stemmed ash tree to front of Mulberry

House and coppice hazel tree in rear garden. Prune overhanging

branches of 4no ash trees in garden of Brook House

Recommended for approval

B/13/00063/FHA – 2 Rectory Close

Replacement of wooden windows and doors in front porch, and wooden front door and side panel with UPVC doors and windows. Replacement of garage doors.

Recommended for approval

Applications granted

B/12/01520/TPO/DP – Hunts Hill House

Re-pollard 1no willow tree T2 reduce overhanging limb by up to 25% for

1no walnut tree T1 covered by tree preservation order WS228

B/12/01381/FHA/RB – Hill View, Drapery Common

Erection of a rear conservatory

Applications withdrawn

B/12/01306/FAH – 41 Hunts Hill

Erection of two storey side extension

B/12/01300/FUL – Church of St Mary, Churchgate

Erection of 'flagpole' telecommunications antenna and 1no transmission dish

Other Planning matters

B/12/01405/FUL – The Crown, Brook St

Change of use from Public House to B&B accommodation & holiday lets as amplified by emails dated 9th & 15th Jan 2013 providing justification document and additional existing and proposed plans of whole building existing coach house plan together with amended proposed first floor layout of main building.

Amended to application – alterations to description – No response req'd

21.02 Correspondence to report

A letter of complaint had been received about dog fouling. This issue will be addressed further with the Community Warden.

It was resolved to allow the Church free use of the village hall for the Spring Sale on 16th March.

It was resolved to hold the village of the year meeting at the village hall on the 8th March @ 7.30pm. All village organisations are invited to attend.

22.02 Date of next meeting 12th March 2013

Meeting finished at 8.40pm