

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman) Mallalieu, Young, Southgate, Bloomfield, and Sewell. CCllr Kemp, D George (clerk), PC's Hannah & Enise Bala and 5 members of the public.

01.03 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. The Annual Parish meeting is to be held on the 9th April. All groups and organisations are invited to attend. The normal Parish Council meeting will be held afterwards. There is to be a Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team priority setting meeting which is to be held at the Social Club on 19th March 18.00-19.00pm. Congratulations were passed to Councillor Mallalieu upon the presentation of her Community Achievement award.

02.03 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Plumb and Taylor. DCllr Thake.

03.03 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

No declarations.

04.03 Police Matters

PC Enise Bala read a report. Full report on website. The public are asked to report anything they consider to be suspicious behaviour.

05.03 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 12th February 2013

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

06.03 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Sewell reported on the good neighbour scheme which runs in Stanstead, part funded by the Parish council. A representative from Stanstead is to be asked to report to the Council on how this works. Also, with consultation from Tony Callender.

Councillor training costs are to be circulated to all councillors.

It was resolved to purchase dog poo bags at a cost of £100. These are to be given to dog owners FOC to encourage usage.

07.03 To receive reports

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

DCllr Young – reports were given on the following subjects: recycling of plastics, local needs housing and Norfolk and Suffolk Gypsy and traveller strategy 2012-2014. All these reports are available for viewing at the Clerk's office.

Cllr Young apologised for the cancellation of the Village of the Year competition meeting.

DCllr Thake - a copy of the Town and Parish newsletter is available for all to view at the clerk's office or on the website. DCllr Thake also reported that the planning transformation and the constitution are on-going but is now nearly ready to put to members for their consideration in April.

08.03 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

09.03 Public question time

Dog fouling issues were discussed, together with litter problems in Flax Lane, Hobbs Lane and Park Lane. The clerk is to report the litter problems to BDC.

The library is holding various events. Details can be obtained from the library or Clerk's office.

10.03 Meeting dates - approval of

It was resolved to agree the meeting dates schedule.

11.03 Advert Contact magazine

It was resolved to place an advertisement in the Contact magazine for the hire of the village hall, at a cost of £47.50 p.a.

12.03 Play week - arranging of

It was resolved to donate £150 to hold a play week. Date to be arranged. This follows the success of the event last year.

13.03 Dog fouling - approval of posters

It was resolved to place posters containing graphic detail of dog poo around the village in an attempt to make dog owners aware of the consequences of not cleaning up after their dogs (If anyone sees an offender please let the Parish Council know). Thanks were conveyed to Rachael Twitchett for obtaining the posters from Keep Britain Tidy. Further discussion took place concerning the use of the Sudbury Town Warden in addressing this issue.

Consideration is to be given to new notice boards for the village.

14.03 Skate park - repairs

Emergency repairs have been completed on the skate park and rubbish removed.

It was resolved to purchase materials to paint the skate equipment. This work will be completed by Catch 22 free of charge. They are also to paint the railings in the village hall car park.

15.03 Village Summer Event - discussion on

It was resolved that Cllr Mallalieu apply for funding to hold a summer event. It is hoped that this may be held in August at the end of the play week.

16.03 Cemetery doors – supply of

It was resolved to have new cemetery building doors at a cost of £2000 + VAT.

17.03 Village hall hire agreement – approval

It was resolved to accept the new hire agreement terms and conditions subject to minor alterations. Councillors are to consider costings of hire for discussion at the next Parish meeting.

18.03 Planning

Applications granted: **B/12/01543/FHA/JP – Chez Nous, Flax Lane**

Erection of a conservatory to rear of bungalow

B/13/00047/FHA/JP – 41 Hunts Hill

Erection of two storey rear extension and single side extension

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

Remove 3 stems from multi-stemmed ash, re-coppice hazel and prune back overhanging branches from 4no ash trees as required for additional clearance over greenhouse/garden

19.03 Correspondence

Further to a request from the history society *it was resolved* to pay for repairs to the phone box near to the post office at a cost of £53.51.

It was resolved to allow the Church free use of the village hall for the Summer Fete (13th July) and Christmas Bazaar (23rd Nov).

Cllr Young supplied revised details of numbers of residents affected by Government's welfare reforms ('bedroom tax') in Babergh and Mid Suffolk (available to view at the clerk's office). Details had been mis-reported in the EADT.

Favourable correspondence had been received concerning the new LED lights near the Churchgate area.

There is to be a finance meeting on the 25th March at 7pm in the library.

20.03 Date of next meeting 9th April 2013. Annual Parish meeting start at 7.15pm (refreshments at 7pm), followed by the Parish Council meeting.

Meeting finished at 8.40pm.