

# Glensford Parish Council Meeting

## Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 @ 7.15 at Glensford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Bloomfield, Southgate & Sewell. CCllr Kemp, DCllr Thake, clerk and 7 members of the public.

### 01.11 Chairman's announcements

Councillor Brown welcomed all to the meeting. The resignation of Cllr Taylor was announced. A group has been formed to establish an emergency plan, a meeting is due to be held soon. The village hall plan is on the website for all to see and make comment. Cllr Southgate attended a meeting on gypsy and traveller short stay provision across Suffolk. A report will be given at the next meeting.

### 02.11 Apologies for absence

DCllr Young. PCSO Hannah Partington

### 03.11 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Mallalieu was granted a dispensation to speak and vote on agenda item 21.11.

Cllr Plumb declared an interest in planning at 53 Egremont St.

### 04.11 Police Matters

In the absence of the police the clerk read the report. This can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

Cllr Southgate requested that the Police are contacted regarding no presence of officers in the village.

### 05.11 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

*It was resolved* to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### 06.11 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

No matters arising

### 07.11 To receive reports

**CCllr Kemp** reported. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

**DCllr Thake** reported. From a personal point of view DCllr Thake felt that BDC are in real mess. The transformation groups are taking forever to make decisions with many key staff leaving for alternative councils. There appears to be lack of agreement between Mid-Suffolk and BDC. Various problems have occurred within planning including the discovery that there appears to be no 5yr land allocation within the core strategy, which may result in huge problems. This is being looked into and will advise when more information available. DCllr Thake was asked about the possibility of planning training. It is unlikely that BDC would provide this, however, DCllr Thake has offered to go through a planning agenda and advise how decisions are made. It may be possible for the chairman of planning to attend also.

**DCllr Young** – no report

**Audit report – Pauline Currie** reported that all is in order. A full report is available to view on the website or at the clerk'

### 08.11 Accounts for approval

*It was resolved* to make payments.

A finance meeting is to be arranged.

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## **09.11 Public question time**

The bowls club asked about the proposed new kitchen and the impact on the bowls cupboard. It was explained that nothing had yet been finalised. The sofas in the hall were also asked about. This is covered under item 19.11.

## **10.11 Councillor refreshing briefing – 28.11.13 @ SALC**

A reminder was given about the above event. At this time no one is able to attend.

## **11.11 Parish Council Poppy wreath – retrospective vote**

*It was resolved*, retrospectively, to supply a council Poppy wreath.

## **12.11 Use of village hall, Glensford Angels – retrospective vote**

*It was resolved*, retrospectively, to supply the village hall free of charge for the children's Halloween party.

## **13.11 Jubilee tree – planting of**

*It was resolved* to ask Rev Prigg about the possibility of planting the Jubilee tree on the green outside the Church.

## **14.11 Christmas tree – village hall**

*It was resolved* to purchase a tree for the village hall

## **15.11 Christmas tree festival – possible involvement**

*It was resolved* to have a tree at the Methodist Church at a cost of £18

## **16.11 Winter gritting, new bins – replacement heaps.**

*It was resolved* to replace two existing grit heaps with new bins.

A reminder was given to those who wish to use the bins to register for insurance purposes with the Parish Council.

## **17.11 New stage – details of**

Ideas and prices for a new stage were produced. It was agreed to ask a local carpenter to quote for a retractable wooden stage.

## **18.11 Play park equipment – replacement of**

A piece of equipment in the play park to the front of the village hall has been deemed unsafe and needs replacing. Cllr Plumb suggested asking children and parents what they would like. An idea for a roundabout, suitable for all ages and abilities was suggested. *It was resolved* to get prices for installation for discussion at the next meeting.

## **19.11 Village hall sofas – placing of**

*It was resolved* to remove the sofas from the village hall.

## **20.11 Swapping of land, playing field – movement of footpath**

The footpath which crosses the piece of land due to be swapped needs to be moved. This is a lengthy and expensive process, costing in the region of £2500. *It was resolved* to carry on with the original plan and look into finding solicitors to deal with this. Suffolk Pro Help may be able to assist.

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## 21.11 Wi-Fi – supply of open facility for village hall and library.

*It was resolved* to spend no more than £300 on wiring to supply an open internet facility for the village hall and library. Concerns were raised about the security with regards usage. This will be set up by the Suffolk Libraries Independent Provident Society.

## 22.11 Changing room container – provision of services

*It was resolved* to use the balance of funds from the container purchase (£1000) for the provision of services. A plumber from the football club will install the services. Roy Diggins is to contact the trustees for details of the electric supply.

## 23.11 Purchase of kurling (form of curling) equipment for village hall users

*It was resolved* to purchase kurling equipment for use at the village hall to the value of £320. This is to be funded from the fit village award of £500.

## 24.11 106 money – allocation of

*It was resolved* to apply for funding for two projects, a new skate park and toilet facilities for the allotments. Unfortunately money cannot be used for the village hall. BDC are to be asked if ‘match funding’ is available.

## 19.10 Planning

### New applications:

**B/13/01212/FUL – Cybeline, George Lane**

Erection of 1no dwelling

*It was resolved* to recommended for rejection – over development of site

**B/13/01101/LBC – 53 Egremont St**

Application for listed building consent – erection of single storey extension

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/13/01166/FUL – Common Crest, Drapery Common**

Temporary siting of caravan for dwelling accommodation whilst 4 bedroom detached property under construction

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/13/01156/FUL – Land west of 71 Brook St**

Erection of cart lodge following demolition of existing barn

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/13/01190/FUL – Avent Ltd, Lower Rd**

Alterations to existing front car parking area

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/13/01196/LBC – 1 Lower Rd**

Application for listed building consent – erection of side extension (following demolition of existing side extension)

*It was resolved* to recommend approval

**B/13/01046/FHA – 1 Lower Rd**

Erection of side extension

*It was resolved* to recommend rejection – extension to be thatch roof in keeping with existing properties

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## Applications granted:

### **B/13/01061/FUL/SMC – Avent Lower Rd**

Erection of main reception extensions for Phillips Avent factory

### **B/13/00967/FHA/CLD – 35 Hunts Hill**

Erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage:  
conversion of existing garage to additional living accommodation

### **B/13/01079/TCA – Greenlawns, Tye Green**

Reduce height of leylandi cypress hedge to approx. 3.5m: reduce height  
of 3no Thuja Palcata trees by 50% - work to be undertaken without  
further recourse to BDC

## Application refused:

### **B/13/00888/FUL – Lodge Farm Barns, Lodge Farm Rd**

Conversion of redundant agricultural building into 2no dwellings as  
amplified and amended

## 26.11 Correspondence

A reply from Suffolk County Council regarding repairs to Park Lane was read out.

A further letter received regarding Park Lane is to be forwarded to Suffolk County Council.

27.11 Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013.

Meeting finished at 8.55pm