

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2013 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Plumb, Bloomfield, Southgate, Taylor & Sewell. CCllr Kemp, Clerk and 12 members of the public

01.08 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Southgate, Jake Southgate, Cllr Mallalieu, Debbie George (clerk) and Oliver George for all their hard work on resurfacing of the play park. Thanks were also given to Cllr Mallalieu and all those who helped run a very successful play week and old fashioned fete. There is to be a police surgery in the village hall on Thursday 15th Aug 10am-11am. There is to be a part II meeting for councillors after the parish meeting.

02.08 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mallalieu, Young and PCSO Partington

03.08 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Declaration of interest received by Cllr Plumb on planning application B/13/00886/TCA

04.08 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. 24 crimes were reported compared to 13 for the same period last year, however the increase is partly due to harassment crimes, domestic and non-crimes now being included. A full report can be viewed on the website.

05.08 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 9th July 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2013.

06.08 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

A plan and quote had been received for a new skate park, two more quotes are to be obtained. After a recent visit to solicitors it was discovered that the land where the village hall stands and the playing field are not registered. *It was resolved* to register these both with land registry. Due to the absence of Cllr Young it was agreed to carry over discussions on 106 money to the next meeting.

07.08 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp reported. A locality budget of £12,000 is available to 9 villages (approx. 10,000 people) together with a works budget for roads of £8,000.

Two people have been arrested in connection with the school's computer scandal (fraud to be in the region of £200 million nationally). Mrs Steele is to be a prosecution witness.

The new school playing field is due to be completed in Oct 2014. Delays have been caused by archaeological findings.

Thanks were conveyed to CCllr Kemp for the donation of £35 to the gardening club. A full report can be viewed on the website.

Pauline Currie – internal auditor reported. The period Apr – Jun was covered. All appeared to be in order. Full report on website.

08.08 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments and transfer £10,000 from the deposit account to the main account.

Cllr Sewell joins the meeting

09.08 Report from the finance working group meeting

Expenditure/precept comparisons - Figures were produced and examined. All appears to be in order. Insurances were discussed, it is hoped to obtain cheaper quotes in the future. Previous years audit returns are hoped to be produced to full council to be signed off in September.

New skate board park - One quote has already been obtained and it is hoped to get two further quotes in the near future. It is anticipated that funding will be sought in October when new grants become available. Discussions were also held concerning a possible tennis court/multi use area with fencing to the side of the village hall. **It was resolved** that Cllr Mallalieu does a preliminary survey of residents in the vicinity of the village hall and playing field.

Cemetery building - Further repairs were discussed, particularly with regards boarding and windows. **It was resolved** that a quote for repairs be obtained.

Playing field changing rooms - Cllr Mallalieu has been in discussions with Mr Diggins in respect of regulation requirements. **It was resolved** that Cllr Mallalieu obtain quotes for both a fully equipped container, also an empty container and relevant costings to convert, plus transportation fees.

Village hall/playing field feedback - Cllr Mallalieu had asked people for their opinions. Various ideas were put forward including adding changing facilities to the village hall. Funding for projects is still being looked into. Sport England offered a very useful 'design aid' in the form of a help and advice leaflet. A basic sketch type drawing/plan of the village hall is to be put together, to incorporate a new kitchen, toilets and clerk's office, plus other internal changes. It is also planned to enhance the exterior of the building. This sketch will then be developed into proper plans, costings and an application for funding.

Further village expenditure - Members of the public had enquired about the possibility of putting cabling underground rather than using telegraph poles. This is to be looked into.

10.08 Public question time

The gardening club requested a letter be sent to prospective allotment holders with an update. This is to be done when further information is available. Enquiries about the skate park were made with reference to materials to be used and money available. It was explained that further quotes and applications for grants would need to be obtained.

11.08 Replacement litter bin – Harpur's Rd

It was resolved to replace the bin in Harpur's rd with the new type design.

12.08 MacMillan Coffee Morning – 28th September

It was resolved to allow use of the village hall for the MacMillan coffee morning.

13.08 Planning

New applications: B/13/00720/VOT – 71 Brook St

Erection of 1no detached one and half dwelling (extension of time limit to condition attached to PP B/10/00475/VOT

It was resolved to recommend

Cllr Plumb leaves the room

B/13/00886/TCA – 44 Hunts Hill

Reduce by one third 1no copper beach tree

It was resolved to recommend

Cllr Plumb returns to the room

Granted applications: B/13/00788/TCA – 71 Brook St

Lift lower branches reduce height by 20% and re-shape 1no tree indicated on plan

B/13/00669/TCA – 2 Rectory Close

Crown reduction by 30% and crown thinning by 30% to 1no field maple tree

B/13/00723/TCA – The Rectory, Lion Rd

Remove 1no willow tree, 1no tree of heaven and 2no sycamores. Prune leylandii hedge to height of 1800mm

B/13/00617/FHA/JP – 34 Hunts Hill

Erection of a rear conservatory

17.08 Correspondence

The clerk read a letter from a previous Governor of Glemsford Primary School. This can be viewed at the clerk's office

18.08 Date of next meeting 10th Sept 2013.

Meeting finished at 8pm