

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllrs Young, Thake, Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield, Taylor and Sewell. D George (clerk) and 4 members of the public

01.08 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed all to the meeting. The vacancy for a Councillor has not been filled.

02.08 Apologies for absence

PCSO Hannah Partington.

03.08 Declarations of interest

Cllr Thake declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in planning due to the fact that he is a member of BDC Development committee at the same time reserving his right to alter his judgement if any material considerations arise at a later date.

04.08 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. This can be viewed on the website or is available for viewing at the clerk's office. Cllr Thake will follow up at BDC concerns regarding the Downs factory.

05.08 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 10th July

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July subject to an addition to item 17.07. It was also noted that the comment regarding the Jubilee tree was incorrect. It should have read "the copse that we applied for comes with a Jubilee Oak however we do not find out until the autumn if we have been successful".

06.08 Matters arising

The fence in Golding Way is in a dangerous state and in need of an emergency repair. Cllr Southgate kindly offered to repair the fence. *It was resolved* he would purchase wood to the value of £50.

All Councillors are to acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct.

Due to being a public body the bank do not allow the council to open a higher interest bank account so the agreed £20,000 transfer has been transferred to an existing deposit account with interest paid annually.

Sue Tolley and Cllr Mallalieu attended an IPS meeting to gain information on supporting the library. Cllr Mallalieu requested permission to write to Alison Wheeler to obtain acknowledgement of what the PC are doing.

Cllrs Southgate and Bloomfield are to attend a Neighbourhood Planning meeting. Upon their return a meeting will be arrange for full council.

Cllr Young requested an update on the allotments. As yet nothing has been confirmed.

Cllr Young reported that he had made contact with various groups concerning the village of the year competition. A meeting is to be arranged.

It was agreed that the sign for the village hall needs more investigation

07.08 To receive reports

Cllr Richard Kemp read a report. A copy is available on the website or at the Clerk's office. Cllr Kemp discussed the history regarding the provision of a playing field for the school. ***It was resolved*** to write to the Chairman of the Governing board concerning this.

Cllr Thake reported on the Community Engagement Programme, on how councils can work with their communities to help minimise the impact of reduced resources. Representation at meetings will be made by District Councillors and related Officers to all public, groups and businesses. The format of these meetings is to be confirmed by the Parish Council. Alongside this process BDC are looking at how they can transform their planning service. Due to the scale of financial challenges this service needs to be provided differently and at much less cost. Suggestions can be forwarded to Cllr Thake.

Cllr Thake also reported on the Police Crime Panel who will be scrutinizing the new Commissioner. Voting for the new Commissioner is in November.

Cllr Young reiterated on the Community Engagement Programme. Also discussed was the cash incentive being offered by BDC to community projects. Full details are available at the clerk's office. A report is also available on the fly tipper from Action who was recently prosecuted by Babergh and Braintree District Councils.

8.05pm Cllr Sewell leaves the room.

Pauline Currie reported on her quarterly audit. Details are available on the website and at the clerk's office. It was agreed to look into the £1000 payment to Eden's Project and report back at the next meeting. Thanks were conveyed to Pauline for her report.

8.15 Cllr Sewell returns to the room.

08.08 Bradley Smith – Sudbury Town Council

Bradley and Nathan kindly presented details of contracted out services which could be offered to the village, including hedge cutting, graffiti removal and dog fouling campaigns. ***It was resolved*** to do a three month trial of this service - 4hrs every 2 weeks at a cost of £20ph beginning September. The clerk is to finalise details with Bradley and the Sudbury Town Clerk.

09.08 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments. Abstention-Cllr Thake.

10.08 Public question time

Patrick Currie: was the Parish/District Councillor misquoted in the local press when he said "we may lose the post office but there's not a lot we can do about it" after he had backed the proposals in BDC. If not misquoted, please explain reasons for backing. Cllr Thake said the quote wasn't quite right. It should have reported "the biggest fear was we may lose the post office". It was explained that he had to act upon BDC planning policies and go to appeal would have been very expensive.

Pauline Currie: with regard to the Glemsford motor and petrol site station site being given the go ahead for development the PC asked for soil samples a couple of months ago. Please could you advise what plan is in place for remediation of the site to ensure contamination is removed. It was explained that a soil contamination report would be a condition of the planning consent.

Harriet North: why were retail unit on the Downs site refused therefore restricting the much needed development of a piece of land which is attracting all sorts of anti-social behaviour and yet the go ahead has been given of the site of Glemsford Motor Services? No conclusive answer was given on this matter.

9.05pm - Cllr Thake leaves the meeting

11.08 Village Hall – maintenance and future of

A report had been received from Dynorod who confirmed there is a problem with the drains, which will need repairing. A quotation was supplied. It was agreed to obtain another quote. Cllr Plumb to arrange this. Cllr Southgate suggested re-routing a new drain around the outside of the village hall. ***It was resolved*** to obtain quotes for a full structural survey of the village hall. We should be in receipt of the quote for the guttering shortly.

12.08 Bench – siting and maintenance of

It was resolved to re-site the bench on the green to the front of the doctor's surgery. However this is subject to the necessary District and County approval. If agreed, ***it was resolved*** that the Parish Council would maintain it.

13.08 Oak tree – Jubilee

Sudbury Town Council has kindly agreed to supply a tree guard.

14.08 LED street light –removal of

It was resolved to ask Suffolk County Council to remove the existing LED light and replace with a normal street light.

15.08 Cemetery – land

The land owner has been contacted regarding acquiring land. Quotes for new doors on the cemetery building should be available at the next meeting.

16.08 Playing field – update

The clerk is to contact the solicitors requesting information on acquiring documents held with regards the playing field.

17.08 Finance meeting – to arrange date

A finance working group meeting is to be held on Tues 28th Aug at 7pm.

18.08 Planning

New applications **B/12/00734/FHA – Wilby, Windmill Row**
Erection of two storey rear extension
Resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00577/FUL – Carlton, Bells Lane
Erection of 2no 1½ storey dwellings
Resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00547/FUL – Selgrove House, The Croft

Erection of two storey dwelling and erection of detached double garage (to serve Selgrove House and proposed new dwelling) as amended by agent's letter dated 10 July 2012 and amended location plan

Resolved to recommend refusal – as before, over development of site, adverse effect of amenities of adjoining dwellings.

B/12/00812/FHA – 9 Pearson's Close

Erection of single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished)

Resolved to recommend approval

B/12/00857/FHA – Martins Nest, Mill Hill, Long Melford

Erection of 1y storey side extension, single storey side extension and porch (following demolition of existing extension)

Adjoining Parish – no objections

B/12/00844/FHA – 15 Patticroft

Erection of a UPVC conservatory

Resolved to recommend approval

Applications granted **B/12/00848/AGD – New St Farm, New St**

Construction of extension to hard standing and alterations to existing storage building.

B/12/00630/FHA/AS – Common Crest, Drapery Common

Erection of 2no single storey extensions (to replace existing side extensions) erection of front porch and alterations to chimneys and external finish

B/12/00619/FHA/NC – 14 Whitlands

Erection of single storey rear extension

B/12/00636/FHA/NC – Old Bank House, 2 Lion Rd

Erection of first floor extension and single storey garden room

B/12/00716/TPO/DP – Avent, Lower Rd

Crown lift 2no silver birch trees to 4m above ground level and reduce 1no silver birch tree by 2m away from building

B/11/01466/FUL/SMC – Land North of Crownfields

Erection of 56 dwellings together with garages, parking, drainage, landscaping, open spaces and access.

19.08 Correspondence to report

A letter of thanks was received from Friends of Glemsford Library for the donation towards the library carpet.

Correspondence from Suffolk Waste Partnership was received conveying the huge success of the textiles recycling scheme. Over 20 tonnes of clothes have been recycled in the first week. However, it is important to note that residents need to place the bag inside the recycling bin, not on top of the bin itself. The SWP has also received reports of people stealing textiles from inside wheelie bins. Residents are advised to contact their local authority waste department if they see this happening.

20.08 Date of next meeting 11th September 2012

Meeting finished at 9.50pm

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