

Glemsford Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Young (Chair), Cllr's R Thake, M Brown, L Bloomfield, A Mallalieu, S Plumb, A Southgate, M Sewell, G Taylor, CCllr Kemp
Clerk - D George. 16 members of the public.

01.02 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Young welcomed the public. Thanks were conveyed to Patrick Currie and his team for all their hard work with the Parish Plan. Also, thanks to the good citizens of the village for helping to clear snow and arranging gritting.

02.02 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dinning-Cole, PCSO Hannah Partington

03.02 Declarations of interest

Cllr Plumb declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at 1 Greyhound Rd.
Cllr Mallalieu declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at 22-34a Egremont St.
Cllr Bloomfield declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Patches Yard.
Cllr Thake declared a personal 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.

04.02 Police Matters

The Clerk read a report. 6 crimes were reported compared to 10 in the same period last year. A full report is attached. A Priority Setting Meeting is to be held at The Village Hall, Acton on Tuesday 20th March 6-7pm.

05.01 To adopt minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th January 2011

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2012 subject to the following amendments:

04.01 4 crimes reported compared to 14 in the same period last year.

06.01 Cllr Brown to check to see if UPVC can be used.

20.01 It was suggested that the rent for the hall be waived for a period of time to establish the youth club.

23.01 B/11/01578 - Patches House, Cavendish Lane. Removed, as application not considered at meeting.

23.01 At end of planning. Cllr Thake leaves the meeting.

06.02 Matters arising

Cllr Thake has contacted BDC with regards an emergency plan, details have been passed to the Clerk.

16 people now require allotments. The council is awaiting a reply regarding acquisition of land.
Cllr Southgate reminded the public of the 3 minute time restraint on discussing each planning matter.

07.02 To receive reports

County Cllr Kemp – Report attached. Cllr Kemp also reported on the ‘pavements meeting’. Major jobs should be completed in the near future. It is possible that some funding may be made available from the Quality of Life budget to help with repairs.

Cllr Kemp will look into an update on the situation regarding the acquisition of land next to the school.

District Cllr Thake reported there are many changes going on at BDC. 70 members of staff have been given notice, with an estimated 30-40 to lose their jobs. It is becoming increasingly difficult to reach people at BDC whilst trying to unify services with Mid-Suffolk. However, there had been a successful planning training session where all officers pulled together.

District Cllr Young had attended a strategy meeting. Council house rents were discussed. It is possible that rents will have to rise to keep in line with housing association rents.

08.02 Financial Matters

Total spending for the month is approx. £16000. Mainly due to annual maintenance and energy costs for street lights. A finance meeting is to be arranged.

09.02 Public Question Time

Mr & Mrs Swanston asked about new litter bins for Slades Close and Harpurs Road. Also reported issues with rubbish in Gowers End and Whitlands areas. Clerk to look into these. Mrs Harwood requested an update on the Crownfields development. At present there is nothing more to report.

Mr Parmenter requested an update on the situation with the ex-clerk and issues concerning a newspaper article from last year. Cllr Mallalieu confirmed there was no further information at present.

Also, Mr Parmenter announced a meeting regarding the playing field is to be held on Tuesday 27th March when it is hoped a new management committee will be appointed.

Mrs Watkinson asked about arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Mallalieu reported that ideas had been put forward but have not been decided upon as yet.

Mr King from the gardening club would like the council to suggest an area of land that could be planted as a wild meadow area. This would be advised at the next meeting.

The clerk read a question form Mr & Mrs Currie regarding AVRA's. The clerk explained that the specified areas were deleted prior to the production of the Local Plan in 2006. More details of the deletion can be obtained from BDC.

10.02 Standing orders

It was resolved to adopt the circulated standing orders subject to all councillors providing the clerk with amendments as required. Confirmation of receipt to be acknowledged and signed by all councillors.

11.02 Parish Plan

It was resolved to arrange a meeting for Monday 27th February at 7pm

12.02 106 Money

There is a need to find out what 7-14yr olds would like in the play areas. Cllr Young agreed to visit the school to ask deputy head the best way to circulate literature to the children to obtain their ideas. Cllr Thake to ask at BDC if there is a dedicated officer to help.

13.02 Cemetery – adoption of rules and regulations

Cllr Mallalieu thanked Cllr Brown and the Clerk for all their hard work.

It was resolved to adopt the rules and regulations subject to one typing error being corrected.

14.02 Youth Club

It is hoped that funding will be received to form a youth club to be known as 'Edens at Glemsford'

15.02 Youth Council

2 young people, with permission from their parents, have come forward to form a youth council 'run for the youth by the youth'. Anyone wishing to join must have parental consent. Cllr Mallalieu has more details on how this is to be set up and run.

16.02 Website and communications

Tony Callender has reported that the new website is in the final stages of completion.

17.02 Funding of local projects

It was resolved that Cllrs, Young, Brown, Mallalieu and Taylor would form a working group to look into funding for the benefit of the village. Cllr Kemp may be asked to join.

18.02 Planning Matters

New Applications:

B/11/01303/FUL Land North of Station House, Lower Road
Change of use of vacant land to residential curtilage for Station House, as amplified by proposed layout plan submitted by applicant with email dated 29th Jan 2012

Resolved to recommend approval (abstention Cllr Thake)

B/12/00003/FHA Clover Cottage, 9 New Cut
Erection of single storey rear extension and chimney
Resolved to recommend approval (abstention Cllr Thake)
Cllr Plumb leaves the room

B/12/00064/TCA 1 Greyhound Road
Crown lift to 3m and reduce limbs near buildings to 1.5m and remove badly pruned stub of 1no birch tree
Resolved to recommend approval (abstention Cllr Thake)

Cllr Plumb returns to the room

Cllr Mallalieu leaves the room

B/11/00656/FUL Land to rear of 22-34 Egremont St
Erection of 5no single storey dwellings, car ports and associated parking as amended by agents letter dated 14th Oct 2011 and drawing numbers 03A, 06A, 07A and 08A all received by the local planning authority on 14th October 2011, drawing number 09A received by the local planning authority on 7th Nov 2011 and drawing numbers 05B and 10A received by the local planning authority on 12th Jan 2012
Resolved to recommend refusal (*abstention Cllr Thake*)
For the following reasons:
Still showing on green land
Access problems
These reasons remain as per previous application

Cllr Mallalieu returns to the room

B/12/00017/FHA – Mill farm, Lower St, Stanstead
Application for listed building consent – erection of a single storey front extension
Resolved to recommend approval (*abstention Cllr Thake*)

B/11/01578/FHA Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Erection of single storey garage/outbuilding and removal of 4no outbuildings.
Resolved to recommend refusal (decision made by planning committee prior to meeting as no extension of time was permissible (Cllr Bloomfield declared a prejudicial interest and did not vote).
Reasons: Footprint too big and too near to road

Applications Granted:

B/12/00120/AGD New Street Farm, New Street
Notification under part 6 of sch 2 of the town and country planning (general permitted development) order 1995 – to extend the concrete hardstand around the building to enable lorry access and turning, together with temporary seasonal storage of straw, sugarbeet etc, inc alterations to the building comprising moving roller shutter door to the opposite (blocking up existing door opening) to allow easier access (decision made by planning committee prior to meeting as only 7 days given to reply. Application dated 2nd Feb)

B/11/01231/VOT Land north of Fair Green
Application for variation of time to submit reserved matters for outline planning permission B/08/000376/OUT (allowed on appeal) – erection of 2no detached two storey dwellings with associated garaging.
Alterations to existing vehicular access

- B/11/01590/FUL** Avent Ltd, Lower Rd
Erection of storage building (retention of)
- B/11/01548/TCA** Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Removal of 1no Cherry tree
- B/11/01547/CAC** Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Application for conservation area consent – removal of 4no outbuildings
- B/11/01546/LBC** Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Application for listed building consent – demolition of garden shed/outbuilding
- B/11/01419/FHA** Holly Cottage, 8 Windmill Row
Erection of single storey rear extension including pitched roof over existing rear extension
- B/11/01496/FHA** Silverlea, Flax Lane
Erection of single storey front extension, construction of front bay window with lean-to roof over and construction of pitched roof over existing flat roof utility room on side elevation

19.02 Correspondence to report

Nothing to report

20.02 Any other matters

A new street light had been requested for Angel Lane. This is to be looked into.

Complaints had been received about the new street lights being too bright. The clerk is to look into the possibilities of using diffusers.

Two street lights are out in the Bells Lane/Fair Green area. The clerk to look into these.

Clr Plumb confirmed that SCC would pay for re-location of a street light in Greyhound Rd.

The village of the year contest is to go ahead.

21.02 Date of next meeting: 13th March 2012

Meeting finished at 9.35pm