

Glemsford Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present Cllr's M Brown, A Mallalieu, L Young, L Bloomfield, A Southgate, M Sewell, G Taylor, CClr Kemp, Clerk - D George. 10 members of the public.

Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown welcomed the public. Congratulations were conveyed to CClr Kemp on re-election as County Councillor. Item 24.05 was entered on the agenda in error, any other matters will not be considered. Bradley Smith from Sudbury Town Council now has his police accreditation which will enable him to enforce on the spot fines for such things as dog fouling and littering.

01.05 Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Brown was nominated by Cllr Southgate, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield. Carried unanimously. Cllr Brown accepted the position and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

02.05 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mallalieu was nominated by Cllr Bloomfield and seconded by Cllr Southgate. Carried unanimously.

Cllr Mallalieu accepted the position and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

03.05 Apologies for absence

DClr Thake, Cllr Plumb and PCSO Hannah Partington

04.05 Declarations of interest

None

05.05 Appointment of committees and working groups

Due to full council not being present it was agreed that all working groups would remain the same subject to confirmation at the next meeting. No additions to or withdrawals from groups were forthcoming.

06.05 Police matters

PCSO Hannah Partington provided the clerk with a report. This can be viewed at the office or on the website

07.05 To adopt minutes

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting on the 9th April 2013

08.05 Matters arising

None

09.05 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp – Thanks were conveyed to all who turned out to vote at the recent elections. A full report is available to view at the clerk's office or on the website.

Cllr Kemp was requested to look into the availability of a grant for the planting of wild flowers.

DCllr Young – For the first time ever BDC have elected a leader of the council, Jenny Jenkins. BDC are looking to bring back a form of task groups to be known as working parties, which will be able to concentrate on particular subjects, including growth and local economy, environment, health and well-being, housing, financial and various others.

Audit – in the absence of Pauline Currie a report was read which is available to view at the clerk's office or on the website. Thanks were conveyed to Pauline for her hard work over the past year which has kindly been done on a voluntary basis.

10.05 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to pay accounts plus a payment of £150 for an additional cleaning trolley for the street cleaner.

11.05 Public Question Time

Concerns were raised about the playing fields' declassification as an AVRA (area of visual or recreational amenity). It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not requested this and that the future of the playing field was under no threat of change of use. The cutting of the football pitch was discussed. Roy Diggins has kindly agreed to cut, free of charge, the whole recreational area, not just the football pitches. The current contractor who has been cutting the playing field will be asked to address other areas in the village on lieu of cutting this field.

Use of the bottle bank at the Social Club was discussed. It appears that due to high usage/not sufficient emptying the bottle bank is overflowing. If this cannot be sorted the Social Club may have to withdraw this facility. The clerk is to contact BDC to discuss this problem.

12.05 Old cemetery, Drapery Common – installation of gate

It was resolved to install a new gate. A quote is to be obtained.

13.05 Old village hall crockery – disposal of

Cllr Brown is to arrange collection of the crockery. Suggestions were made for disposal. Either, if suitable, for sale at the Church fete, or if not, used for a fun 'smashing crockery' event at the summer fete.

14.05 Playing field – future of

Changing facilities for the playing field are to be looked into. The widening of the entrance to the playing field and repositioning of a footpath was discussed together with moving the skate park. All these items require planning permission. *It was resolved* that a fee of approx £150 would be paid towards planning permission. Other ideas for the playing field were forthcoming including older children's/adult play/gym equipment, planting of scrubs and trees and the fencing of the football pitch. As the playing field belongs to the trustees which are a group outside of the Parish Council permission had been granted to Cllr Mallalieu to act on their behalf. The Police are to be made aware of the use of mini-motos/motorbikes on the playing field.

15.05 Contents insurance village hall – other users

It was resolved to amend the village hall contents insurance to cover items stored by 'other users'. There is no additional cost to this.

16.05 Transfer of funds

It was resolved to transfer the sum of £40,000 from current a/c to deposit a/c and £2,000 from current a/c to the village hall a/c

17.05 Cemetery - removal of soil and re-painting of cemetery building doors

Cllr Southgate has kindly volunteered to move the excess soil to another location within the cemetery. *It was resolved* to hire a digger/dumper at a cost of approx. £150 to do this job. *It was resolved* to ask the decorator to re-paint (and repair a split in) the cemetery doors as they are currently an unacceptable colour. A paint chart was passed around and colour agreed upon.

18.05 Play park chippings – removal of

The play park chippings (to the front of the village hall) need to be replaced. The community warden has agreed to move the old chippings but disposal is a problem. The gardening club has been asked for ideas. Some chippings are to be placed on muddy footpaths.

19.05 Village Hall – update on refurbishment

Help is being obtained from Jo Beaver at BDC and Robert Horn of Suffolk Acre to move the project forward. Costs and availability of equipment is being investigated. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions please come forward.

20.05 Suffolk County Council – Highways meeting – 16th May

A meeting is to be held with Suffolk County Council to walk the village and discuss problem areas.

21.05 Funding for courses

It was resolved that if training courses are made available at short notice that individual councillors may spend a maximum of £75 without obtaining full council consent.

22.05 Planning

Applications granted **B/13/00141/FHA/JP – 20 Bells Lane**

Erection of front dormer window

B/13/00318/FHA/CLD – Silverlea, Flax Lane

Erection of two storey rear extension

Applications refused **B/13/00298/FHA/NC – Rose Cottage, Plum St**

Erection of 1½ storey detached out building

23.05 Correspondence to report

None

25.05 Date of next meeting: **11th June 2013**

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm