

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2014 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Plumb, Southgate, Bloomfield & Sewell. DCllr Thake and 5 members of public. Clerk.

01.02 Chairman's announcements

The emergency plan is progressing. Three members of the group are to attend a meeting at Needham Market.

02.02 Apologies for absence

Cllr Young. PCSO Hemmett

03.02 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.02 Police Matters

The clerk read a report. 4 crimes had been committed compared to 12 in the same period last year. A full report can be read on the website or viewed at the clerk's office.

05.02 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 10th December 2013

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2014.

06.02 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

The village hall plan was discussed. Approx costings have been obtained. It is anticipated that the new build and refurbishment costs based on the basic outline plan will be in the region of £60-80k. Local fundraising was suggested possibly in the form of a festival in the summer and also a lottery or buy a brick scheme. It is hoped this would then be match funded. The Big Lottery fund is to be looked into and a stage one application made, also to investigate the People's Postcode lottery which gives grants up to £20k.

07.02 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp – A full report is on the website or to view at the clerk's office.

DCllr Thake – Use of s106 money is to be looked into. It was reiterated that no plan is in place to combine premises for BDC and Mid-Suffolk DC. It was made clear that should a Neighbour Plan be put in place it must comply with the core strategy. A policy group is to be established to consider views on all policies within the core strategy. Although not yet finalised, once modified, the core strategy should be used for planning for the next 20yrs.

Internal auditor – Pauline Currie – Accounts from Oct-Dec all appear to be in order. Spending on the new street lights and anticipated savings were discussed. It was explained that the £43,000 (approx) spend is a necessity as the current G39 street light units are not compliant. The LED option gives marked energy savings and hold a 25yr guarantee. Also, it is hoped that SCC will adopt the lights which in turn will reduce any future maintenance costs. A promised report from SCC about the lights has not been forthcoming. This is to be chased up. A full report can be read on the website or viewed at the clerk's office

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08.02 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to make payments.

It was resolved to transfer £25,000 from deposit to current account.

09.02 Public question time

None

10.02 Parish Plan – actions

It was agreed to form a working group to discuss development of the village. Formation of a group is to be an agenda item next month.

11.02 Church Bazaars – use of village hall

It was resolved to allow free use of the village hall for the three events planned by the Church this year.

12.02 Calendar of meetings – agreement

It was resolved to accept the calendar of Parish Council meetings.

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13.02 Allotments – rental charges

It was resolved to pay £1000 per hectare (pro-rata) for rental of the charity land for use as allotments.

14.02 Internal auditor – provision of

Pauline Currie has decided to stand down as the internal auditor at the end of March. Thanks were given for all her hard work. *It was resolved* to employ the services of SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) to carry out this service when the internal audit is due next year.

15.02 Trade card application

It was resolved to obtain a trade card for purchases for the Parish Council.

16.02 Woodland Trust trees/shrubs – future of

It was agreed to approach the gardening club to ask if anyone would be willing to look after some trees/shrubs until they are ready to be planted out.

17.02 Cemetery – update

The health and safety check at the cemetery is now complete. Unfortunately two headstones have had to be laid down. Another thirteen will need attention in the near future. A new rules and regulations sign is now up at the entrance to the cemetery.

18.02 Play week – permission and funding

Permission was given to hold a play week at the village hall the week commencing the 4th August. *It was resolved* to use the £100 Community Games award money and the balance of the Fit Village award money (approx. £240) to fund this event.

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19.02 Planning

New applications: **B/13/01546/TCA – Greyhound Cottage, 42 Egremont St**
Fell 1no purple plum tree (T1). Reduce crown by 25% to 1no
purple plum tree (T2)
This application was agreed by BDC prior to the meeting.

Applications granted: B/13/01398/FUL/LJB – Hunts Hill Stores, 21a Hunts Hill

Change of use of first floor to form 2no self-contained 1 bed residential
flats. Insertion of new windows to front and side elevation.

20.02 Correspondence to report

A letter of thanks has been received from the Brownies for the donation given.

A copy of a letter sent to Suffolk County Council concerning the road conditions at Park Lane/Hobbs Lane
was read.

21.02 Date of next meeting 11th March 2014

Meeting finished at 8.40pm