

Glensford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th January @ 7.15 at Glensford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Young (Chair) Cllr's R Thake, M Brown, L Bloomfield, A Mallalieu, S Plumb, A Southgate, M Sewell, F Dinning-Cole. Cllr Kemp, PCSO Hannah Partington.

Clerk - D George. 17 members of the public.

01.01 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Young welcomed the public. Thanks were expressed to Sue De'ath for performing temporary clerk's duties. Thanks were also expressed to Anne Mallalieu for organising a Christmas craft afternoon for the under 10's and all the helpers at the Angels Christmas party held at the social club.

02.01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Taylor

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03.01 Declarations of interest

Cllr's Young and Dinning-Cole declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Avent Ltd. Cllr Mallalieu declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at 22-34a Egremont St.

04.01 Police Matters

PCSO Hannah Partington read a report. 4 crimes were reported compared to 14 in the same period last month. A full report is attached. A Priority Setting Meeting is to be held at the village hall on Monday 16th Jan @ 10.30am.

05.01 To adopt minutes of Council Meeting held on 13th December 2011

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2011.

06.01 Matters arising

The clerk gave an update on the pavement situation. SCC report there is currently no funding available for repairs. Cllr Kemp is to call for a site meeting to review the situation.

Cllr Brown reminded gritting volunteers that they need to register for insurance purposes.

Bins have now been obtained and are awaiting deliveries of grit.

Rules and regulations regarding the cemetery will be available at the next meeting.

A quote had been received for the bus shelter roof. Cllr Thake to check to see if UPVC can be used for repairs as the shelter may be in a conservation area.

07.01 To receive reports

County Cllr Kemp – Report attached. An update on the situation with Glensford School will be given when information is available. Cllr Young asked about the report that SCC had been fined £90k with regards Health and safety issues in schools.

District Cllr Thake reported a meeting will take place on the 26th January to discuss cuts.

District Cllr Young reiterated on the above.

08.01 Financial Matters

Cllr Mallalieu gave details on the CCTV purchase.

It was resolved to repair the bus shelter at a cost of £780 subject to checking the use of UPVC

09.12 Public Question Time

Matters regarding the development at Crownfields Road were raised.

Mr Watkinson asked about disabled access issues and the use of a sound system in the village hall.

It was resolved to spend a maximum of £1000 on some acoustic equipment.

Enquiries were made about designated areas for gritting.

10.01 Standing orders

Cllr Plumb recommended adopting the standing orders as set out by NALC. These will be reviewed and brought to the next meeting.

11.01 Website Update

Cllr Plumb relayed an update from Tony Callender.

12.01 Emergency Plan

Cllr Thake is to follow up with BDC to obtain details to put a plan into place.

13.01 Risk assessments

Assessments need to be put into place. Cllr Thake is to ask BDC for advice.

14.01 Allotments

9 people have come forward requesting an allotment. The clerk is to write to the Charity concerned requesting details of land to rent.

15.01 Asset list with insurance update

The asset list has not been updated since 2006. This needs to be reviewed prior to the insurance being negotiated in April.

16.01 Affordable Housing

A meeting is to be held with Suffolk Acre on Wednesday 25th Jan. A working party was put together to attend.

17.01 Gritting update

Covered in matters arising

18.01 Parish Plan Meeting

A meeting to include the Parish Plan was agreed for Friday February 10th @ 7.30pm.

A preliminary meeting to discuss details is to be held at the home of Patrick Currie on Wednesday 18th Jan @ 7.30pm.

19.01 Village Hall usage – coffee morning Friday 20th Jan

A coffee morning in aid of Breast Cancer is to be held on Friday 20th Jan 9.30-12.30.

The village hall has bookings for Children's parties.

20.01 Youth issues

Cllrs Mallalieu reported on the meeting that was held with a Suffolk Youth co-ordinator, Eden project members, the Police and the 2 vicars with regards setting up a youth club. What was thought to be an exploratory meeting turned into a very positive move forward. Funding and people to run the club are available. A further meeting is to be held on the 6th February.

It was resolved to join Young Suffolk at a cost of £30.

21.01 106 Update

Requirements for the play area in Schoolfield need to be investigated. It is hoped to do a presentation of available equipment at the Parish Plan meeting.

22.01 Footpaths update

The poor state of the hedges between The Pippins and Post Office Lane have been reported to SCC.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to obtain the grant from the Stour Valley Trust as a bank account had to be in place. The time scale did not allow this, however, it is hoped to set up an interest group and re-apply in September.

23.01 Planning Matters

New Applications:

Cllr's Young and Dinning-Cole leave the room

B/11/01590

Avent Ltd, Lower Road
Erection of building (retention of)

Resolved to recommend approval subject to concerns regarding noise levels (abstention Cllr Thake)

Cllr's Young and Dinning-Cole return to the room

B/11/01496

Silverlea, Flax Lane
Erection of single storey front extension, construction of front bay window with lean to roof over and constructed of pitched roof over existing flat roof utility room on side elevation

Resolved to recommend approval (abstention Cllr Thake)

B/11/01466

Land north of Crownfield Road
Erection of 56 dwellings together with garages, parking, drainage, landscaping, open space and access.

Recommended for refusal: Vote: 4 yes, 4 no, deciding vote Cllr Young (abstention Cllr Thake)

For the following reasons:

Infrastructure of village is not suitable for such a large development, especially with regards the main roads into the village.

Access problems and general congestion of traffic at Crownfields and Brook St. Both during and after construction.

Overpopulation of the village

Concerns regarding the siting of an electrical sub-station.
Flooding concerns
Boundary fencing concerns

Cllr Mallalieu leaves the room

B/11/00656 Land to rear of 22-34 Egremont St
Resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons:
Still showing on green land
Access problems
These reasons remain as per previous application

Cllr Mallalieu returns to the room

Applications granted:

B/11/01546 Pathces House, Cavendish Lane
Demolition of garden shed/out building

B/11/01547 Pathces House, Cavendish Lane
Removal of outbuildings

B/11/01548 Patches House
Removal of 1 no cherry tree

B/11/01578 Patches House, Cavendish Lane
Erection of single storey garage/outbuilding and removal of 4no outbuildings

B/11/00841 48 Fourth Avenue
Application for variation of time to application B/07/01488.

24.01 Correspondence to report

Suffolk Acre are offering a new community based oil buying syndicate. Details are available on the village hall notice board or via the clerk.

25.01 Any other matters

Lloyds Bank had advised that debit cards are only available for a minimum spend value of £500. Previous cards applied for had been at a value of £250 each.

It was resolved to apply for two cards @ £500 each.

The clerk is to look into reinstating recycling facilities.

SALC are offering various courses for the clerk.

It was resolved for the clerk to attend these at a cost of approx. £500.

It was confirmed that the police investigation is still on-going and had not been halted as rumoured.

Disabled parking bays in the village hall car park are to be looked into.

26.01 Date of next meeting: 14th February 2012

Meeting finished at 10.15pm

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