

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb, Bloomfield & Sewell.
CCllr Kemp, DCllr Holt. The clerk. 1 member of the public.

01.01 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman wished all a Happy New Year

02.01 Apologies for absence

None

03.01 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.01 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 13th December 2016

It was resolved to adopt the minutes

05.01 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Plumb and the clerk spoke to Wayman & Long solicitors concerning possible development of the village hall site. It was confirmed that apart from keeping a fence around the site there was nothing to stop a development going ahead. Councillors were asked to consider ideas/specification for a new hall. The library is to be asked to give an indication of their requirements. A formal proposal will be put forward at a later date.

06.01 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp – A full report can be read on the website. CCllr Kemp wished all a happy and healthy new year. 71 homes are proposed for development at Bull Lane.

Locality budget money is still available for local projects. It is possible this could be used to purchase some Speed Indicator Devices for the village.

DCllr Holt – Due to the Christmas break things at BDC are very quiet.

The mess on the road at Shepherds Lane is being addressed at a site meeting with BDC later in the week.

DCllr Plumb - Discussions with residents of George lane/Lodge Farm Rd are still ongoing with regards access issues.

07.01 Planning

New applications:

B/16/01644 – The Briars Residential Care Home, 23 Hunts Hill

Retention of nine replacement windows and one replacement door to front (west facing) elevation into existing openings

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/16/01624 – Unit 1 site of Glemsford Garage, Bells Lane

Application for advertisement consent – erection of metal fascia board

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/16/01739 – St Andrews, Bells Lane

To either fell or have works on 5no conifer trees

It was resolved to recommend approval

08.01 Public question time

Concerns were raised about parking and speed restrictions, particularly in Egremont St. Double yellow lines were discussed. It was explained that any highway issues are the responsibility of the Police and Suffolk County Council. Any concerns can be reported to the Police although enforcement is very difficult. The Parish Council are to look into the offer from CCllr Kemp with regards the possibility of purchasing Speed Indicator Devices. This will be an agenda item next month.

09.01 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts.

10.01 Report from finance working group meeting

1. Hall Hire – income generators

At present village hall income is not covering its costs.

Many suggestions to increase income were put forward including increasing rental charges in line with other village halls, charging for storage and increasing advertising. Cllr Mallalieu is to look into website advertising.

It was resolved to (Cllr Brown abstained from voting) increase rental charges to £15 per hour for commercial users and non-residents and £12 per hour for village groups and Glemsford residents. Minimum hire 2 hours. Charitable groups are to be charged £15 per 4hr block of time. All with effect from 1st April 2017.

A quote is to be obtained to convert a storage room into a meeting room as this may be an asset to the village.

2. Village Hall – decoration/power points/blinds

It was agreed that jobs need to be carried out in the village hall before decorating

It was resolved to:

obtain a quote to change sockets to a more suitable position

obtain a quote to make all lighting units in the hall the same

Obtain a quote to fit vertical blinds

Obtain a quote for a new fire shutter in the kitchen.

A specification is to be put together for potential decorators to quote.

3. Income from Shared Access mast installation – ideas for spending

The Parish Council is to receive in the region of £30,000 from the trustees of the playing field from proceeds of the installation of the communications mast. It was agreed that income would be spent on improvement of, and maintaining of, the access road to the village hall.

The trustees have indicated that they would like to spend proceeds they receive on improvement of the field, a BBQ area with benches, to plant a wooded area at the bottom left hand side of the field with a picnic area for the children to play, bring the hedges and ditches up to date and set up a fund for future maintenance.

The trustees inquired about the proposed land swap on the playing field. This has not gone ahead as no definite plans had been made with regards the skate park.

Also, enquiries were made with regards the fitness equipment for the playing field (to be financed by Tesco funding). This has not been actioned as there was insufficient interest to progress.

4. Solicitors fees – land at Schoolfields

It was resolved that the increased fees (from £1170 to £1380) be paid to Ellison's solicitors. Wayman & Long fees of approx £850.00 is to be discussed at the next meeting.

11.01 Correspondence

None

24.12 Date of next meeting

14th February 2017

Meeting finished @ 8pm