

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th Feb 2018 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Southgate, Plumb, Sewell, Leopold, Stephens, Cain & Homer
CCllr Kemp & DCllr Holt. The clerk.
11 members of the public.

01.02 Chairman's announcements

Item 19:2 will not be addressed as the report from the external auditors is not yet available.
Thanks were given to Lucy and Robert Knox for picking up 11 bags of rubbish from the road near to their home.

The clerk gave thanks to Cllr Brown for manning the office whilst she was off sick.

There is a part II meeting for councillors.

02.02 Apologies for absence

None

03.02 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Plumb declared an interest in all planning matters due to being a member of the planning committee at BDC.

Cllr Cain declared an interest in planning item DC/18/00178

04.02 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 9th Jan 2018

It was resolved to adopt the minutes

05.02 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

06.01 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp – A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office. Discussions are ongoing with regards the lack of pavement on Skates Hill.

Suffolk County Council have asked for all the potholes on the road from Cavendish to Long Melford to be mapped. CCllr Kemp has a volunteer to do this. SCC are now grading potholes by urgency.

DCllr Holt – Things at Babergh are quiet. All 2 bed houses at Schoolfield have now been allocated and the 3 bed are being done. It is hoped hand over will take place on the 23rd Feb and people will be able to move in some time after that Outstanding highway issues are being addressed.

DCllr Plumb – There will a small ceremony to mark the completion of the affordable housing. Founder members of this project from the Parish Council will be asked to attend. The project has taken approx 6yrs to complete.

There is no news as to when a referendum will take place with regards the merger.

Flooding at the top of Chequers Lane will be looked into by CCllr Kemp.

07.02 Planning

New applications:

DC/18/00178 - 2 Rectory Close

Reduce and thin crown by 40% on 1 no field maple

It was resolved to recommend approval (Cllr Cain abstained from voting)

DC/18/00/00239 - Links Close

Works to trees protected under tree preservation order BT247 - horse chestnut (T1) - fell

It was resolved to recommend approval

DC/18/00447 55 Egremont St

Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - (T1) Honey Locust - Fell.

It was resolved to recommend approval

08.02 Public question time

Issues with litter in the village where discussed, particularly in Skates Hill, Cavendish Lane and Hobbs Lane. The clerk is ask Babergh District Council if they can help with this. The Library and WI have in previous years organised an annual litter pick. If anyone would like to pick litter the Parish Council can provide a high vis jacket, litter picker and bags. The use of a warden to monitor this problem was also discussed. Unfortunately Sudbury Town Council no longer offer this service.

09.02 Accounts for approval

It was resolved to agree the accounts

10.02 Purchase of land to extend cemetery

It was resolved to purchase a piece of land (.269 acres) that adjoins the bottom of the Churchyard and bottom cremation plots at a cost of £4000. It was agree to allow the crop to remain until harvest in Aug/Sept. Solicitors are to be advised.

11.02 Removal of excess soil at the Cemetery

It is necessary to remove excess soil that has accumulated next to the hedge (which has just been cut back) at the Cemetery. Quotes have been requested but not yet received.

12.02 Data Protection Officer - nominated person

As from mid May it will be necessary to have a D.P.O. Following correspondence received from Suffolk Association of Local Councils this has to be a person who is an expert on Data Protection law. SALC also provided information on a company that can provide this service. The clerk is to make more enquiries.

13.02 Dog fouling signs - playing field

The clerk is to obtain costs for two metal signs.

14.02 Village Hall gates - repairs

It was resolved to have repairs done to the gates at a cost of £360 (plus extra for ground works). £300 had already been budgeted in Jan 2017 but not used.

15.02 Angel Inn A.C.V. - letter from BDC - need for action

Following the The Angel Inn being declared an Asset of Community Value last year a notice of intention to dispose of the property has been received.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will submit an 'expression of interest to bid' for this property. If this was to progress a community interest company would take this on in the future.

16.02 Black Lion – Community right to bid – rejection of nomination

Following an assessment by BDC it has been unable to establish that the Back Lion is an asset of community value. This is mainly due to not being able to demonstrate that the property has been used by organisations within the last 3yrs. However, it is planned to re-submit the application as it is the only restaurant in the village.

17.02 New Phone/answer machine – office

It was resolved to purchase a new phone at a cost of approx £30

18.02 Internal audit – confirmation of SALC services

It was resolved to use SALC services this year

19.02 Public Interest report – previous clerk.

This item was not discussed as the relevant report had not been received in time.

20.02 Correspondence

Suffolk County Council have confirmed the positions for the placing of two Speed Indicator Devices. The request for a placement in Bells Lane and Hunts Hill have been rejected. Bells Lane due to it being on a junction and Hunts Hill due to all the parked cars as the SID would not get a clear line of sight. Further paperwork now has to be completed.

Concerns have been raised regarding the potholes in Bells Lane. Help from the Parish Council was requested. Unfortunately the Parish Council is unable to help as this is a highway issue. However, the correspondence has been forwarded to Suffolk County Councillor Richard Kemp in the hope he can help.

21.02 Date of next meeting

13th March 2018

Meeting finished @ 8.10pm

