

Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016@ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate, Plumb, Bloomfield & Sewell. The clerk.
5 members of the public.

01.03 Chairman's announcements

Thanks were given to Richard Kemp for money from his locality budget towards the refurbishment of the village hall toilets.

A reminder to all allotment holders that rent is now due for the coming year.

There will be a litter pick starting at the village hall on Saturday the 16th April.

There are vacancies on the Parish Council for new councillors.

02.03 Apologies for absence

None

03.03 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

Cllr Brown declared an interest on planning item B/16/00166 – 33 Long Pastures

04.03 Police Matters

No report. Cllr Brown reported that parking issues in the village had been reported to James Cartlidge MP. This issue was forwarded onto the Police. A reply has not yet been received.

Cllr Sewell joins the meeting

05.03 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 9th February 2016

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2016

06.03 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

None

07.03 To receive reports

Cllr Kemp report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office. An application had been received to install a footpath at the bottom of Skates Hill. Unfortunately there are no funds available for this.

DCllr Holt reported works will commence on the access track at the top of Angle Lane on the 14th March, this should take 1-2 weeks.

There is to be an increase in council tax by BDC.

The management restructure at BDC is causing redundancies.

At the recent cluster meeting at BDC potential sites for development were looked at. At this present time there is very little detail. The Parish Council will be informed when more information becomes available.

BDC building control has now moved totally over to Needham Market.

SER CO are to continue their association with BDC. Safe Partnership, working with Babergh and

Mid Suffolk District Councils has successfully secured a one-off grant from the Suffolk Community Fund that could help enable victims of domestic abuse and their families remain in their homes by providing free, and immediate, home security measures.

DCllr Plumb advised on the devolution process. The original plan was to include Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge and Peterborough. The latest idea is to also include north Essex (all parts of Essex that are not in greater London). This will become a relatively large area. This is all very driven by Government.

There are over 600,000 outline planning permissions in the country which have been granted but not yet developed.

08.03 Planning

New applications:

B/16/00166 – 33 Long Pastures

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/16/00120 – The Pump House, Skates Hill

Erection of single storey rear extension

It was resolved to recommend refusal – overdevelopment of site (originally intended as holiday home only)

B/16/00231 – Melton House, Hunts Hill

Removal of 1no ash tree

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/15/01570 – 15 First Avenue

Erection of attached annexe. As amended

(Due to time restraints this has been recommended for refusal as per original application)

Retrospective vote taken – to recommend refusal

Granted applications:

B/15/00685/FUL/SMC – Land rear of 24 to 34a Egremont St

Erection of 3no single storey detached dwellings and detached double garage together with alterations to access

B/15/01682/FHA/AT – 18 Schoolfield

Erection of front extension

B/15/01287/OUT/AS – Land south of 13 and east of 15 Whitlands

Erection of detached single storey dwelling and garage and construction of associated access

B/16/00016/TCA – Bedrock Cottage, 73 Egremont St

Reduce 1no poplar tree – work specified may be undertaken without recourse to this authority

Appeals:

B/15/01468/FUL – 49-51 Egremont St

Replacement of windows, fascias and soffit board

09.03 Public Question time

Enquiries were made about issues concerning the lack of high speed broadband in the Kings Rd/Brices Way area. The clerk is to look into this. James Cartlidge MP is also to be contacted. Representative from 2nd Avenue gave thanks to the Parish Council for help with issues about the problems with AWA. The help was very much appreciated.

10.03 Account s for approval

It was resolved to pay accounts.

11.03 Trees, cemetery – maintenance of

A report from a tree surgeon has highlighted concerns about trees within the Cemetery, Church Yard and surrounding area. The Church warden is to be sent a copy of the letter.

12.03 Parking on greens – solutions to

Many concerns have been raised about parking on greens in the village, particularly in the Broadway, Schoolfields area. Suggestions were made to enquire with Suffolk County Council about additional parking bays and BDC councillors will look into issues on BDC owned land. With regards the area on the Broadway (on which the bus shelter stands) which is owned by the Parish, **it was resolved** to plant trees to stop this problem.

13.03 Update on model financial regulations – agreement of

It was resolved to agree update

14.03 Risk assessments and internal control – agreement of adequacy

It was resolved to agree adequacy

15.03 Telecommunications mast – discussions on possibility of

It was agreed to look into making enquiries about the possibility of a communications mast in the vicinity of the village hall/playing field areas.

16.03 Village hall toilet refurbishment – amendment to quote

It was resolved to accept the amendment of £1500 to the quote for the refurbishment of the village hall toilets due to upgrade of tiles, vanity units, plastering etc and to pay an initial £8000 deposit.

17.03 Village hall – velux windows

It was resolved to take a retrospective vote for emergency repairs to the velux window in the village hall at a cost of £940.00

18.03 Village Hall - heating

Unfortunately three heaters in the village hall have had to be disconnected as they are unsafe. The clerk is to obtain quotes for a new heating system, to incorporate a false ceiling and new lighting.

19.03 Village hall – upgrade to super fibre optic broadband

An offer has been received from BT to upgrade the broadband at a lower cost (£3.25 less than currently paying). ***It was resolved*** to go ahead with this.

20.03 Woodlands – request to amend rental charges

Woodlands children's services have requested a drop in their village hall rental charges. The clerk is to check how many hours are required and for what duration.

21.03 Craft afternoon, 29th March – free use of village hall

It was resolved to allow free use of the hall.

22.03 Correspondence to report

An outline proposal for a Glemsford Heritage Centre has been received from the history society. It is requested that this be considered in the proposed redesign/rebuild of the village hall. It was agreed that in principle there is no objection to this, but the exact location would need more consideration when the plan is finalised.

23.03 Date of next meeting (Annual parish Meeting) 12th April 2016

Meeting finished @ 8.30pm