

Glemsford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 @ 7.00 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Brown (Chair) D George (Clerk)
CCllr Kemp, DCllrs Plumb & Holt. 5 Parish Councillors, PC Simon Bourne and 15 members of the public.

01.04 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Brown thanked all for attending the meeting.

02.04 Apologies for Absence

Reverend Boardman, Tony Callender, the Bowls Club and the Film Club

03.04 To adopt the minutes of the Parish Meeting - 10th March 2015

The minutes were agreed.

04.04 Chairman's Report

It has been a busy year. The village hall toilet refurbishment is underway. Thanks go to the following for grants received; The National Lottery - £10,000, BDC - £4,450 and CCllr Kemp from his locality budget - £2,000.

Thanks were also given to all those who gave a huge amount of time maintaining the village hall and surrounding area.

05.04 Police report

A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

A reminder was given to call 101 for non-emergencies and 999 for emergencies. Many counters at Police stations are being closed. However, information can be obtained from the website with regards lost and found items.

06.04 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Kemp gave his 22nd annual report. This can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office. Apologies were given for how long it takes to sort issues. Thanks were given to the Parish Council, the clerk and the people of Glemsford. Also thanks were given to friends of the library for keeping the library going.

District Councillors report

A full report BDC can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

DCllr Holt reported that BDC waste sites are to charge for the disposal of plasterboard and rubble. Currently there is no facility for the disposal of old paint tins. This is to be looked into. Go-Start leaflets are available for those interested.

Contact with DCllr Holt can be made on Michael.Holt@babergh.gov.uk.

DCllr Plumb serves on the Police and Crime panel and is also on the planning committee. A clinic is held on the third Friday of each month at the Village Hall at noon. No appointment is necessary. If anyone is interested in attending an evening clinic please let DCllr Plumb know. Contact with DCllr plumb can be made direct via email on Stephen.Plumb@babergh.gov.uk, alternatively you can contact the clerk on 01787 282345 or council@glemsfordpc.co.uk who will forward a message.

07.04 Reports from village organisations

Glemsford Angels

Fiona Dinning-Cole reported a quiet year for the Angels. However, the two annual events for the senior citizens took place and many more things are planned for the coming year. There are some new committee members. Special thanks were given to Jeni White for all her hard work and to the Social Club crib team for their generous donation. A full report can be read on the website or at the clerk's office.

Glemsford Local History Society

Rowan Cain reported that the society is still going strong with over 80 members (annual subscriptions are £10). There are regular meetings, visits, tours and a regular newsletter. Thanks were given to the school for use of the hall. The website is still being developed; a copy of the Suffolk Digital Library will be added shortly.

Patrick Currie reported on the archaeological dig on Old Mans Field (off Shepherd's Lane). A 'drover's way' has been identified from which they have retrieved roman pottery. A Neolithic arrow head has also been found. Further details plus an archaeological evaluation report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

Glemsford Gardening Club

Steve Taylor reported. The club is still going strong with a record 58 members. They meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Social Club. The club runs from Sept-May, with a good variety of speakers. Social events and trips also take place. You do not have to be a member to attend or be a good gardener!

Glemsford WI

Lesley Lagden reported that it had been a busy year celebrating the centenary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. A lunch was held in June, Pauline Currie attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and Lesley attended the Annual General meeting at the Royal Albert Hall which was 'a very moving experience'. A celebration tea was held in the grounds of Park Farm. There was a service at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds where the new institute banner was paraded. A very successful dance was held in December which raised £300 for St Nicolas Hospice. This coming June there will be a hog roast and dance in aid of The Kernos Centre in Sudbury.

Glemsford Social Club

Pauline Currie reported that the Club continues to offer a wide range of events and activities to suit all ages and interests (these can be viewed on the website at www.theclub.org.uk, also on face book). The AGM in February was well attended and the club is doing well. Thanks were

given to Hugh and Paul who are taking a well deserved break. Thanks also to Cora & Robin Brown for all their hard work fund raising for a disabled toilet, the most recent event being a race night that raised £430. To date 262 members have renewed their membership for this year. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

'Busy body' (as Pauline likes to call herself!)

Pauline runs a very successful email circulation for the village passing on all sorts of information. She currently has 190 addresses. If you would like to be included on the email circulation list the address is pat.currie@tiscali.co.uk

Photographic Club

Alan Game, secretary of the photographic club reported. Meetings are held at the Social Club every other Monday at 7.30pm, at which there are a mixture of speakers, practical nights and competitions. During the summer there are organised field trips. All levels of ability are welcome. There are currently 26 members who pay £30 per year annual subscriptions, these help with the purchase of equipment. More information can be obtained on the website www.glemsfordphotographic.co.uk . Members work can be viewed at Flickr and Face book groups.

Glemsford First Responders

Chris game reported that she and husband Alan are currently the only active responders. The group has been running for 13yrs and attends to many emergency 999 calls for the east of England Ambulance Service in Glemsford and surrounding areas. They are always on the lookout for new volunteers. You have to be aged between 18 and 70 with a full driving licence. No previous medical knowledge is necessary as full training is provided followed by monthly training sessions. Anyone interested in joining can call 01787 281401 or email suffolkresponder@eastamb.nhs.uk .

Glemsford Library

Harriet North (Friends of Glemsford Library) reported. A busy year with many events including a summer reading challenge, a quiz, fish and chip supper evening, Star Wars and Harry Potter events and hosting the village litter pick. FoGL purchased for the library a Tassimo hot drinks machine, a craft table, and made contributions to the Wi-Fi and library signs. Sue baker started as library manager in June. Thanks were given to staff who manned the library prior to this time. Also thanks to many others including all friends and trustees and all those who visit the library. Refurbishments are underway and the new looking library will open on the 21st April with cake and tea provided. A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

Woodlands

Sue Dodd from the Phoenix Centre reported on progress since the restructure last April and the challenges it faced. A report, including contact details can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office.

Youth Club

Anne Mallalieu reported that the youth club has had a successful year with up to 40 youngsters attending. Stuart Ayling and his helpers Matt and Rob from the Eden's project in Sudbury

organise the evening and three members of the Parish Council run the tuck shop and help keep an eye on things. Funding is in place for 2016-17.

The Friday cafe and Tot Rock

Anne Mallalieu reported on this popular weekly event held on a Friday morning at the village hall. It is regularly attended by over 60 bodies and on one occasion had in excess of 100. It is run by a team of volunteers offering tea/coffee and homemade cake and fruit and biscuits for the children (for a donation). It is for mums, dads, carers, children and anyone who wishes to pop in. It is run for adults who remain responsible for their children but a play area is provided. Tot-rock was originally run by the library and children's centre, but since the closure of Woodlands the 'coffee ladies' now organise the signing from 10-10.30.

Play week

Anne Mallalieu reported that this event has been running for the last three years. It is run on Tuesdays during the summer school holidays and is free of charge.

Glemsford Film Club

In the absence of David Newell, Michael Brown reported. The film club started last September, with films being shown on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm and 7.30pm (except July & August). Over the last 8mths 16 films have been shown. Attendance is between 12 and 22 at each screening which is disappointing, it would be good to have at least 20. As the films are licensed, members must be a member of the Social Club as an admission fee is not allowed to be charged. Membership is only £5 per year and you can view films at no cost.

Glemsford monthly minibus trips

In the absence of Tony Callender, Michael Brown reported. These trips continue to be popular, Aprils will be no 71. A replacement driver is still needed as Tony's time in the village is coming to an end once his house is sold.

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