

**MINUTES OF THE  
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Colin Parmenter Anna Watkinson Lisa Lord John Suttle	Howard Boone Neil Gurr Rex Thake Howard Lay
In attendance	Sara Sunderland	
Apologies	Cllr. Young Cllr. Knox	

Three members of the public were in attendance.

**138 Police Matters**

There had been two break ins in last month on pavilion, and a huge hole had been bored in the back of the building. After this the doors had again been kicked in at the weekend and paint had been spread everywhere. Three walls had been kicked through in the kitchen to shower rooms.

The police had been called, who attended eight hours later. They gave the usual ideas of video surveillance, repair it, and light it up. Youths were outside the pavilion and the female police officer lined them all up against pavilion and made them show her their shoes but this seemed to have little effect. The doors had been nailed back on but the pavilion is unusable. The playing field committee had been looking into the possibility of having steel barriers round it but they are £80 a month and thought to be too expensive. The trustees would be meeting next week and looking at option of repairing the pavilion or to pull it down and would be obtaining prices.

Cllr Gurr felt that if there was no deterrent the council would be throwing money away. High security fencing is too costly. A police officer had said that youngsters could only be done for trespass if they went behind barriers and no other charges could be brought. Cllr Gurr also asked where the users of the pavilion would change now and the Chairman said that the village hall would be used for now until a decision has been made.

The chairman stated that the damage was wanton vandalism now, and is getting hugely expensive. Steve Creed said a lot of youngsters who congregate around the pavilion area are older than normal vandals.

Cllr Thake said that he was worried about the youth facilities park being sited on the field. The chairman had been approached by youngsters asking about the youth facilities park and he told them he was worried about the vandalism there.

The chairman said that the only implication in demolishing the pavilion would be the fact that it had originally been grant aided by Babergh it but Cllr Thake said there was probably no possibility they would ask for it back but as all the facilities would be moved to the new community centre.

Cllr. Watkinson felt that for the amount the pavilion is used there was no justification for having it repaired and as there will be replacement she could see no point in

spending any more money. Cllr Lord stated that seven teams had used the facilities originally, now there was only one boys team and one adult team. All of the effort by committee members and the money spent on the pavilion had been a waste of time. Most of the fund from the parish council is going on repairs now and even the roof repairs had been in vain as it was now being stripped again despite it being boarded up.

The chairman would attend the playing field committee meeting and work out plan then report back to the next parish council meeting.

A lot of complaints had been received about motorbikes with no lights or tax so will now be passed on to the police.

### **139 Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson**

### **140 Public Question Time**

Bob Richardson had witnessed motor bikes leaving the playing fields but had been unable to get any number plates.

Mr. Richardson reported that the cleaner was doing a great job still. There was still a problem with the large bins at the front of the village hall and at Greyhound Road so the Clerk would contact Mr. Mitchell and ask for new keys to be made and passed on to the cleaner.

Mr. Richardson said that he felt the news about the pavilion should be taken to the newspapers but he Chairman said that it needed to be kept as low key as possible as the Council want to portray a positive image in the village and not be so negative.

Ken Jackson from neighbourhood watch had spoken with an officer at Babergh and is now interested in doing a youth club together with other prison officers who wish to volunteer. The councillors agreed that this was a good idea and the Clerk informed Mr. Jackson that the new detached youth worker would be attending the July meeting.

### **141 District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Thake felt that the tax increase could be quite large next year. The government would be taking away a lot of grants this year and services may also be cut. The revaluation of banding should not make that much difference in theory.

The grants schemes would be revamped this year and will be in operation for twenty years. £133,000 was given out last year and once the new figures had been finalised the committees would be informed.

### **142 Clerks Report**

The footpaths officer had attended The Casey and had called the Clerk to agree that there was a problem with the surfacing of the path. He would now obtain quotes.

The Clerk wrote to Joy Mayhew about speed checks in the village. She was then passed to Peter Ingram at Suffolk County Council who stated that the last check was done on 2nd march in Egremont street but the average speed was only 31mph so they will only go back once a year now. In the speed tables Glemsford are 486<sup>th</sup> out of 800 villages so we are not classed as a priority.

Chilton Office Supplies were obtaining quotations for a new photocopier.

A resident had asked if a new litter bin could be placed on the footpath behind the school leading to Schoolfield so the Clerk would contact Babergh District Council and ask for this to be done.

The Clerk had tried to gain access to the mortuary stores during the week and the lock had broken so a locksmith had been called out. The lock was now repaired.

The November meetings would be pushed forward by one week as the Clerk would be on holiday for the first week of November. These would be published on the website and sent out to members.

The light in Kings Road had still not been repaired so the clerk would write to EDF and ask who was responsible if any injuries occurred as a result of the light being out.

#### **143 Financial Matters**

a. Account Status

Income	820.13
Expenditure	4950.01
Cash in hand	46527.31
Petty Cash	174.27
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest	41071.37

b. Payments made out of Council

Industrial Supplies	18.87
Inland Revenue	31.49

c. Accounts to be paid

Asset	150.00
Babergh District Council (rates)	206.27
Viking Direct Limited	135.94
Babergh District Council (brown bin)	30.00

d. Any other financial matters

The standing order for the clerk's wages was signed.

A letter had been received from the Gardening Club stating that they would like to arrange an open gardens in the Summer and were asking for a donation. It was agreed that the Parish Council donate £200.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Lord**

144 **Planning Matters**

**a. New Applications**

**B/05/00435/FUL/GP                      Land at rear of 15 Bells Lane, Third Avenue**

Erection of boundary wall.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Lay**

**B/05/00432/FUL/GP                      Land at Links Close (west), Third Avenue**

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Lord**

**B/05/00431/FUL/GP                      Land at Links Close (East), Third Avenue**

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Lord**

**B/05/00235/FHA/GP                      9 Windmill Row**

Erection of shed in rear garden (existing shed to be demolished).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

**B/05/00360/FUL/GP                      Unit 7A, Clockhouse Farm, Cavendish Lane**

Change of use from Class B1 to Class A1 (hairdressers).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

**B/05/00501/LBC/JCV                      Greyhound Cottage, Egremont Street**  
Application for Listed Building Consent – Erection of replacement window on side elevation.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

**B/05/00545/FUL/GP                      Plot 1, Scossels**

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling with attached garage.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

b. **Applications Granted**

**B/05/00166/FHA/JCV      18 Brices Way**  
Erection of single-storey front extension.

**B/05/00130/FHA/GP      2 Fair Green**  
Insertion of replacement windows to dwelling.

**B/05/00020/FHA/GD      Patches House**  
Alterations in connection with conversion of garage to additional living accommodation to the dwelling.

c. **Applications Refused**

**B/05/00021/FUL/GP      Plot 1, Scossels**  
Erection of two-storey detached dwelling as amended by drawing no. 06/01/05 received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

**145    Correspondence**

A letter had been received about the diversion of footpath 33. This was now displayed on the village Hall notice board.

**146    Youth Facilities Park**

Cllr. Thake will check with Babergh and ask for written confirmation regarding matters relating to the youth facilities park.

**147    Community Centre**

The meeting had gone well and Cllr. Boone was now getting the plans put on CAD and on to stage 2 which will be in about 10 days.

**148    Any other matters**

The Chairman had spoken to the youngsters playing football outside the Village Hall and told them about the developments for the youth facilities park. They had expressed disappointment that the old equipment was going to be reinstated. Councillors would also look into providing goalposts on the Rec for youngsters and Cllr. Lay would obtain a sport catalogue for this purpose.

There being no other matters, the meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005 (Wednesday 7.30 pm) Annual Parish Meeting and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 (7.45 pm) Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Approved .....

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