

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2006
AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Colin Parmenter	Anna Watkinson
	Len Young	Lucy Knox
	Neil Gurr	Howard Boone
	John Suttle	Lisa Lord
	Rex Thake	

In attendance Sara Sunderland
Richard Kemp

Apologies Howard Lay

There were 14 members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained that the Clerk would be late due to a car breakdown. Therefore planning would be discussed at the meeting next week on 18th April.

218 POLICE MATTERS

PC Mullet was briefed about problems occurring in the Kings Road with footballs and he informed the meeting that he the police were aware of concerns but did not want to spoil the fun of the children, but would prefer for it to be controlled in a safe area. He would converse with the youth before the next meeting.

There had been a slight increase in crime compared with the same period last year. Two reports of vehicle damage and two reports of theft had been logged.

219 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2006, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

220 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Pemberton said that he had lodged a complaint about youngsters playing football in the front gardens along Kings Road. Residents had become concerned about their cars as the youngsters were also using bicycles. The football had been confiscated and there was no support forthcoming from the police or Babergh. Although the Chairman thought that Highways owned the land, the Council would ascertain if this was the case.

John Mistow asked if there was any possibility of covering the land. The Chairman explained that the eight acres at the playing fields was adequate for any sort of ball games and that if the residents wanted to send a letter, then the Parish Council would endorse it.

The youth expressed concerns that the youth facilities park had still not been completed so the Chairman explained the reasons for the delay. The Vice-Chairman asked why the youth were playing on the green and they said that it was another group, and not them.

The youths asked why there was no youth club facilities in Glemsford and were told that this was because of a lack of volunteers and safety issues lead to the demise of the old youth club. The social club was discussed as a venue but because of the

trouble there recently this was decided to be a non-starter. The Chairman then gave an over view of the proposed new community centre.

Mr. Pemberton asked why the youth present could not start their own "youth council" and the Chairman said that this was a feasible idea and could be discussed at next weeks meeting. Patrick Currie asked if he could work with the youth present for future plans.

An application to DEFRA had been made and accepted re the Village Plan.

221 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

After a Public consultation it was determined that the public wanted two PCTs in the area but had only ended up with one.

The Police were happy to stay as they were regards service. They proposed a merger with Norfolk and Essex but were told that it should be Norfolk Suffolk and Cambridge and if they don't agree they will be told to do it.

A white paper had been sent by the Government in July asking about the future of local government. Cllr. Kemp thinks that we will have unitary authorities in the future.

The Government have instigated a key worker scheme which helps key workers to obtain accommodation whether it be bought or rented. The people included were Nursery nurses and teachers, social workers, speech therapists, planning officer and community support officers etc.

St Leonards hospital would be closed and replaced with a community health centre.

222 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Young reported that the committee had managed to insert clauses into the local plan regarding the proposed development at Crownfield Road. These included drainage, sewerage and highway options. The site would be developed as a whole and not piecemeal. The project would now go to consultation. Cllr. Thake hoped this would have a knock-on effect and sort out the sewerage problems in Brook Street.

Babergh had offered to bring a roadshow to the village for the recycling issues.

At present a re-organisation of Babergh District Council was underway. The object was to reorganise staff.

The Head of financial services had been told by the government to make a cut of 6.4 million off the grant that they get to make savings.

223 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had contacted Suffolk County Council about the Skates Hill footways and had received a reply stating that the priority review was completed last December with the production of a new construction programme. This programme has not yet been approved and until it is they could not give any detailed information on a scheme's priority. This is unlikely to be until the County's Local Transport Plan for

2006-2011 has been approved and the budget for rural footways confirmed which should be by the end of the month. They thought it highly unlikely that the footway in Skates Hill Glemsford could be built for at least five years.

The Clerk had contacted Steve Creed about the sports pavilion. The Chairman had spoken to EDF and Anglian Water, suggesting that we maintain the services which can go into the container but there was an eight to ten week waiting list. He had also met with Mr. Wiles who said he could carry out the demolition but it will cost in the region of £6000. The Council felt that this was very expensive and Cllr. Gurr and

Boone will endeavour to obtain a less expensive quotation from elsewhere before the next meeting.

The Clerk had contacted Chris Foti at Babergh about the Kings Road/Golding Way fencing and had received a reply stating that this is the responsibility of the housing association and the message has been passed on together with pictures taken by Babergh officers.

The Clerk had contacted the police officer about doctors parking and also the abandoned car in Hobbs Lane. Although this was reported as soon as it was dumped, a week had passed and it had now been burned out and vandalised.

The Clerk had written to Babergh about Glemsford Tyres.

A SIDS printout had been received regarding Egremont Street and no speeding had been recorded.

A letter had been sent to the insurance company regarding adding the playing fields.

A letter had been received from a resident of the Croft asking about a temporary sign. The Clerk would advise them to contact Suffolk County Council.

224 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account Status

Income	654.31
Expenditure	4181.80
Cash in hand	40304.64
Petty Cash	161.00
Youth Facilities Park	135.25
High Interest	72518.52

Payments received

Village Hall Bookings	24.50
BDC	
Burials	253.00

Payments made out of Council

Viking	113.89
BDC Cemetery Rates	111.43
Alfred McAlpine	432.40
EDF Energy	2413.45
	50

D. Wallace	505.25
Mr. B. Giles	200.00

Accounts to be paid

Alfred McAlpine	150.00
Viking	64.82
BT	154.39
Horizon	1498.13
David Webber	1465.23

Any other financial matters

The accounts for 2002-2003 were approved and signed.

A quotation had been received for the re-siting of the youth facilities park. The Clerk would write and accept.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

225 PLANNING MATTERS

The new applications would be discussed at the meeting on 18th April 2006.

Applications Granted

B/06/00169/FHA/CT 22 Brices Way

Erection of rear conservatory.

226 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Babergh re new dog fouling legislation.

227 COMMUNITY CENTRE

This would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting but in the meantime Cllr. Boone would send the results by email and the Clerk would post out to those who could not access email.

228 BUS LAYBY

The Chairman had contacted the solicitors at Babergh, but as they were no help he had now sent a letter to Mrs. Longmate at Suffolk County Council asking for advice. It had been ascertained that the greens registered in the village were Tye Green, Fair Green and Churchgate.

229 ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Suttle expressed concerns about the posts on Tye Green. Cllr Gurr would meet with him and discuss.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

APPROVED DATE

NEXT MEETINGS 18th April and 9th May