

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

<b>Present</b>	Lucy Knox Lynn Bloomfield Rex Thake John Suttle	Neil Gurr Colin Parmenter Tracey Sansum
<b>In attendance</b>	Sara Turner Richard Kemp	
<b>Apologies</b>	Len Young (meeting) Neil Searle (ill) Newman Ford (work)	

120. **PLAYBUILDER GRANT**

Kate Hazlewood from Babergh gave a presentation about the Lottery funded playbuilder grant. She had visited prime areas in the village with the Clerk last year. The aim of the project was to provide risky and challenging play and would be geared towards natural play rather than normal play areas. The window for grant submissions opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April and then a period until 1<sup>st</sup> July was set for the bid to be put in. The proposed play area would be geared towards children aged 8-13.

Parishes can apply for the playbuilder grant, but schools can not, and Babergh support applications and will then run consultation with local children and ask them what they want. The best place for the consultation would be at the local school and then maybe to engage in some consultation with older children at middle and upper schools.

The Chairman asked if all consultations have to be done by 1<sup>st</sup> July. Kate said there is another window in August which we could go for if the timescale is too short but to establish a suitable site is the most important thing. The consultation can be done very quickly with schools and youth club. She warned that the Application is very specific and lengthy but there are guidance notes and contact details for support. Kate will sort everything out re the consultation and go ahead from here.

121. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman reported that the sports club was still a success and continued to run on a Thursday evening from 5-7pm. Courses had also been run during the holidays and another young person from the village had been able to train as a sports coach over the past year.

Regrettably the precept had to be increased this year by a small amount. The Parish Council were always conscious that this would have a knock on effect on council tax, which none of the councillors liked to increase.

Control of the street lights in the village had now been taken over by Suffolk County Council. A number of the street lights were affected by G39 issues, meaning that they can not be repaired for health and safety reasons due to their proximity to overhead cables. Some of the poles can not be removed as they are within

conservation areas. Regrettably the transition has taken a long time but hopefully it will be of benefit to the village in the long term.

122. **VILLAGE BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Annual report for the parish of Glemsford covers the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 through to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and is compiled with present available figures

During this last year 145 crimes have been reported within the parish, this compares to 153 for the same period the previous year.

**BREAKDOWN OF CRIME**

**Burglary dwelling;** 5 reports have been received during this period.

**Burglary other building's;** 15 reports have been received during this time.

**Criminal damage;** 32 offences have been recorded within the parish this last year.

**Vehicle crime;** 33 offences recorded during this period.

Offences include 7 offences of theft from motor vehicles, 2 x drink driving offences, 24 separate offences of damage to motor vehicle

**Violent/Public order;** 4 offences have been recorded during this time.

Offences included 2 x GBH, 7 x ABH, 4 x Common assault, 1 x Accosting, 1 x Minor Wound without intent, 1 x having an Article with a blade in a public place.

**Thefts;** 28 offences have been recorded during this time.

Offences include minor thefts, Theft from shop, theft of a pedal cycles theft of garden ornaments etc.

123. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

124. **Presentation of accounts**

The accounts from Glemsford United Charities were adopted and signed. (copy attached).

125. **Suffolk County Councillors Report (Mr. R. Kemp).**

The Boundary Committee have now released further proposals for the future of local Government in Suffolk. The proposals, which consist of the same two proposals as previously released, but at equal standing, were released on the 19th of March. There will now be a period of consultation until the 14th of May.

At the end of the consultation the Boundary Committee will have six weeks to make its recommendation to the Secretary of State, this, if it goes smoothly, will be on the 15th of July.

New legislation has come in this month, which means that plasterboard can no longer be landfilled, meaning the County Council is now able to recycle the produce. Special containers have been installed at the Bury St Edmunds, Lowestoft and Ipswich (Foxhall) Household Waste Recycling Centres and the current limit of two bags per day will still apply. Disposal of plasterboard will not be possible at any of the other county's sites. All 18 of the County Councils Waste Recycling Centres are open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm. Each of the sites are self serviced, with trolleys provided to aid with any heavy items. Prior to visiting you should sort your recyclables from your general waste before heading to the centres. Suffolk County Council during March was awarded 4 stars in the CPA from the Audit Commission.

This is an assessment that rates the County's performance to a set number of guidelines, arching across the spectrum of services that it provides. It focuses on the elements inside the Council and how they are functioning.

The score, illustrates that the Council is performing well, and demonstrating a 4 star performance.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/OurPerformance/ComprehensivePerformanceAssessment.htm>

NHS Suffolk is conducting an Out of Hours GP Service consultation, assessing the service in terms of accessibility, being clinically effective, and responsive to your needs.

The consultation, involves reading a short document, and answering a questionnaire, asking for views on the current service and suggestions for improvements.

The consultation document and questionnaire can be found online at

[http://www.suffolkpct.nhs.uk/Home/Getinvolved/Consultations/Improvingoutofhoursare/tabid/2026/Default.aspx](http://www.suffolkpct.nhs.uk/Home/Getinvolved/Consultations/Improvingoutofhourscare/tabid/2026/Default.aspx)

Here you can print all the details off if required, and respond to the consultation. If any one has recently contacted Suffolk County Council about a vulnerable adult recently then the Council would like to hear from you about the services you received.

More information, and the online response form can be found at –

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CareAndHealth/OlderPeople/SafeguardingAdults.htm>

## 126. **Financial Matters**

### **Account Status**

Income	11507.04
Expenditure	7186.33
Cash in hand	12371.39
Petty Cash	948.47
High Interest	35373.62
Sports Club	2345.39

**Payments made out of Council**

Industrial Supplies	38.63
Cash	200.00
SCC (electricity)	3220.01
Mrs. S. Sunderland	500.00
Inland Revenue	570.00
Inland Revenue	114.11
Allianz	2751.40

**Any other financial matters**

A letter had been received from a resident about her sons grave in the cemetery. A recent re-opening of a grave beside that of her son, resulted in earth from the new grave being placed onto the grave of her son. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the funeral directors concerned, and ask that this should not happen in the future, and ask them to reimburse the lady for the damage caused to the grave. A standard letter would be sent to all funeral directors, informing them that no earth should be placed on neighbouring graves in the future.

127. **Planning Matters**

**Cllr. Thake declared took no part in discussions on planning applications.**

**New Applications****B/09/00200/ROC    Hunts Hill General Stores. Hunts Hill**

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) Variation of Conditions 04 and 05 attached on P.P. B/08/01753/FUL to vary the times to allow deliveries at 5/00 am on weekdays, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays and to opening times from 6.00 am each day.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Sansum

**B/09/00329/FHA    15 Third Avenue**

Erection of detached garage.

Cllr. Gurr declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**B/09/00250/FHA    Winterberry, Drapery Common**

Erection of garage (amended positioning of garage to that approved under P.P. B/07/01774/FUL).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Gurr

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**B/09/00358/FHA 42 Hunts Hill**

Erection of single-storey and two-storey rear extensions, Erection of front porch, Erection of a detached double carport with store over (existing two-storey extensions to be demolished)

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to overdevelopment of the site and restriction of light etc from neighbours. There were also concerns of impact on the surrounding area. The Clerk would advise Babergh to have a site meeting.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Suttle

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

Cllr. Knox abstained from voting.

**Applications Granted**

**B/08/01850/LBC/GC Patches House, Cavendish Lane**

Application for Listed Building Consent – Demolition of existing conservatory, Erection of single-storey rear sunroom extension and internal alterations.

**Applications Refused**

**B/09/00027/FUL/ETR Patches House, Cavendish Lane**

Erection of 1 ½ storey dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

128. **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Mr. Hill asking about the current situation with the Village Hall. The Clerk would formulate a reply.

A letter had been forwarded from Babergh from Mrs. Riley about parking on Tye Green. The Clerk would formulate a reply.

129. **Any other business**

The Clerk would report the potholes on Skates Hill and Schoolfield.

The Social Club would be holding a Lee Fest on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> may to raise funds for The Willow Foundation. Twelve bands would be playing over the two days.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Signed .....

Dated .....