

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
10TH AUGUST 2010**

Present	Len Young Colin Parmenter Rex Thake	Lucy Knox Robbie Benson
In attendance	Sara Turner	
Apologies	Richard Kemp Tracey Sansum Lynn Bloomfield	

Cllr. Ford was absent but no apologies were received.

034 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2010, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed subject to the removal of Cllr. Young from apologies.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

035 Rural Coffee Caravan

Gary Simmonds explained that the project was funded by Suffolk County Council and had started as a charity some six years ago. The project had begun with one caravan, but a new motorhome had been purchased and they were currently using the two vehicles. The organisation travels to various villages in Suffolk, either as a stand alone function, or at an event, and supply home made cakes and teas. The arrival of the project would be advertised before the event. The caravan provides public information for residents and can also arrange other visits to their homes, ie with fire service officers for pensioners to give them advice. They can also help with benefit advice and can help to obtain grab rails for free. Advice can also be obtained regarding the Library at home service, where a volunteer will visit people with books to borrow, and also can advise on police direct and macmillan nurses.

The visits normally lasted for about two hours but if an event such as Glemfest required the caravan then it would stay all day.

Councillors agreed that the project was a good idea, and the Clerk would contact Gary to advise of Library opening times and when would be a good time for the caravan to attend.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

036 Public Question Time

Harriet North attended the meeting to report on the Glemfest event. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to the organisers of the event and said it had been a great success.

Harriet extended special thanks to all councillors who attended and helped at the event. She said that approximately 350 people attended the event and some of the

money raised would be pledged to St. Mary's Church, the Library and a donation to the pony and donkey sanctuary.

A £450 balance was left from the event which would be placed in the Glemfest account as it was planned to hold the event again next year. They hoped to obtain funding from the Open Weekend source. It was decided that next year Glemfest would move to the Recreation ground and Harriet would also like to hire the Village Hall in the evening, to organise a fish and chip supper to thank the volunteers.

037 Suffolk County Councillors Report

The Suffolk County Council website currently has information on a range of resources for Summer activities.

It includes links to children's centres, the country parks in the county, libraries and various walks around the countryside. The information can be found at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk>

The decision on the contract for the incinerator in Suffolk will take place on 7th September.

The Cabinet will decide who to award the contract to for the incinerator that will be built at Great Blakenham, at the moment the preferred bidder is Stia UK Ltd, who operates a number of different waste facilities across the UK.

The contract will be awarded for a 30 year basis, with the funding coming from PFI, totalling £102m.

It is now possible for members of the public to submit questions to Cabinet, with 20 minutes set aside at the beginning of the meeting for this. If you are going to submit a question, they have to be entered to the Committee Services Manager by 12 noon on the fourth working day before the meeting. For further information, and more rules on what can and can't be submitted, please head to

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/CommitteesAgendasReportsandMinutes/PublicQuestionTimeatMeetingsoftheCountyCouncilandCabinet.htm>

The Suffolk Registration office is currently holding a consultation proposing that the six registration districts will be merged into one.

This will enable the registration service to save money towards the council's savings targets over the next three years.

It is proposed that the ceremony room in Sudbury along with a number of others will in future be re-designated as Decommissioned rooms operating in a similar way to approved premises.

The consultation will run from the 28th of July to the 28th of September, if you wish to read the consultation document outlining the proposals, and respond to the consultation itself, please head to

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/BirthsMarriagesAndDeaths/ServiceModernisationConsultation.htm>

Trading Standards are currently promoting the Trusted Trader Scheme in Suffolk. The scheme is a compiled directory of services and local business that can be deemed honest and reliable, enabling consumers to make a more informed decision.

In addition to this Age Concern have a number of services for those elderly who need help with shopping, odd jobs, cleaning and care services. For more information, and to find out information about other low cost services please call 0845 330 0470, between 9:30 to 12:30, or e-mail office@ageconcernsuffolk.org.uk.

It is possible to add further traders to the list, by following the link below where you will also find significantly more information about the scheme.
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/BusinessAndConsumer/TradingStandards/TrustedTrader.htm>

038 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Young reported that there was now a new Labour member who had been re-elected after an election in Cornard.

Cllr. Thake reported the merger is still ongoing merger and that a detailed business case was now under way.

039 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported two vacancies on the Parish Council. Resignations had been tendered from Cllrs. Gurr and Searle. The Clerk had already received enquiries from two interested parties, and they would be submitting letters in due course. The position had been advertised in the village with a closing date of 31st August and the new members could be co-opted at the next meeting.

The contract for adoption of the Fair Green telephone box had now been received. The Clerk had been in contact with Roland Hill who had advised her that the History Society should be able to carry out the painting in its current position.

The Clerk had contacted Rojo Arts about re-producing the winning artwork from the primary school onto the walls of the bus shelter. They had provided an estimate of £1,750 which did not include materials, which councillors agreed was very expensive. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Martyn Heath, Ross Wilding and Ben Searle to ascertain if any of them could carry out the work, and obtain quotations if this was feasible.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

A mail had been received from Babergh regarding a free modular build that was ideal for changing room facilities. Unfortunately this had already been claimed but Jo Beever, the grants officer had assured the Clerk that she would inform her of any other similar opportunities.

Alex MacFarlane had approached the Clerk and asked if it was feasible to set up a sports committee to facilitate fund raising for the football club facilities. The Clerk would invite him to the next meeting to discuss the matter further, and would also ask Babergh if it was possible to adopt Alex onto the council but in an advisory capacity, as he did not live in the village and could not therefore be a fully fledged parish councillor.

040 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	1,858.87
Expenditure	10,113.53
Cash in hand	9,762.87
High Interest	25,393.82
Sports Club	2,148.84

Payments made out of Council

Mr. A. Gardiner (Village Hall painting)	6,500.00
Mr. A. North (Glemfest)	655.00
Ark Design Consultancy	200.00
Bunzl	41.29

Accounts to be paid

Suffolk County Council (streetlighting)	4886.59
T&P Fire Limited	115.15
PHS Group plc	889.06
Inland Revenue	502.24

041 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/10/00285/FUL Part garden, Linden, 28 Brook Street**

Erection of two-storey detached dwelling.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to over-crowding, over-development of the site and concerns about another vehicular access onto Brook Street which at present has huge traffic issues.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Benson

B/10/00903/LBC Oxdown Barn, Duffs Hill

Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single-storey extension and works in connection with conversion of existing outbuildings to form annexe (amended scheme to that approved under P.P. B/09/01128/LBC).

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal based on our original objections to any planning application on this site.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

Applications Granted**B/10/00568/FHA/GC 4 Spring Meadow**

First-floor extension over existing garage to provide two additional bedrooms and conservatory to existing living room.

B/10/00640/FHA/LM 21 Fair Green

Replacement of 2 no. sash windows at front of property with new double glazed units, with wooden frames.

Applications Refused

B/10/00357/FUL/GC Stour Valley Centre, lower Road

Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home (continued use of).

Any other Planning Matters

An extra meeting would be held on Monday 16th August 2010, to discuss the plans for Downs Factory Site.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 20.05

Next meeting 14th September 2010

Approved

Date