

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2007**

Present	Len Young Neil Gurr Sid Watkinson Lynn Bloomfield	Lucy Knox Neil Searle Colin Parmenter
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Rex Thake (course) Howard Boone (Christmas event) John Suttle (away)	

76 Police Matters

A police report was received as there was no police presence.

The Clerk and Cllr. Thake had attended a safer neighbourhood meeting recently at which ideas were formulated on how to tackle anti social behaviour. The Clerk, Vice chair and Cllr Searle were now making regular patrols of the Village Hall on a Friday evening.

77 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2007, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

78 Public Question Time

Anna Davies asked if the footpath from Harpurs Road to Kings Road could be cleaned up. The Clerk would pass the message to the street cleaner. She also asked about untidy fencing on Fourth Avenue. The Vice chairman would discuss this with her further before the next meeting and the Clerk would write to the people concerned.

Sylvia Sorrell asked if there were any local charities or organisation who organised hampers for people on limited income for Christmas. She was directed to the library who have a list of organisations.

Martyn Heath said that the fence erected on Tye Green was for safety issues as he had a young child, and also to help prevent smoke from entering his garden.

79 Suffolk County Councillors Report

The Chief Executive will be leaving in April 2008 to take up a new position with Westminster City Council.

A letter had been received from Hazel Blears Government Minister, to put on hold the Ipswich Unitary proposal. The Boundary Commission will be looking to see if Suffolk could be split.

The consultation process was still underway in respect of the school reorganisation. Option 3 seemed to be favoured by most which would take Clare Middle School to a secondary school.

80 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Young had attended a meeting on unitary councils and was of the opinion that Suffolk County Council would cease to exist in the future.

Cllr. Young reported changes afoot for car parking and said that at present £85,000 was being spent on car park maintenance.

Cllr. Young reported that Babergh had reported that it would be difficult to keep council tax in line with the cost of living for the forthcoming year.

81 Clerks Report

Hall users had been told to take photographs of any anti social behaviour and also to report any incidents, no matter how small to the police, following the recent safer neighbourhood team meeting.

Details had been sent through for the conservation area appraisal. An exhibition would be held at the Village Hall on 8th January at 7.30pm. Councillors were advised to visit the office before that date to look at the proposals.

Cllr. Thake had received a letter from the chief constable regarding PCSOs. The councillors were asked for their views before he replied. The general consensus was that most of the youths knew that the PCSOs had little power, no power of arrest and take advantage of that situation. As a letter had also been received from the police asking for lighting at the Rec and a football facility, councillors discussed this and were adamant that nothing more should be provided for the Rec. Councillors expressed the view that the lighting around the Village Hall only attracted the youths more and based on this, they would not be willing to provide lights at the Rec. Cllr. Parmenter pointed out that lights previously sited on the pavilion were continuously vandalised. They would also not be prepared to provide any football facilities as there was already a kick wall on the youth facilities park, as well as hardstanding in the Village Hall car park. It was pointed out that the village had a very good football facility until youths had wrecked it a few years ago so it was impossible to spend public money on providing another.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Searle

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

A letter had been received from Clare Parish Council asking for support for Option 3 in the Schools Organisational Review. Councillors agreed with this unanimously. The Clerk would complete the consultation document.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

The remainder of the new chairs would be unpacked on Saturday morning at 8.30am in the Village Hall. All councillors were asked to attend to enable it to be done quickly.

The clerk had received a call from Babergh stating that Jack Turner and the rest of the sports club volunteers were to receive a community achievement award for their

hard work at the club. As the four lads involved were all under the age of 25, it made the award all the more special. The club continues to grow, with more children joining each week.

82 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	1543.34
Expenditure	7623.83
Cash in hand	35892.13
Petty Cash	357.71
High Interest	34376.70
Sports Club	1084.61

Payments made out of Council

Alfred McAlpine	335.85
T&P Electrical	197.40
Inland Revenue	565.10
Infotone	1747.40

Any other financial matters

The precept forms were signed in order to send to Babergh.

83 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/07/01835/FUL/BEL Unit 6, Patches Yard, Cavendish Lane
Erection of pitched roof to provide storage for class B1 (industrial use).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Based on the following two applications received from Philips, the Clerk would send a letter to ask if they have any immediate proposals could they put them to council at a meeting prior to submitting them to Babergh so that Council are aware before the event and have ample time to digest and discuss.

B/07/01818/FUL/CJT Philips Avent Ltd, Lower Road
Erection of 3 no. CCTV poles; erection of fencing; erection of traffic barrier to main entrance.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to overdevelopment of the site and no explanation being given as to why any of the proposals are needed or enough information to hand. Council feel that there is already a private security firm on site and these proposals would ruin the character of the factory, which so far has been improved very sympathetically and in harmony with the surrounding buildings.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

Applications Granted

B/07/01328/LBC/MC Greyhound Cottage, Egremont Street
Application for Listed Building Consent – Insertion of 1. no roof light and 1 no. replacement rooflight in roofslope of rear addition; insertion of extraction vent in side elevation of rear addition.

B/07/01379/FHA/MB Windmill Cottage, Windmill Row
Erection of first floor rear extension.

B/07/01554/FHA/BW 34 Hunts Hill
Insertion of 1 no. rooflight on front roofslope.

B/07/00851/FUL/JW Dantrick Farm, Lower Road
Change of use of part of barn to form an MoT Testing Station (Class B2) as amplified by agents letter dated 31st August 2007.

B/07/00521/OUT/GD Land adjacent Silverlea, Flax Lane
Outline – erection of 2 no. dwellings (with garage to plot 2). Alteration to existing vehicular access.

B/07/01475/FHA/BEL 11 Tye Green
Replacement of 2 no. ground floor windows.

B/07/01721/FHA/BEL Erkinwald, The Pippins
Erection of side conservatory.

B/07/01583/FHA/AS Melton House, Hunts Hill
Erection of rear conservatory.

84 Social Club

Cllr. Parmenter bought a signed letter from the social club concerning plans for the Village Hall extension. Members proposed that the present social club was sold for development and the new social club incorporated into the Village Hall.

The chairman had concerns that this had been discussed previously and nothing had come of the proposals because of lack of communication and administration. She added that she would prefer to see minutes of the meeting held.

Councillors agreed that these proposals should be put to the village hall working party, a meeting of which would be arranged after the conservation proposals meeting and the next parish meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

85 Correspondence

A letter had been received from START, a Community transport initiative asking for donations for their service. Councillor agreed that they would like more information as to the residents in Glemsford that they cater for. The Clerk would follow this up.

86 **Any other matters**

The drain at the end of Angel Lane was blocked so the Clerk would arrange for this to be cleared.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next meeting 15th January

Approved

Date