

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2008**

Present	Len Young Sid Watkinson Lynn Bloomfield	Lucy Knox Colin Parmenter Rex Thake
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Neil Searle (son ill) Howard Boone	

Cllrs. Suttle and Gurr were not present and no apologies were received.

109 Police Matters

Reported crimes had decreased from 12 to 8 for the same period from last year.

Julia Bignell the news PCSO introduced herself to the meeting.

110 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2008, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

111 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Suffolk SafeCam and other road safety partnerships are launching a Streetlights Mean 30 advertising campaign.

Suffolk County Council's cabinet plans to recommend a tax increase of 3.75% for 2008-09.

The preferred site for an incinerator has been decided at the Suffolk County Council highways maintenance depot at Great Blakenham.

112 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Thake had attended climate change meeting earlier that day. The meeting had discussed ways of saving money such as turning excess heaters and lights off as well as discussing green transport. Cllr. Thake reiterated that when the Village Hall plans were finalised then the most economical build in terms of energy saving should be adopted.

Cllr. Young asked if councillors could help with the showing of a film in May for Babergh District Council. As there was some confusion with dates, the Clerk would email the information to the councillors involved.

Cllr. Young had attended a procurement group meeting where a new draft strategy and framework for 2008-2011 was discussed. Residents were being encouraged to buy from local firms.

Cllr. Thake had been told that all councils should now be installing energy efficient bulbs into street lighting. He queried who would benefit from the saving, the Parish Council or the electric company. The Clerk would query this with Alfred McAlpine.

113 Clerks Report

Streetlight 143 had now been reported as a light out. As this was one of the G39 issues, and would cost over £1000 to repair, it would not be repaired at present due to it being in a conservation area.

The Clerk had received a report in the Local Council Update about increased powers of PCSOs. Cllr. Thake would forward the email address of the district commander for the Clerk to ascertain if the information was accurate.

The Sports Club holiday activities had been a resounding success today, with 27 children in attendance. There had been some problems with Babergh not organising coaches, which they had promised to do, so details were passed to Rex and Len for them to follow this up.

Cllr. Boone had handed in his resignation. The Clerk would advertise the post and if no applications were received they would co-opt a member on within the next couple of months.

The Clerk had received a telephone call about a roller at the school, and enquiring whether this could be taken to the Rec for the football teams to use. The Clerk had agreed to contact Newman Ford to move it. Cllr. Parmenter said that this had disappeared from the Rec some time ago and he would enquire as to how it had arrived at the school.

Cllr. Thake had now made the bins for the youth facilities park and these would be sited later in the week. Cllr. Gurr had put the notice up at the mortuary stores, and had contacted Miss Davies about issues raised on the action sheets.

114 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	784.64
Expenditure	8255.98
Cash in hand	23289.93
Petty Cash	367.04
High Interest	34561.77
Sports Club	1751.24

Payments made out of Council

Viking Direct	57.01
Viking Direct	54.14
Infotone	1516.63
Chilton OS	26.63

Accounts to be paid

Fleetwood Owners Club (refund for village hall booking)	70.00
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Alfred McAlpine	335.85
Inland Revenue	452.08

115 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/07/02083/FHA/BHW 23 Lion Road

Erection of two-storey extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to it being in a conservation area. The proposed application would detract from the street scene, would be over-development of the site, and would be out of keeping with the surrounding buildings.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter **SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

B/08/00150/TCA/DP Newfield House, Bells Lane

Fell 3 No. silver birch trees and 1 no. walnut tree.

Council had concerns about the validity of the claims that the trees were dead and dying, so asked that Babergh investigate.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield **SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

B/07/02102/FHA/BW 3 Holdsworth Close

Retention of single-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield **SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

B/08/00198/FHA/CJT 4 Jaques Close

Erection of two-storey side extension and front porch.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

Applications Granted

B/07/01846/FHA/BW 12 Brook Street

Erection of first-floor rear extension (dormer window) and single-storey rear extension.

B/07/01701/FHA/BW 1 Orchard Way

Retention of side boundary fence.

B/07/00441/FUL/JW Land rear of Patticroft

Erection of 13 no. dwellings.

B/07/01800/FUL/CJT Philips Avent Ltd, Lower Road

Siting of temporary portacabin.

Applications Refused

B/07/01613/FUL/MB 1 Weavers Drive

Erection of 1 no. two-storey detached dwelling and Construction of a new vehicular access.

Any other planning matters

Cllrs. Bloomfield and Knox had attended a meeting at Philips Avent recently, where they had a powerpoint presentation, had a tour round the site, and were then taken to lunch as the canteen was out of service. Avent representatives had informed them that the factory will need more parking facilities at a later date. They also informed Councillors that the company was very pro-active in giving charitable donations, and quite often sent teams into the community to help with projects. The chairman told them about plans for the new Village Hall and they agreed to help with that. The chairman suggested help with changing rooms and referee showers or asked if they would like to supply kits, showers and toilets. She would contact them when plans were finalised and more details were available as to costings.

116 Correspondence

Letter received from Babergh District Council regarding meetings with Parish Councils. This years event would be on the 27th November 2008 at Stoke by Nayland.

Letter received from Babergh District Council about new local validation requirements for planning applications.

117 Village Hall and Social Club

Councillors discussed the plans for the new project. The Clerk pointed out that Council had already paid £2963.36 for plans and Councillors agreed that we should not spend any further money.

Cllr. Parmenter informed the meeting that the social club can pay for plans. Cllr. Thake reiterated that the most acceptable proposal to the planning department is a mirror image. The Chairman asked if he was able to make this decision on his own and should it not be taken to a committee meeting, but she was informed that this was not the case. Cllr. Parmenter was concerned that the play area infringes on the side of hall so the new hall may have to be offset and the rear of the hall would create an entrance. Cllr. Thake expressed concern that planning permission may not be granted if this was the case and he also had concerns that no permission would be granted for the Social Club to be demolished until plans were approved for new houses.

Cllr. Parmenter would proceed with the plans for the village hall and keep the Parish Council updated of progress.

Cllr. Thake asked the clerk to check with the Charities Commission to ensure that having the Social Club running from the Village Hall would not affect our charitable status.

118 Any other matters

The Chairman advised the meeting on how to conduct a media interview and stressed the importance of being prepared before committing to any verbal report. All newspaper reporters should be directed to either the Clerk to the Council or the Chairman.

The Mosquito alarm had been in the news because of the youth minister stating that it may infringe youths human rights. There had also been reports of the alarms hurting young childrens' ears. The Clerk informed the meeting that on two occasions there had been a power cut at the hall causing the timer to cut out, therefore the alarm had been on during the day and she had received no complaints from the parents of children using playgroup or toddler club.

Cllr. Thake reported that halfway down Skates Hill there is lump of wood protruding from the hedge.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting 11th March

Approved

Date