

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
9TH FEBRUARY 2010**

Present	John Suttle Rex Thake Colin Parmenter Neil Gurr	Neil Searle Lucy Knox Lynn Bloomfield Len Young
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In attendance Sara Turner

Apologies Richard Kemp
Newman Ford
Tracey Sansum

093 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2010, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2010, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed, subject to the addition of apologies from Cll. Young.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

094 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Anna Davies, Tiffany and Harriet North were present to discuss the forthcoming fete. They explained that what had started as a small affair had rapidly grown and there were many people keen to help. The Methodist church would be holding their fete at the same time. Sgt Ireland would like to put on an emergency services show which could possibly involve a helicopter. There would of course be the normal tombolas and lucky dip. The next committee meeting would be held on 24th February 2010 after which time bookings would be made.

The Village Hall would be used by the childrens centre to incorporate an area for the babies and young ones to do face painting etc and they will be funding an entertainer. The Youth Club are keen to use their Wii and projector to play Guitar Hero. The winner would receive half the money donated and the rest would be given to the youth club. Soft drinks would be provides, The Angel would be providing an outside bar, there would also be a burger van and a BBQ and hopefully a Folk Band. Mrs. Steele's son will run the PA system for background music, and the Morris men will open the fete. Susie Tyrell the Entertainment and Development Officer at Babergh had promised some sports related activities, and there will also be a bouncy castle and slide, donkey and ponies, pet show and punch and judy.

Anna Davies asked if there was any possibility of providing either a zebra crossing or a lollipop person at the school. The clerk advised that this had been discussed before but she would ask Richard Kemp to follow it up.

There would be a community litter pick starting at 10am at the Village Hall on 13th March 2010.

095 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The deadline for responses to the Secretary of State's proposals for the boundary issues has now passed. The Secretary of state has a number of options to choose from including:

1. Select a new structure of local government in Suffolk, consisting of a whole Suffolk Unitary, their preferred option for a new structure.
2. Select an alternative new structure of local government for Suffolk, consisting of a North Haven Unitary comprising of Ipswich and Felixstowe, and a Rural Suffolk unitary.
3. Refer back to the original proposal, of a sole Ipswich Unitary.
4. Take no action.

These are the options which the Boundary Committee has provided to the Secretary of State; however, they have stated that they believe that referring back to the original proposal would not be advisable.

After the Waste Core Strategy was passed by Full Council on 10th December, the next stage for the process is consultation on the legality and the soundness of the report.

If you would like to make comment on the report, or read the documents that were passed at the last full council meeting, please head to <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/MineralsAndWastePlanning/WastePlanning/WasteDevelopmentFramework/>

All representations received will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate when the document is formally submitted during March 2010. An Inspector will then undertake an Examination in Public, including a public hearing, prior to producing a binding report to the County Council.

The deadline is 22nd February 2010.

The next stages of the process are programmed as follows.

- Submission to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2010.
- A Public Examination during June/July 2010.
- Publication of the Inspector's Report to Suffolk County Council in October 2010.
- Adoption of the Waste Core Strategy as planning policy by Suffolk County Council in December 2010.

Suffolk County Council wants to hear your views on its admissions policy for 2011-12. Between Monday 4th January and 26th February, Suffolk CC is asking to hear people's opinions about its proposed admissions policy for the 2011/12 school year. The policies are designed to ensure that school places are offered in a fair way.

A description of the admissions policies for schools and for more information about how to respond to the consultation, can be found on the SCC website at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/AdmissionsToSchools/School+AdmissionsConsultation201112.htm>

The County Council will be responding to the National Grid consultation on Pylons at the February Cabinet meeting.

They have recommended that line 2b (along most of the current line of Pylons between Bramford and Twinstead) be selected to build another set of pylons to transport to anticipated increase in electricity production from the new Sizewell developments.

This would go through an AONB (Dedham Vale) and add to the already existing power lines.

To comment on your thoughts about the path of the future pylons please head to <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity/MajorProjects/BramfordTwinstead>

The cabinet report, which states the potential Cabinet view, can be found http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-bin/committee_xml.cgi?p=doc&id=1_13749&format=doc

The Cabinet will be deciding this month on the future of schools in Sudbury and Great Cornard in relation to the Schools organisational review.

The cabinet is being asked to firstly consider the results of the public consultation for the future pattern of the schools, and then to approve the publication of statutory notices formally proposing changes to schools in those areas.

The paper lists the suggested changes on page 53, to 55, as well as copies of the responses sent in regarding the subject. The paper can be found here: http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-bin/committee_xml.cgi?p=doc&id=1_13750&format=doc

The County Council announced that the Council Tax would be increased by 2.4% over the next year.

Areas that are being prioritised for extra spending include:

- £1.5m as a one-off payment for roads maintenance to help deal with the effects of the particularly harsh winter
- £1.7m to continue the investment in social workers to help support vulnerable children and their families
- £1.6m to pay for the additional numbers and more complex placements of young people coming into the care system
- £4m to help care for older people who most need specialist support
- £1.6m to pay for extra landfill tax

There are still areas within the budget that are overspent, including Children and Young Persons by £2m, mainly due to the increasing cost for Home to School Transport and for Adult and Community Services by £1.7m due to the increasing demographic. In addition to this within the capital budget, SOR will be costing over £100m

The budget will firstly be approved by Cabinet on 2nd February and then once again at a special meeting on the 18th.

096 CLERK'S REPORT

The leaflets had now all been distributed.

The Clerk had queried the possibility of having a footway provided at the end of Skates Hill leading to Stour Close. Cllr Young would ascertain before the next meeting if any persons in the vicinity had a disability as this may help the process.

The Clerk had written to Suffolk County Council and withheld payment for the streetlighting maintenance until the G39 issues had been rectified. She had now received two emails stating that the cost of one new pole would be in the region of £2,000 but another just down the road would be in the region of £5,000. She would now ask for a breakdown of costs and ask if the same problems would occur if a fault was reported on the new column. She would also ask why the power cables could not be covered or turned off while work was undertaken on existing poles.

An email had been received about the adoption of the telephone box on Fair Green. Councillors agreed to adopt it with no power in situ and although it would belong to the Parish Council, it was agreed to write to the History Society to ask if they would like to be responsible for its upkeep.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

The Clerk would report the water leak on Hunts Hill.

096 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/09/01408/FHA Hillside, Skates Hill

Erection of two-storey side and rear extension & rear side balcony.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

B/09/00048/FUL Part side garden, Hillcrest, Drapery Common

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

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to overdevelopment of the site.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

B/09/01127/FHA Oxdown Barn, Duffs Hill

Erection of single-storey extension to and Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe (for elderly parents) and Erection of attached cart-lodge.

B/09/01128/LBC Oxdown Barn, Duffs Hill

Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single-storey extension and works in connection with the Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe (for elderly parents) and Erection of standard cart-lodge.

Agreed to recommend these applications for refusal due to over-development of the site and being too intrusive.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Searle

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Applications Granted

B/09/01367/FHA 11 Patticroft

Conversion of garage into additional living accommodation.

B/09/01093/FHA/AS 42 Hunts Hill

Replacement of four windows on front elevation.

B/09/01325/FHA/SMC 16 Angel Lane

Erection of bay window and open porch to front elevation.

B/09/01067/FHA/AS 44 Hunts Hill

Insertion of 8 no. replacement windows to front elevation. (Scheme also includes insertion of 4 no. replacement windows and 1 no. replacement door to side elevation.

Any other planning matters

A letter had been received from Hills re the Crownfield Road development. Cllr. Searle would attend the meeting.

097 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from Peal Estates regarding the Downs site. The Clerk would invite them to the next meeting but would explain concerns about sewerage, drainage and urge them to only attend if they have specific proposals.

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council regarding S106 contributions. The Clerk would write to him for more details.

A letter had been received from Suffolk County Council regarding access markings at 16 Fair Green. Agreed that this would be a good idea.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

Cllr. Suttle was not in favour of the proposal.

098 **Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park**

The clerk explained to the meeting that despite being assured by Cllr. Parmenter that the building regs were ready at the last meeting, she had called the architects and had been informed that this was not the case. Cllr. Parmenter stated that Peter Clarke would not pay for these until decisions had been made by the Parish Council.

Questions were received from councillors: how much is Peter Clarke paying for the plot of land. Cllr. Parmenter stated that the amount was £300,000.

In the last two months, what is the profit that has been made by the Social Club – Cllr. Parmenter stated that no profit had been made.

Have the Social Club formulated a projected profit by moving the Social Club to the Village Hall site – Cllr. Parmenter stated that this had not been done.

What was the overall projected spend – Cllr. Parmenter said this was in the region of £200,000.

Councillors then asked what would happen to the remaining £100,000. Cllr. Parmenter explained that £60,000 to £80,000 would be taken through capital gains tax and the remainder would furnish the new Social Club.

It was asked who valued the current site. Cllr. Parmenter said that this was done when survey was carried out. It had been difficult to get a valuation prepared, but they had come to an arrangement with a company in Cambridge and one from Peter Clarke from The Briars. The valuation from the Cambridge firm was less but the building costs were greater so £75,000 was left over.

Cllr. Searle said he had reservations to even justify the moving of the Social Club as it was clear the club was not making any money now. Cllr. Parmenter stated that the re-siting would halve the running costs.

Cllr. Thake re-iterated his opinion from the last meeting that he had concerns about the ongoing costs. It was abundantly clear that the Social Club were struggling now and could well be still in same position up road.

The Clerk was asked to find out the market value for rental of the building if it was sited next to the Village Hall, to find out if the building would affect the charitable status of the Village Hall and if the rates on the Village Hall would increase if the building was erected.

099 Any other matters

The Clerk would pass on all documentation regarding the ordering of dog and litter bins to Cllr. Thake who would formulate a complaint to Malcolm Firth.

There will be an SNT meeting on 25th Feb at 11am at Glemsford Social Club.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Approved

Date