

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
10TH JANUARY 2006 AT GLEMSFORD VILAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Young Cllr. Gurr
 Cllr. Suttle Cllr. Thake
 Cllr. Lord Cllr. Boone
 Cllr. Lay Cllr. Knox

In attendance: Sara Sunderland (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Parmenter, Cllr. Watkinson, Cllr. Kemp

There were two members of public in attendance.

As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were both absent it was agreed that Cllr. Thake would chair the meeting

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

179 Police Matters

As no police officers were present, the printed report was read out, which covered the period of 15th November 2005 to 9th January 2006.

13 crimes had been reported from this period compared with eight for the same period of the previous year.

180 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 15th and 22nd November 2005, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed subject to the addition of Cllr. Knox in the list of councilors present on the Minutes of 22nd November 2005.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

181 Public Question Time

Mr. Richardson reported that a new co-ordinator from Hunts Hill had joined Neighbourhood Watch.

The police had contacted Mr. Richardson and told me that if three men approached any residents in the village asking them if they needed their drives resurfaced, then they should contact the police immediately.

182 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Cllr. Kemp had attended a consultation exercise on the future of the Suffolk police force at the last Suffolk County Council meeting. The police committee were about to recommend the fourth option which was to upgrade the existing situation. At the last minute they were reminded from government sources that their "three options" of amalgamation were the only ones to be considered. No decision was made as all councilors agreed that this was being done with undue haste and no real consultation.

Repeater signs were not applicable for Glemsford and speed flashing signs would not be provided as traffic surveys indicated that speeding in the areas questioned was not a serious problem.

183 District Councillors' Reports

Following on from the previous meeting where Cllr. Kemp had reported Mrs. Steele, the head teacher of Glemsford Primary, as saying that 43% of school children were on special needs, Cllr. Young had made some enquiries at the Babergh Housing Department. They had assured him that there was no policy that all special needs children should be put together.

Cllr. Young reported that £100,000 was available for community projects although Cllr. Thake informed the meeting that these grants would have to be match funded.

Geoff Kistner had explained conflicting reports in local newspapers about coming years council tax. Babergh were trying to keep the rise to 2.7% although this has not been finalised yet.

184 Clerks Report

The Clerk had written to Mrs. Steele about the Governors minutes. Mrs. Steele had informed the Clerk that these were available at the school but not in the public domain.

The Christmas tree recycling had been very successful and it was hoped that this would be repeated next year.

The Clerk had written to Babergh regarding the Parish Council's suggestions for the new Egremont Street development.

The Clerk had received literature on graffiti removal, which had been passed to Councillor Gurr.

A letter had been received from Stoke by Clare Parish Council about problems on the A1092, asking if we would join forces with other parish councils to rectify the problems. It was agreed that this was a good idea, so the Clerk would contact them.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

The Clerk had Cllr. Gurr had both been in contact with Mr. Paddison from Babergh about the Local Plan. The Clerk would invite him to the next meeting.

The Chairman would be absent for the next meeting but it was decided to keep the date as it was, although the March meeting would be postponed for one week.

A letter had been received from Elisabeth Harrison about the problems encountered by library staff concerning teenagers in the library. The Clerk would send a letter to the police asking for advice and Cllrs. Boone, Gurr and Knox would attend the police station.

The Clerk would also write to Elisabeth Harrison to ask how many times the police had been called out.

There had been no contact from the Cock football team regarding the re-vamping of the sports pavilion and as the timescale had now elapsed, the Council agreed that the pavilion would now be demolished. The Clerk would contact Steve Creed and ask him to arrange as well as removing the lock from the pavilion, that the Cock had replaced.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

The Chairman had informed the Clerk that Tony Mitchell had cut the bottoms of play equipment when it was removed. The Clerk would now contact Record and ask them to inspect to ensure that they complied with safety standards. Councillors were concerned about the safety aspects and were sure that Record should reinstall the equipment following communications by Babergh.

The Chairman had conversed with Guy Smith regarding issues raised over the bus layby but the Clerk would write and find out if he needed any further information.

185 Financial Matters

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| Income | 500.79 |
| Expenditure | 2107.22 |
| Cash in hand | 47389.86 |
| Petty Cash | 196.24 |
| Youth Facilities Park | 132.25 |
| High Interest | 72031.46 |

Payments received

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| Burials | 209.00 |
| Village hall groups | 367.50 |
| Courts | 50.00 |

Payments made out of Council

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| Mrs. P. Jones | 76.38 |
| Inland Revenue | 287.00 |
| Hunts Hill Stores | 20.00 |
| Mr W. Hickford | 30.00 |
| Alfred McAlpine | 150.00 |
| CO-op Funerals | 88.00 |

Accounts to be paid

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| British Telecom | 129.07 |
| Inland Revenue | 229.60 |
| Alfred McAlpine | 150.00 |

Any other financial matters

It was agreed that the debts relating to the previous clerk should now be wiped off the accounts for audit purposes.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

186 Planning Matters

Cllrs. Thake and Young did not take part in the planning discussions.

a. New Applications

B/05/02105/DHA/DB Fair Green House, Fair Green

Erection of detached garage and front porch.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/05/02053/FHA/DB The Looking Glass, Flax Lane

Erection of detached garage.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

b. Applications Granted

B/05/01751/TCA 53 Egremont Street

Reduce by 3ft and shape 1 no. cherry tree, removal of 2ft out of top of 1 no. conifer tree and 1 no. cotoneaster tree.

B/05/01792/FHA/SB Oxdown Barn, Duffs Hill

Erection of front boundary wall with wrought iron gate (existing fence to be demolished).

B/05/01698/TCA Melton House, Duffs Hill

Felling of 1 no. ash tree and pollarding of 1 no. ash tree.

B/05/01626/FHA/MC 4 Egremont Street

Erection of 2 no. single-storey rear extensions (following demolition of single-storey rear extension).

B/05/01870/TCA Glemsford CP Schpopl. Lion Road

Removal of 1 conifer tree.

B/05/01862/FHA/GP Brookfield Place, Low Street

Erection of isolation kennel.

B/05/01885/FHA/RM 5 Lion Road

Erection of part single-storey and part two-storey rear extension. Erection of detached single garage.

187 Village Plan

Cllr Gurr reported that forty four members of the public had attended the meeting in November and that another was being organised soon.

188 Village Hall

The chairman and Cllr. Boone had Colin met with planners regarding the village hall. They had reservations that there may not be sufficient finance now so they are going to come up with two schemes.

Feasibility studies and costings would now need to be undertaken and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Horizon and David Webber stating that the Parish Council were happy for them to proceed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

189 Local Plan

Cllr. Thake advised the meeting that when the development at Crownfield Road was discussed it should be considered as a whole development and not piecemeal. It should also be noted that the sewerage and roads are not adequate.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

190 Action sheets

It was agreed that these should be adopted and used for each meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

191 Any other Business

The footpath on Windmill Row was being used to park on, thus impeding pedestrians. The Clerk would write to Richard Kemp and Kevin Verlander to make them aware of the problems.

Cllr Young reported that the mobile canteen on Lower Road was proving to be a great success. He would be speaking to the owner shortly as the bins were overflowing.

Residents in Holdsworth Close were complaining about the taxis parking in the area. Cllrs. Thake and Young would chase enforcement officers about the case.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next meeting 7th February 2006

Approved

Date