

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Colin Parmenter John Suttle Lucy Knox Neil Searle	Len Young Rex Thake Neil Gurr
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Howard Lay Anna Watkinson Howard Boone	

**091 Police Matters**

One burglary report received, four reports of criminal damage including a smashed window at the library and arson to an unfit vehicle on Low Street, and three reports of vehicle crime had been reported. Four offences of public order and three of theft.

Inspector Pepper attended the meeting, together with Sally Smith and Stuart Spindler the new PCSO. Inspector Pepper went through the caution and arrest procedure for crimes committed and also the youth nuisance register. He felt that the Summer activities last year had been a great success but questioned whether the funding could be justified for this and other ventures. Social housing was an issue and Cllr. Young suggested that he meet with Ian Tippett to discuss Babergh's role.

Neighbourhood policing restructuring would be coming in imminently with a more community focussed approach and the team had been allocated to the rural part of Sudbury.

Cllr. Thake argued that social housing should not be blamed for the problems in the village or at the school because putting all undesirables in one place simply does not happen. Cllr. Thake stated that the whole district were experiencing problems with the police and he felt that it was not improving.

ASBOS were discussed and Inspector Pepper stated that in order to be issued with an ASBO the person would have to have quite a pattern of offending.

The police resources are awarded by the area commander and this includes Ipswich, based on historic demand and based ultimately on funds that they get from the government. There will be no increase other than PCSOs at the moment.

Ken Turner informed the meeting that the safer neighbourhood teams will only be run out from police stations.

Cllr. Thake asked if the Parish Council could fund their own PCSO. Ken Turner said he would look into this.

Cllr. Young questioned the issuing of a caution as a punishment. Inspector Pepper said the police did consider cautions as a punishment.

Cllr. Searle asked if someone was issued with a caution, could they then be asked to clean up any graffiti that they had caused. Inspector Pepper said that they could be asked but not told.

Cllr. Suttle asked which crime was the highest proportion. Inspector Pepper stated that this would be criminal damage. CCTV was discussed and Inspector Pepper said that any CCTV would need to be monitored 24/7.

**092 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed, with one amendment. John Thomas should be changed to David Thomas in the public question time item and a letter sent to Mr. Thomas apologising for the typing error.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Young**

**093 Suffolk County Councillors Report**

Following the recent events in Ipswich the County Council is continuing to support street workers with extended outreach services.

A policy development panel is being set up in regard to rural post offices.

A new director of resource management had been appointed.

Cllr. Kemp had attended a recent health group committee meeting. No hospital beds were guaranteed for the Sudbury area.

The proposed changes for the school system was likely to cost £23M but should save £4M per year.

**094 District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Thake was hopeful that all councils in Suffolk would vote for the pathfinder bid submission working draft. It was hoped that all councils would work as a team and it could then go to government. If the bid is granted money will then come from the government.

Cllr. Thake had spoken to a portfolio holder at Bury who had described a new initiative whereby parish councils could have their own speed camera and have a nominated person/s who would be trained to use it. The Clerk would obtain more details from Cllr. Kemp.

Cllr. Young had attended meetings of working group. Members included one from each of four main political groups and the chairman of strategy. They would be looking into items identified through past meetings, updates on progress from senior managers and updates on statistics.

Cllr. Young reported that recycling had increased and exceeded figures.

Babergh had now included taxi drivers on their website so women can check registered drivers.

**095 Clerks Report**

The Fair had asked if they could attend Glemsford on 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April. Councillors agreed this providing they did not use any facilities from the Village Hall.

**096 Financial Matters**

**Account Status**

Income	757.03
Expenditure	25883.75
Cash in hand	25524.45
Petty Cash	224.89
High Interest	43386.73

**Payments received**

Village Hall	275.00
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**Accounts to be paid**

Alfred McAlpine	408.79
J I Turner	11.75
BDC	6000.00
Viking	38.73
Allianz Cornhill	28.63
BT	160.68
Record	7919.49
Portaramp	150.00

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Knox

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

**Any other financial matters**

A quotation had been received from Portaramp for the disabled ramp. The Clerk would reply and send a cheque.

Allsorts had asked about a heater for the kitchen and toilets. Councillors agreed that we would not purchase these until information about the community centre was forthcoming.

The Vice-Chairman and Clerk would meet with Alfred McAlpine next Thursday to discuss the street lighting at the village hall and Highbank.

The Clerk would request a skip for the playing fields for the weekend so that the container could be emptied. The goalposts would be erected on the bottom pitch.

The Chairman would see if there were any interested parties in buying the container and any funds received would be paid to the Parish Council. He would also speak to Newman Ford about finishing off the base of the pavilion.

**097 Planning Matters**

**New Applications**

**B/06/01619/FUL/DB                      Part rear garden of 33 Schoolfield**  
Erection of detached bungalow. Alterations to existing vehicular access

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal due to impact on school, the fact that it would set a precedent, impact on traffic although Shepherds Lane is an unclassified road, general worries about build up of traffic around school. Too cramped, over development of site.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Knox

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

**Applications Granted**

**B/06/01353/OUT/GP                      Part side garden to Lansdown, Drapery Common**  
Outline - Erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

**B/06/01831/FUL/DB                      Cannon Avent, Lower Road**  
Erection of single storey extension to accommodate plant room.

There being no other matters, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Approved .....

Date .....

Meeting closed at  
Next meeting February 9.20