

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

<b>Present</b>	Lucy Knox	Sid Watkinson
	Colin Parmenter	Lynn Bloomfield
	John Suttle	Rex Thake
<b>In attendance</b>	Sara Sunderland	
	Richard Kemp	
<b>Apologies</b>	Howard Boone (working late)	
	Neil Gurr (ill)	
	Len Young (caring for wife)	

Cllr. Searle was absent but no apologies were received.

**87     Good Neighbour Scheme**

Gavin Hodge from Suffolk Acre told those present about the Good Neighbour Scheme. The premise was to organise a team of volunteers in the community who are willing to help residents who were infirm or unable to do tasks themselves. The type of jobs were expected to entail giving lifts, collecting pensions, minor domestic repairs, changing lightbulbs and checking smoke alarms. A core group of six or seven volunteers would have a phone on a rota basis. Calls would be matched to a volunteer who has agreed to help in the duties requested. Approval from Parish Council was needed to send out volunteer sheets and Hilary Smith will be helping with this. The initial grant will pay for CRB checks, public liability and group personal accident, plus mobile phone and stationery. Thereafter it needs to be self funding. The only ongoing costs are insurance and running costs of phone. All of the present schemes receive donations and can do fund raising events.

Cllr. Watkinson asked what other villages run this scheme. Mr. Hodge answered that Long Melford is just in throes of launching and went live on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Lakenheath, Shotley, Holbrook, Tattingstone are all running similar schemes.

The Chairman asked how long the scheme would take to set up after questionnaires are returned. Mr. Hodge said he envisaged about three months. The steering group opens the bank account but Gavin will sit on the steering group and can assist.

15-18 volunteers would be ideal and the backbone of the volunteers are the newly retired.

Councillors agreed that the idea was a positive one so Mr. Hodge will talk to Hilary and the Clerk would then reproduce the questionnaire.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Thake

**88     Police Matters**

The noticeboards had both had glue inserted into the key holes. The Clerk had today telephoned Mr. Teasdale who would be repairing them tomorrow.

The Clerk had been called to the Village Hall the previous evening as youths had stuck chewing gum in the main door lock necessitating it to be removed before the

Karate Club teacher could lock up. After discussions with the police, Mr. Price had been asked to telephone the Clerk or dial 999 immediately when there were any signs of anti social behaviour.

#### 89 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

#### 90 **Public Question Time**

Anna Davies asked about the problem of broken glass around the Village Hall area on a weekend. The Chairman and Clerk explained that the street cleaners were only employed to work on weekdays but that they would look into the matter. Ms. Davies stated that she had spoken with the librarian who had told her that she often had to sweep up the mess before opening on a weekend. None of the Councillors were aware of this, nor had it been reported to the clerk. Cllr. Parmenter suggested putting a piece in the next newsletter asking members of the public to pick up any litter they see over the weekend.

#### 91 **Suffolk County Councillors Report**

The bird flu restrictions had now been lifted.

Cllr. Parmenter reported that Hobbs Lane and Park Lane verges were in a mess now buses are using the roads more frequently. Cllr. Kemp will look into it and report back to the Clerk.

Suffolk County Council were hoping that START would help to fill the shortfall caused by the reduction in Beestons bus services.

Cllr. Kemp had spoken with the Clerk today to ascertain how the locality budget would be spent. The Clerk had given him costings for new Sports Club equipment and for coaching courses.

Suffolk County Council has received £7 million more in government grant than it was expecting.

The Real Nappy Network had been a success and would continue to promote the advantages of using reusable nappies.

The government had discussed the Ipswich Unitary Bid and judged that the outcomes were not likely to be achieved specified by the affordability criterion.

#### 92 **District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Thake had been quite heavily involved with the School review. Support was given for the third option overall. Cllr. Thake felt that option 3 has been put added but it will not materialise even though it is the best option. Babergh asked that Hartest and Glemsford would be included in Sudbury review if this option 3 was not viable, as they do not want these pupils being shipped out to Haverhill etc.

The final decision would be made on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**93**     **Clerks Report**

Accounts had been received from START and also an email which detailed some of the clients from Glemsford. It was proposed that a donation of £100 should be given to the project.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

A complaint had been received regarding a hole on the junction of Third Avenue/Kings Road. The hole was from a streetlight that had been involved in an RTA some months ago and was waiting to be replaced. A resident had fallen into the hole causing injury and the clerk had contacted both Alfred McAlpine and EDF to ascertain who the hole belonged to. It had now been confirmed that it was under the ownership of EDF and they would now deal with the situation.

Rachel Twitchett had asked that a dog bin be sited on the footpath from Angel Lane to the Rec and on the corner of Shepherds Lane. The Clerk had already spoken to Babergh District Council about the Angel Lane location and this was not feasible so it was proposed that a dog bin be sited at the top of Angel Lane instead.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

The problem with the streetlights was discussed. Alfred McAlpine had informed the Clerk that many of the streetlights in the village now fell under a G39. This meant that the lights could not be maintained in their present location due to overhanging trees or power lines due to health and safety. The clerk was now in possession of a list of affected lights, many of which were in conservation areas, so it would be difficult to erect new poles. Rod Jones from Suffolk County Council was now looking into the matter and it was expected that a reply would be forthcoming before the end of February. In the meantime it was agreed that if columns 14, 15, 16 and 17 could be attended to now, then this work should be undertaken.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

Mails had been received from a resident concerning the verges and the state of the road in Long Pastures. The Clerk had written to Mr. Nunn who informed her that current Suffolk County Council budgets would not allow for any major work. The Chairman would take a look at the area before the next meeting.

The Chairman gave a report on the recent conservation area meeting. Council decided they were reasonably happy with the proposals apart from the fencing to gardens on Brook Street as if cars were removed, then this would cause major obstructions on the road.

Duffs Hill would be closed from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 for one week.

A call had been received from a resident of Highbank who had concerns about the uneven paving slabs. Cllr. Thake would speak to Babergh District Council.

**94     Financial Matters****Account Status**

Income	1340.94
Expenditure	6471.80
Cash in hand	30761.27
Petty Cash	292.71
High Interest	34468.51
Sports Club	1788.74

**Payments made out of Council**

Alfred McAlpine	335.85
W. Hickford	85.00
Babergh District Council	64.79
Alfred McAlpine	575.02
J.I. Turner	135.44
GE Money	436.70
Industrial Supplies	33.32
Cash	200.00
D. Teasdale	2775.00
BDC	179.18

**Accounts to be paid**

Viking Direct	68.26
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**Any other financial matters**

A new agreement for had been received for the public lighting maintenance. It was agreed to approve and sign this.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

The Clerk had written a letter of complaint to Morleys because of the problems with the Village Hall chairs. They had now refunded ten percent of the total charge so a payment of over five hundred pounds was now deposited into the Council's current account.

**95     Planning Matters****New Applications**

**B/07/02040/FUL/CJT     Philips Avent Limited**  
Erection of rear canopy.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Watkinson

**B/07/02019/FHA/AS      43 Golding Way**  
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

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

**B/07/02033/FUL/CJT      Philips Avent Limited, Lower Road**  
Construction of 4 no. coach parking bays. Alteration to existing vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

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

**Applications Granted**

**B/07/01623/FHA/AS      6 Causeway Close**  
Erection of single-storey rear extension.

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

**Applications Refused**

**B/07/01448/FUL/MB      Part side garden of 48 Fourth Avenue**  
Erection of 2 no. semi-detached two-storey dwellings. Construction of new vehicular access.

**B/07/01627/FHA/BHW      32 Tye Green**  
Retention of 1.8m high front and boundary fence.

**Any other planning matters**

The land to the rear of Schoolfield was discussed. Cllr. Suttle stated that this would not be sold either now or in the future. The clerk said she would pass this to Babergh District Council who would probably want to meet with the Relief Fund to discuss it further.

The Clerk had been contacted by Philips Avent and invited to view the factory and their proposals for the future. It was decided that the Chairman, Cllr. Bloomfield and the Clerk would attend the meeting and would suggest 30<sup>th</sup> January as a possible date.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Approved .....**

**Date .....**