

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

<b>Present</b>	John Suttle	Rex Thake
	Newman Ford	Lucy Knox
	Colin Parmenter	Lynn Bloomfield
	Neil Gurr	

**In attendance** Sara Turner

**Apologies** Neil Searle (ill)  
Tracey Sansum (work)  
Len Young (ill)  
Richard Kemp

**076 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**077 SUFFOLK COUNTRY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The weather over the past few weeks has been extremely icy, and the Council has been sending its gritters out on a regular basis to keep the roads running and the county moving.

The obvious priority is to ensure those essential roads, classed as priority 1 and priority 2 roads, are being gritted in the evenings and early mornings when the road surface temperature will be falling below zero.

Those other routes, such as priority 3's and 4's are being looked at on a less regular basis, depending on the capacity to cover the priority 1's and 2's.

The operation has been running over most of the Christmas period, and will continue whilst the icy weather perseveres.

In addition to this we have heard the news that Parish Councils are able to ask for grit from Suffolk County Council to clear the pavements in their local areas. The supply of grit can then be distributed around by a team of listed volunteers to help clear the pavements of ice.

The Boundary Committee have made their recommendation to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Their recommendation suggests that the Secretary of State has in-total four options to choose from:

Select a new structure of local government in Suffolk, consisting of a whole Suffolk Unitary, their preferred option for a new structure.

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.

Refer back to the original proposal, of a sole Ipswich Unitary.

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.

Unlike in both Norfolk and in Devon, where the Boundary Committee have put forward a single county unitary as their only proposal, two have been provided in Suffolk. Out of these two the Boundary Committee has stated it prefers the whole of Suffolk unitary over the two split unitaries, as it fulfils the criteria set out at the beginning of the process more substantially.

This was announced on 8th of December, which launched a period of consultation that will come to an end on 19th of January. There would then be time, if all goes to plan for the Government once it has selected an option, to implement the orders for a new council structure before the General Election.

Representations to the Secretary of state can still be made to voice your opinion, for contact details on how to do this, and more information about the boundary committees decision you can head to;

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/boundary-reviews/about-structural-reviews>

Last month's Full Council meeting saw the administration vote through the proposals for potential waste treatment plants at Sproughton, Great Blakenham (of which there are two) and Eye. The selection means that each of the sites would be suitable for some sort of waste treatment facility. The actual type of technology would be down to the commercial company bidding for the site, with an incinerator not out of the question, especially as there is already one planned by the County Council for the Great Blakenham site.

Suffolk County Council wants to hear your views on its admissions policy for 2011-12. Between Monday the 4th of January and Friday the 26th of 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>

**078 CLERK'S REPORT**

It was agreed to hold a meeting with the Social Club and The Briars at which to discuss the finances for the Village Hall. This would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Social Club with a 7.30 pm start.

The Clerk had produced some information posters for the village setting out useful telephone numbers. These would be copied onto A5 paper and then laminated and sent to all households in the village.

The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr. Searle would be meeting with Tim Yeo and The Environment Agency on Friday afternoon.

The meeting with the representative about the portakabins had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather and this would be re-arranged at a later date.

The Clerk would meet with the football managers to discuss fund raising for the changing facilities.

**079 FINANCIAL MATTERS****Account Status**

Income	0.00
Expenditure	7,777.49
Cash in hand	24,063.93
Petty Cash	1,299.56
High Interest	35,383.63
Sports Club	2,044.99

**Accounts to be paid**

Inland Revenue	468.60
Suffolk County Council (street lighting)	4701.45

**080 Planning Matters****New Applications****B/09/01474/FHA 28 The Pippins**

Conversion of roof into additional living accommodation. Insertion of 2 no. dormer window to side elevation and 1 no. window to rear elevation.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**B/09/01332/ADV Station Auto's, The Barn, Dantrick Farm**

Application for Advertisement Consent – Erection of 2 no. illuminated advertisement displays (retention of).

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

**081 Any other matters**

The Clerk would write to Suffolk County Council and say that the money would be withheld for the street lighting contract until the light outside the church hall was repaired.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Approved** .....

**Date** .....