

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11TH JULY 2006**

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

Howard Lay was not present and no apologies were received.

028 POLICE MATTERS

From 10th May 2006 through to the 10th July 2006 20 crimes had been recorded within the parish, this compares to 12 for the same period the previous year.

Burglary to dwellings - 1 report dealt with during this time

Overnight on 13-14/05/06 a private dwelling in Kings Rd had damage caused to the rear patio door which appeared to be where unknown offenders and made an effort to gain entry, no entry made and nothing stolen

On the 01/07/06 offenders set light to straw/hay bales left on the recreation ground after a fete. Information had now been passed to the police about the perpetrators.

Vehicle crime- 11 reports have been received during this time. These offences included 5 damage to motor vehicles, 1 theft of a motor vehicle, 4 thefts from motor vehicles and 1 taking without consent of a motor vehicle

Damage to motor vehicles took place in Brook St, Angel Lane, Kings Rd, Chequers Lane and Egremont St and involved bodywork being damaged and car windows smashed

The theft from motor vehicles took place over night on the 24-25/06/6 in the areas of Fair Green, Jacques Close, The Pippins and Parklands Close items stolen included CD players and CD's

The stolen car was taken from Egremont St and the taking without consent offence occurred in Kings Rd, this vehicle was later recovered in the Sudbury area after being involved in an accident.

Violent crime/public order- 4 reports have been received during this time, 3 of the reports relate to ABH offences, the other related to a domestic non-crime matter

Theft - 1 report received during this time. This offence involved the theft of clothing from a washing line in a private garden in Lion Road.

Other matters related to the production of cannabis at two separate locations within the parish.

A letter had been received about vacancies for Neighbourhood Watch but Bob Richardson informed the meeting that he had already recruited new members at the local fun day.

An email had been received from a concerned resident, regarding the cars careering across the Rec at nights. The Clerk would now contact Mr. Slater regarding erecting the concrete posts as the situation was getting out of hand. A quotation had been received from a locksmith for the provision of locks for the village hall gate so these matters would be attended to as soon as practicably possible. Sally had been passed some number plates earlier in the evening of cars that were using the Rec to drive on, and she would follow these up.

Councillor Boone reported his concerns about the evening of the Fun Day. He explained that the fire brigade had been called out to deal with the blazing bales but were impeded as they had missiles thrown while trying to fan the flames. He asked why no arrests made after the police had been called. Sally will speak to the officers involved and find out what happened.

The Chairman voiced his concerns about Den reporting that the perpetrators were unknown but Sally explained that even though they had been passed a name, they would need a statement to take it any further.

Councillor Boone expressed his dismay that the same people were being reported on a regular basis yet nothing is ever done.

A gypsy encampment had appeared near the weir. Although this had been reported, the Clerk would report it again and Sally would telephone Braintree District Council.

Cllr. Watkinson had visited the library recently and was informed by a member of staff that young teenagers had been drinking outside the village hall. Sally urged residents to report these matters as the police would be able to confiscate the drink if they were underage.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the chief constable about the youths in the village and a copy sent to Inspector Pepper as residents were now contacting the council about too many police matters as they were getting no response from the police.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

029 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

030 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Game asked when the youth facility park equipment would be moved and were the council aware of what type of vehicle would be used. The chairman explained

that an articulated lorry and forklift would be used but Record would be contacting Tony Mitchell who can move them individually to the site.

A resident expressed concerns about the parking area on Tye Green as this was still not properly defined. One of the posts had been removed by a resident causing problems for access. The Chairman explained that Tye Green is a registered green and the posts were originally site to stop people parking as there was a designated parking area in use for patrons of the Cherry Tree. Cllr. Suttle explained that the area was originally fenced off with a plastic chain. A centre stake and post were sited with a bar and key at other end where there is access to field. The lockable posts MUST be re-sited and the Clerk would ask Cllr. Gurr to contact Cllr. Suttle to get the work completed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

Mrs Gibbs from Allsorts asked why their equipment had to be moved despite being sent a letter stating that a badminton club wanted to use the hall. She argued that Allsorts were part of the community and were trying to provide a service. She complained about the lack of storage space despite having a large walk in cupboard and several wall cupboards so councillors agreed to meet with the staff next Thursday (20th) at 7.30pm.

Mrs Gibbs asked about the fencing around play area. The Clerk informed her that this would be sorted in September when the safety inspection took place.

Bob Richardson reported that the fun day had been a great success and he had recruited twelve new neighbourhood watch members.

031 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The white paper on the future of local government had been delayed following a reshuffle.

Suffolk's Safeguarding Children Board had been appointed a new chair.

A shortfall in government funding is affecting day care services for older people across the country. The savings of over £800,000 made by the council in day care services, will mean reducing service levels for many elderly people across the region.

Suffolk County Council had pledged its support for local post offices.

032 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Babergh District Council are asking disabled people if they can improve on services for them.

If residents are eligible for benefit or tax credit then they may be able to have cut price energy savings on fridges and freezers.

The Licensing Committee was now dealing with the licensing of one-armed bandits which is going to treble their workload.

The Clerk would contact Babergh about the possibility of re-siting the recycling banks on the hardstanding at the village hall.

033 CLERK'S REPORT

The new Banking mandate had been sent to the bank.

The Cinema project form had been sent although no reply had been received.

The Clerk had contacted and met Geoff Monk from Cubitt regarding the notice boards for Broadway Stores and the Village Hall. He would be providing quotations in the near future.

The Clerk had written to the upset residents regarding the tarmac left over grave stones in the cemetery. Wiles had now cleaned the offending stones and the payment would now be made.

The Clerk would write to the owner of the Ebenezer Chapel and ask him to trim his bush.

The Chairman had been approached by a resident who would like to plant a tree in memory of his late wife. As the Council had already declined one such request because of the maintenance required, the Clerk would inform him that he was welcome to either erect a bench on Fair Green or bulbs in the village.

The August meeting would be moved to the **15th August**.

034 FINANCIAL MATTERS**a. Account Status**

Income	684.91
Expenditure	4381.87
Cash in hand	29653.36
Petty Cash	303.67
High Interest	72757.18

b. Payments received

Village Hall	381.00
Burials	230.00

c. Payments made out of Council

Alfred McAlpine	318.23
W.R Hickford	2148.00
Suffolk Acre	75.00

d. Accounts to be paid

Wiles	11,312.60
Industrial Supplies	38.54
Chilton Office Supplies	137.85
C Wallace	442.50
Babergh District Council	154.58

e. **Any other financial matters**

The organisers of the Fun day had asked if they could run the event next year and every other year thereafter as at present they were going to clash with World Cup and European cup competitions. Councillors agreed that this was acceptable.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

The accounts for the year 2003-2004 were adopted and signed.

The trees for the village hall needed some work carried out. The Clerk would write to Babergh for the planning forms and then apply for the work to be done in and around October.

Litter and bog bins were needed in the picnic area. The Clerk would contact Braintree District Council about this.

The railings around the village hall needed re-painting. The Clerk would contact Tony Mitchell and ask for a quotation.

The Finance Committee would meet next Thursday to open the tenders for the demolition of the pavilion.

The Clerk would ask Tony Mitchell to repair the lock on the cemetery gate.

035 PLANNING MATTERS

A. **New Applications**

B/06/00980/FHA/GP

Stour Vista, Skates Hill

Erection of two-storey side extension.

One Letter of objection received. The Planning Committee would have a site meeting the following evening.

B/06/00967/LBC/DB

4 Egremont Street

Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of sunroom (following demolition of existing lean-to).

B/06/00966/FHA/DB

4 Egremont Street

Erection of sunroom (following demolition of existing lean-to).

Agreed to recommend these Applications for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

B/06/00842/FHA/RM

65 Egremont Street

Erection of first-floor rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal because it is too obtrusive and could set a precedent for the rest of the row, plus loss of light for the neighbouring properties.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

B/06/00974/FHA/RM 36 Hunts Hill
Erection of single-storey side extension and rear conservatory.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

b. **Applications Granted**

B/06/00632/FUL/DB Land at Elm Grove, Tye Green
Erection of 8 no. two-storey terraced dwellings with associated parking areas; Erection of single-storey detached shop store building, construction of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses (existing bungalow, garage and shop store building to be demolished).

B/06/00506/FHA/RM 20 Brices Way
Retention of shed.

c. **Applications Refused**

B/06/00670/OUT 20 Bells Lane
Outline - Erection of detached dwelling with re-opening of existing access.

B/06/00815/TEL Grove Farm, Angel Lane
Erection of 15 metre telecommunications pole incorporating a multiband antenna and equipment cabinets.

d. **Any other planning matters**

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council regarding the advertising on Tye Green.

B/06/02052/FUL/DB Slaters Building, Egremont Street

Application withdrawn.

036 VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed that when the new locks were put on the gates and the main door that the Clerk would have a keyholders book that would need to be signed when the new keys were collected. It would be clearly stated that the holders were responsible and would have to pay for the replacement if it was lost and that if the gate was not locked then they would pay for damages incurred to the property because of the gate being open.

The Clerk would contact painters for quotes for the exterior repainting and also the repairs to the roof.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

Two football teams wanted to use the village hall next season. The Clerk would contact them and as long as their games did not clash, and a fixture list would be provided, there should be no problem.

037 ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Watkinson had ascertained the dimensions of the badminton courts and it was apparent that only one court could be marked out on the floor of the village hall.

The old cooker was still in the committee room. The Chairman would take this to the Clerk before Sunday to place in the skip.

038 BUS LAYBY

Communications had been received from Sally Longmate and it was agreed that the Chairman should now contact her and say that we wanted to go ahead with the work.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next meeting 15th August 2006 7pm

Approved

Date