

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2007**

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

026 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2007, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

027 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Iris Riley asked if it was possible to have more recycling banks in the village. The Clerk advised that Babergh had been reticent to do this but she would pursue the matter once more to see what their feelings were now.

Debbie Riley asked if it was possible to have a play area in School Field. Residents felt that the skate park was ideal for older children, the play area at the village hall caters for younger ones, but the children inbetween these ages were not catered for.

Cllr. Young had spoken to Mark Tavernor who said the cost was likely to be in the region of £15000 to £20000 although there would be some grant money available. The Parish Council would have to find half of that money.

Cllr. Gurr suggested we ask Playdale for some price lists as we had used them in the past.

Cllr. Thake explained that there could be cheaper ways around it with the new legislation and he would investigate in time for the next meeting.

Cllr. Young bought up the ball games in Kings Road again after another complaint by residents. The Clerk advised that this was not a parish council matter, and they would need to speak to the police.

Jack Alston congratulated the organisers of the Fun Day.

028 Suffolk County Councillors Report

At the Full Council meeting on 22 February, agreement was given for the council's chief executive to develop plans to design a new organisational model for the County

Council, the report which will be discussed at the Full Council meeting on 12th July is the result of this.

Refugees and asylum seekers living in Suffolk will be questioning key decision makers at a special forum event on 22 June. As part of Refugee Week, a 'Question Time' style event was held at Endeavour House in Ipswich, with a panel including John Gummer MP and Richard Howitt MEP.

029 District Councillors' Reports

Babergh had introduced a pilot text messaging scheme.

Babergh had been recognised by 4ps for their innovative approach to the Joint Procurement of Refuse services.

030 Clerks Report

The Clerk would liaise with councillors regarding acceptable dates for the public meeting to discuss extensions to the village hall.

Tony Mitchell had informed the Clerk that he would not be undertaking any more engineering work and had asked about the repositioning of the bench. As Council had received many complaints from residents it was decided that it should be reinstated as soon as possible. The Clerk would arrange this.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Two lights were not functioning in the village hall. The Clerk would speak to the electrician.

The Council had been approached by Hilary Smith, leader of the multi forum agency who was requesting funding for circulation of a village directory and also funding for a new table tennis table for the youth club. After concerns had been raised, the Clerk had spoken to Hilary about attendance at the youth club and had been told that it had dwindled to two members. Councillors agreed that money could not be donated while attendance was this low and the Clerk would monitor the situation and report back when possible. In the meantime, the Clerk would write and ask how much money had been obtained from other sources and for a more specific request rather than just telling the council what the shortfall was.

The drainage problem on Flax Lane had been reported and the Clerk had spoken at length to Mark Watson who had said that there was little any authority could do about it as the costs would run into enormous amounts.

Dates had been received for the Be Active project over the Summer holidays and were now displayed on the website at www.glemsfordpc.co.uk

Mr. Lay had contacted the Council about damage to his wall, and requested that the bus stop be moved. The Clerk had passed this to Richard Kemp.

A request for a dog bin on Bells Lane had been received. The Clerk would arrange for one to be sited.

Refuse bags of rubbish had been put in the village hall bin by members of the public. The Clerk had witnessed this quite recently and given the offender's number plate to the police who had now spoken to him.

Many of the dog bins in the village had not been emptied. The Clerk would contact Babergh.

The no smoking sign had been removed from the bus shelter so the Clerk would order a metal one which would be fixed to the wall.

The issue of the speed signs in Park Lane was being addressed by Peter Ingram and taken to a meeting of the speed limit assessment panel in September.

The Library had enquired about water testing in the village hall. The Clerk would look into this.

031 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	878.64
Expenditure	11256.50
Cash in hand	45000.84
Petty Cash	122.60
High Interest	33828.29

Payments received

Burials	150.00
Fine	20.00
Hall	238.00

Payments made out of Council

Alfred McAlpine	328.01
Viking Direct	136.40
Playdale	229.13

Accounts to be paid

British Legion	19.00
Viking	67.70
Hunts Hill Stores	70.00
ReactFast	141.42
Industrial Supplies	43.04
Debenhams Mastercard	2003.19
MTM Plant Hire	364.25
W.R. Hickford	2291.00
Chilton Office Supplies	28.53
Jocks Locks	88.12
Petty cash	200.00
C. Wallace	798.00
Inland Revenue	678.30

Any other financial matters

The Clerk had visited the bank to open a separate account for the fun day. She had been advised to send a letter signed by two signatories and would do this before the next meeting.

All competition entries for the Logo had been withdrawn because the Clerk had been advised by a member of the History Society and a former alchemist, that the supposed Glemsford logo was not an official one. The three circles depicting the ponds were in fact RAF roundels. The Clerk would now formulate new competition posters to circulate around the village.

Cllr. Thake had drafted a remit for the finance committee. As no other councillors had put forward any suggestions, it was agreed that the remit be adopted.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

The accounts and audit return for 2006-2007 were approved and signed by the Council.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

032 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/07/00566/FUL/GP Tricketts Hall, Glemsford Road, Boxted**

Change of use and conversion of existing barn and linked yard buildings to provide a function facility and associated accommodation including erection of a single-storey extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal due to overlooking and concerns about traffic on Brook Street and Fenstead End.

Cllr. Suttle declared an interest in this item.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/07/00851/FUL/GP Dantrick Farm, Lower Road

Change of use of part of barn to form MoT testing station.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal. Concerns about the access onto an already very busy and dangerous brow of a hill and also concerns that this would fall under the Stour valley preservation society remit.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

B/07/00740/FUL/LJB 18 Bells Lane

Erection of 1 no. single-storey detached dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access. Erection of rear extension to existing bungalow.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval subject to Highways approval and assurance that the roof height will be nor more than the existing bungalows.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/07/01091/FHA/MB 37 Long Pastures
Erection of a 2m high fence.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

Applications Granted

B/07/00550/FHA/BHW 2 Weavers Drive
Erection of two-storey side extension and porch to front (existing porch to be demolished).

B/07/00649/FHA/BHW 102 Kings Road
Erection of first floor side extension.

B/07/00559/LBC/MC Greyhound Cottage, 42 Egremont Street
Application for Listed Building Consent – Internal alterations.

B/07/00724/FHA/BHW 40 Long Pastures
Erection of rear conservatory.

Any other planning matters

Land to side of Fourth Avenue. The Clerk had been informed that no breach of planning has occurred.

The Park Farm application had now gone to appeal.

032 Correspondence

Consultation on grants from Babergh District Council . The Clerk and Vice-Chairman would attend.

033 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

The Chairman had been to see the tables and chairs at the school, and would now ask companies to send a sample for Councillors to inspect before ordering, and also obtain three quotations.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next meeting 14th August 2007.

Approved Date.....