

**MINUTES OF A GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY 2008**

Present	Lucy Knox	Neil Gurr
	Neil Searle	Sid Watkinson
	Len Young	Lynn Bloomfield
	Rex Thake	Newman Ford

In attendance Sara Sunderland

Apologies Richard Kemp (holiday)
John Suttle (holiday)
Colin Parmenter (airport)

026 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2008, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield **SECONDED: Cllr. Searle**

The minutes of the finance meeting held on 1st July 2008, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield**

027 **POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr. Young reported that people were not abiding by the speed limit on Lower Road.

028 **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR' S REPORT**

The Boundary Committee will announce its preferred options for Local Government in Suffolk at midday on Monday the 7th of July. The upcoming announcement will begin a process of consultation on the preferred option(s) set out in their draft.

The results of the consultation will then be viewed by the Secretary of State between the 29th of September and the 19th of December, for a final decision to be made in Parliament in Spring 2009.

The Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership has launched its new campaign focusing on the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt. In conjunction with an advertising campaign on local radio stations: police officers, firefighters and road safety officers will also distribute the message. The campaign tagline 'belt up or break up' will be used to provide a hard-hitting message to encourage individuals to wear seatbelts.

Suffolk County Council's Cabinet has recently approved changes to schools in the Haverhill area. This follows a six-week representation period in which 13 responses were received and reviewed by the Cabinet.

029 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Comments should be made on the local government review shortly. Cllr. Thake would pass details to the Clerk, who would in turn pass to councillors.

030 CLERK'S REPORT

The Glemsford Teenagers Speak Out Loud youth group would be holding a BBQ on Friday 11th June at the Tye Green Centre. The BBQ would begin at 5.30pm. Councillors discussed a letter from Jill Barton regarding the project and Cllr. Thake offered to take charge of the bank account. Cllr. Gurr said he was very supportive of the project but had some confusion about the film night as he realised that very negative comments had been made about the Parish Council. Cllr. Thake agreed that some very personal comments were made on the evening, both by the children involved and parents. Cllr. Gurr reiterated the money council had spent on the youth over the years, as well as money spent repairing damage to public buildings. Cllr. Thake felt that some of the teenagers had changed and really wanted to make a go of the project but the biggest problem was securing volunteer help. He had concerns about the publicity and many councillors stated that they had not even received any literature regarding the forthcoming BBQ.

Cllr. Searle stated that after watching the film, he felt very awkward about the project. He was disappointed at the amount of attendees at the film night, and stated that he and other councillors had done a great deal of work regarding the youth shelter etc but this had not been respected. He was concerned that the project already seemed to be losing some impetus. He was prepared to attend the BBQ even though he had concerns due to the complete lack of respect shown towards the Parish Council.

To sum up, Cllr. Gurr said he was disappointed that the original enthusiasm seemed to have waned and he felt that the volunteering should now come from the parents of the children involved in the drop in centre. Cllr. Thake reiterated that the BBQ had been set up to secure volunteers and urged councillors to attend if possible.

The Clerk and one of the sports club coaches had met with Chloe Morran to start off the clubmark process for the sports club. However, Babergh had not advised at the beginning of the process that the club needed to be affiliated and this was a problem as it was a multi sports facility. The club had been advised to carry on as they were at present, as all the necessary paperwork was in place, and a leaflet would be produced for the start of the winter sessions, as numbers had decreased over the past couple of months.

The Local needs survey will go out with the parish plan in September/October.

031 FINANCIAL MATTERS**Account Status**

Income	904.15
Expenditure	6400.86
Cash in hand	30993.68
Petty Cash	849.28
High Interest	34953.59
Sports Club	2970.19

Payments made out of Council

Inland Revenue	590.35
GE Money	255.43
W. Hickford	2361.00
Carillion	335.85
Cash (petty cash)	200.00

Accounts to be paid

Wolseley Centres (taps for Village Hall)	259.33
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Any other financial matters

A new laptop would be purchased in the next few months. Council agreed that the Clerk should investigate prices and purchase accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

032 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr. Thake declared an interest on all planning matters due to him being the Chairman of the Development Committee.

New Applications**B/08/00828/CAC Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane**

Application for Conservation Area Consent – Removal of petrol sales canopy.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

B/08/00946/FHA 42 Hunts Hill

Erection of two-storey rear extension, erection of front porch and carport.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

The Clerk would inform Babergh that there was reason to believe that the land is not wholly owned by the applicant and infringes on to the neighbouring property.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/08/00601/FHA Unity House, 19a Hunts Hill

Conversion of garage into additional living accommodation and insertion of double casement window to replace existing garage doors.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/08/00673/LBC 95 Egremont Street

Application for Listed Building Consent – Retention of conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval. Cllr. Bloomfield abstained from voting and two councillors voted against the decision.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/08/00848/FHA 73 Brook Street

Insertion of new windows and doors.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal as councillors would prefer to see wooden windows and doors as this was in a conservation area and would be in keeping with the property. Three councillors voted for the pvc scheme and four for the wooden.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Searle

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

B/08/00918/FHA 76 Kings Road

Erection of first-floor extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Applications Granted

B/07/01774/FUL/BEL Part side garden to Lansdowne, Drapery Common

Erection of 1 no. detached 1½ storey dwelling.

B/07/01306/OUT/BEL Former Builder's Yard, Drapery Common

Erection of 3 no. detached dwellings.

Any other planning matters

A meeting had been set for 19th August to discuss proposals from the developers of the Downs site. As the clerk would be away, the Vice-Chairman agreed to take the minutes of the meeting. Councillors were advised that the site was on the local plan as an industrial site and Council had always agreed that it should remain this way.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting 9th September 2008

Approved

Date