

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
14TH JULY 2009**

Present	Len Young John Suttle Newman Ford	Neil Searle Colin Parmenter Neil Gurr
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In attendance Sara Turner

Apologies Richard Kemp (holiday)
Rex Thake (ill)
Tracey Sansum (working)
Lucy Knox (away)
Lynn Bloomfield (ill)

024 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2009, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

025 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Carole Fletcher and Mary Langley asked if the W.I. could use the Village Hall after the unveiling of the new village sign. This was agreeable with the Parish Council.

026 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

On Thursday the 25th of June, the Council held its AGM, electing both leader, vice leader, chairman and vice chairman. The meeting also set out the upcoming dates for the county council's meetings.

The date for the Boundary committee to report its findings to the Secretary of State is July the 15th. There has been little word about whether this has been moved back due to the papers delivered to the high court by St. Edmundsbury, Forest Heath and Suffolk Coastal.

One of the most highly covered items in the local news recently is the controversy surrounding the changing heart attack care in the county.

The main problem with the heart attack care is the ways in which they are attempting introduce a new form of heart attack care provision. Currently Ipswich hospital provides thrombolysis, which is a clot busting drug administered to the patient. Under Lord Darzi's recommendations, all forms of heart attack care should move to using a new technique known as PPCI. This is an operation, which helps to open up the blocked arteries by inflating a tiny balloon inside the problematic area and replacing it with a stent to hold open the artery. This form of treatment is said to be better for patients in the long run, as it greatly reduces the risk of further heart

attacks. However the longer the time between identifying the heart problem and receiving the treatment, the lower the benefits compared to thrombolysis.

The problem in Suffolk is that the only centres that do these operations are in other counties. The three in the East of England are in Norwich, Basildon, and Papworth, all of which are over an hours drive away. This creates a risk that those who are being transported in the ambulance will not get there in adequate time, and should instead be provided with thrombolysis from Ipswich hospital. Once you pass the two hour threshold there is little difference between the use of thrombolysis and PPCI.

There had been plans to implement this policy; however after the public outcry there is now a review by the PCT and SHA which will investigate the issue further. The Health scrutiny committee at the County council will also look into the provision of heart attack care at its next meeting on the 20th of July.

027 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Babergh had been voted the top council in Suffolk and second in value for money. Overall they were the top council in Suffolk.

028 CLERK'S REPORT

The new Parish Council address is now 40 Schoolfield, Glemsford, CO10 7RE. The telephone number for the office and the email addresses remain the same.

An email had been received from Mark Tavernor at Babergh regarding the playbuilder grant and the play area. Despite Babergh's original objections to the Schoolfield site, they had now decided that that area might be suitable after all and wanted to know if the Parish Council gave their support. The overall opinion was that the Parish Council supported the proposal but would like self policing and for the site note to be open after 9.30 pm at night. It was agreed to put notices up asking for views after the Clerk had spoken with Mark Tavernor.

029 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	906.27
Expenditure	3954.28
Cash in hand	34706.34
Petty Cash	890.55
High Interest	35376.77
Sports Club	2197.49

Payments made out of Council

Suffolk Acre	81.00
Chilton Office Supplies	72.16
Mr. D. Wallace	1131.25

Accounts to be paid

Inland Revenue	366.89
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Any other financial matters

The accounts for 2008-2009 were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

030 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/09/00741/FHA 9 Schoolfield**

Erection of single-storey front extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

B/09/00576/OUT Land East of Silverlea, Flax Lane

Erection of 2 no. two-storey detached dwellings (with garage to plot 2) and alteration of existing vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

The planning applications for the both The Briars and The Village Hall were discussed after the meeting was closed and re-opened (as per standing orders) after all councillors expressed an interest. Councillors were all in agreement with the proposed applications and this would be conveyed to Babergh District Council.

Applications Granted**B/09/00252/FHA/LM 2 The Barn, Skates Hill**

Insertion of replacement UPVC windows and doors.

Applications Refused**B/09/00348/FUL/GC Park Farm, Churchgate**

Erection of lean-to extension to existing grain store/machinery shed (following demolition of cart lodge).

Any other

Cllr. Searle expressed concerns about the state of the former Crown public house. The building, which was believed to be a Grade II listed, had fallen into a state of disrepair since it had been closed, and now had plaster and paint peeling off, as well as the back garden being very overgrown, and the wall into Chequers Lane was in danger of falling into the road. The Clerk would write to Babergh and ask their advice.

Cllr. Young asked if planning permission was needed for signs advertising housing developments and businesses as these were springing up on the Lower Road. The Clerk would investigate.

031 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Babergh regarding the allocation of S106 recreation contributions. The Clerk would contact Mark Tavernor about providing facilities in the village hall or temporary changing rooms and would also ask how long it would be available for.

032 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

The Clerk had now met with three builders and was waiting for quotes for the extension work.

033 Any other matters

Cllr. Young asked about the possibility of providing training lights on the rec and would it be possible to hook them up to the Village Hall. Cllr. Parmenter stated that there was already a cable to the old pavilion site which runs from the footpath to the front of the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.10.

Next meeting – 11th August 2009

Approved

Dated