

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
13TH JULY 2010**

Present Rex Thake Lucy Knox
Colin Parmenter Lynn Bloomfield
Len Young

In attendance Sara Turner
Richard Kemp

Apologies Tracey Sansum – meeting
Neil Gurr – work
Newman Ford – work
Robbie Benson - work

Cllr. Searle was not present and no apologies were received.

025 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2010, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

026 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Harriet North gave an update on the Glemfest arrangements. The Clerk would supply three large plastic blue bins for the event.

The Clerk would write to all councillors this week and remind them of the date of the event as it was hoped that most if not all would attend at some point.

The Clerk would enquire if the Community Warden would be available to help out on the day and advised organisers that the skip to the rear of the Village Hall could be used, and would be removed on Monday 25th July 2010.

Harriet advised that a local driving instructor had offered their services on the day to allow anyone over the age of 14 to drive a car at a speed of 5-10 mph. The car was a dual control and advice had been received from the local police authority that they felt this was inappropriate. A similar demonstration has taken place recently in Clare, and advice had been sought from Clare police, who said that the event was successful and as far as they were concerned was not a police matter. Public liability insurance would cover any problems and councillors felt that the idea was safe so voted that it should go ahead.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

027 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Glemsford had received third place in the Village of the Year competition and had received a £100 prize.

028 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Council has recently announced that it is going to postpone the consultation around the Phase 3 of the schools organisational review due to the uncertainty of funding.

This means that schools in the Stowmarket, Stowupland and Thurston area have had the plans put on hold yet again. Previously the County had planned this phase to go to consultation later this year, and then put the creation of the new schools back to 2012 -2014 depending on the area. However due the financial constraints in local government the earliest this can take place would be the spring term 2011.

The area of Bury St Edmunds will remain under review; the County had stated previously that it believed the area of Bury St Edmunds would not go through reorganisation until at least 2017.

As with many spending commitments from the previous Government, the Building Schools for the Future funding is also in doubt, more details will be released this week, but it is thought that many of the original funding plans will be scrapped. I will bring you more information when the Council has reacted to the news

The Municipal Journal (a Local Government magazine) has recently awarded S.C.C.'s Activities Unlimited with 'The Best Achievement of the Year in Children's Services'.

The Activities Unlimited bid was described by the judges as "A service set up to deliver short breaks and activities for Suffolk children and young people who are disabled, that is an impressive example of partnership working and helps children and families who really need their support. "

The initiative is a joint venture between a number of different organisations including including Scope, Customer Service Direct, Youth & Connexions Service, and Suffolk's Youth & Offending Team, Suffolk County Council and Mid-Suffolk District Council.

The creative Activities Unlimited website www.activities-unlimited.co.uk is a new unique 'travel agency style' service delivering short breaks and activities for all Suffolk children and young people who are disabled or who have additional needs. Quite simply, it matches a young person's criteria to what they want from a short break, in a quick, vibrant and assessable way.

A new service to reduce drug related crime by ensuring offenders get access to effective treatment and support is being launched in Suffolk from July 2010.

The Suffolk Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) has commissioned charity WDP (Westminster Drug Project) to deliver the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP). The service will deliver targeted and quality interventions to drug related offenders, with services and interventions coming across the entire criminal justice system.

DIP plays a key role in tackling drugs and reducing crime and aims to get adult drug-misusing offenders who misuse Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine/ crack cocaine) out of crime and into treatment and other support.

The service will be supported by a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year single point of contact number that will offer information and advice to drug-using offenders and all professionals within the criminal justice system.

029 CLERK'S REPORT

An email had been received from British Telecom regarding the ownership of the telephone box on Fair Green. Council decided to go for option 1, whereby BT would retain responsibility for the electricity, otherwise Parish Council would incur a charge of up to £500 for the disconnection.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

Alex MacFarlane had been in contact with Babergh District Council regarding grants for the provision of new changing rooms. The Clerk had spoken with Jo Beever and she advised that the grant application would be more advantageous if applied for by the Parish Council.

An email had been received about a rural coffee caravan project. Council decided that the Clerk should contact the project and ask for a representative to attend the next Parish Council meeting if possible to explain the project further.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

030 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account Status

Income	685.00
Expenditure	15045.93
Cash in hand	18565.87
Petty Cash	3075.83
High Interest	25392.78
Sports Club	2284.84

The accounts for 2009-2010 were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

031 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/10/00640/FHA 21 Fair Green

Replacement of 2 no. sash windows at front of property with new double glazed units, with wooden frames.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/10/00801/ROC Brookfield Place, Low Street

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) – Variation of Condition 03 of Planning Permission B/01/00026/FUL – To allow the total number of dogs to exceed from 12 no. dogs to no more than 24 no. dogs at any one time.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Applications Granted

B/10/00386/FHA/GD 37 Long Pastures

Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation.

B/10/00321/FHA/SMC 84 Kings Road

Erection of first-floor front extension above existing garage and erection of single-storey rear extension.

032 Correspondence

A letter had been received from a resident of Skates Hill, complaining about parking on the verge of Orchard Way/Skates Hill and also speeding problems. The Clerk would forward this to Babergh District Council and Sudbury Police Station.

033 Village Hall and Social Club

Cllr. Thake asked how the Social Club could possibly afford rent of in the region of £5,000 a year if the Social Club was already running at a loss. Cllr. Parmenter stated that costs would be cut as the building would be smaller and he was also in possession of a letter from the developers saying they would support social club in the short and long term future. Cllr. Thake asked if the developers sold their business, he would want to know how this would affect proceedings. Cllr. Thake also stated that he wanted proper legal documentation regarding all matters.

Cllr. Knox again enquired if the business plan had been produced. Cllr. Parmenter stated that this was in hand.

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

Next meeting 10th August 2010.

Approved

Date