

**MINUTES OF THE  
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| <b>027</b> | <b><u>PRESENT</u></b>       | <b>Mr. C. Parmenter</b><br><b>Mr. L. Young</b><br><b>Mr. H. Boone</b><br><b>Mr. H. Lay</b><br><b>Mrs. L. Lord</b> | <b>Mrs. A Watkinson</b><br><b>Mr. N. Gurr</b><br><b>Mrs. L. Knox</b><br><b>Mr. R. Thake</b><br><b>Mr. J. Suttle</b> |
| <b>028</b> | <b><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u></b> | <b>Mrs S. Sunderland</b><br><b>PC B. McKenna</b><br><b>Mr. R. Kemp</b>  |   |

**There were 2 members of the public present.**

**029**    **POLICE MATTERS**

A copy of a letter sent to the police had been received regarding complaints that The Cock was opening late each night and residents had experienced fighting as well as loud music until the early hours of the morning. Police had spoken to the landlord and were keeping an eye on the situation.

A copy of a letter sent to police had been received from a resident of Holdsworth Close, complaining about cars parking on the junction.

The Chairman had called the DVLA hotline regarding the van in the village that was being parked at various locations as it was not taxed. PC Mckenna informed the meeting that a ticket had been issued three weeks ago but then had to go through the system. Councillors expressed their views that this was not being dealt with quickly enough but PC Mckenna explained that this was how the system worked.

Regarding the problems at George Lane Cllr. Kemp informed the meeting that white lines are not enforceable by law so lines needed to be yellow or police have to enforce law about parking on junctions.

PC Mckenna said crime was down on last month with only nine cases being reported and there had been a success regarding drugs offences in the village. Cllr. Gurr expressed his dismay that an incident where six cars had been damaged two weeks previously has not been mentioned on the report.

**030**    **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2004, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed, subject to the amendment of Cllr. Lord and Richer to read Cllr. Gurr and Young in Minute 018.

Cllr. Bone queried why petty cash amounts were not broken down on the Minutes and was advised that he could inspect the accounts at any time, as could any member of the public.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**031 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Richardson reported two vehicles in the village with no tax.

Mr Richardson had spoken with Mr Game that morning regarding tipped grass turfs into the alleyway where water runs down into Flax Lane on both sides of Casey just behind Pearsons Close and Pannels Close. The Council saw no reason why they should pay to have these turfs removed from the ditch otherwise people would think it was quite in order to dump their garden rubbish and the Council would foot the bill for its removal. A reminder would be inserted in the next Newsletter about dumping of garden rubbish and cuttings over fences and advice to dispose of them at the dump or use as compost.

Mr. Richardson reported that the hedge was overgrown between Angel Lane and the playing fields. The Chairman had already spoken to the owner regarding this matter.

The dog bin on Post Office Lane was overflowing with muck and was not being emptied. The Clerk would contact Babergh and ask why.

The bin in the childs playground was not being emptied regularly so the Clerk would speak with Mr. Dane. Also the footpath between Harpurs Road and Fourth Avenue was full of rubbish so again the Clerk would contact Mr. Dane.

Richard Deeks seat by the church was now so overgrown it was impossible to sit on so the Clerk would ask Mr. Hickford to clear.

**032 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Anthony Douglas director of care and health had been promoted to Chief Executive of CAFCASS and wants to restructure the top of social care so Suffolk County Council may end up without a permanent director.

Cllr. Kemp would write and ask if the police could issue cautionary notices regarding the parking on George Lane.

Cllr. Kemp had not been able to make much headway regarding the price of borrowing audio books from the library and he expressed his disapproval that Suffolk was the only county that doesn't make concessions to senior citizens.

Cllr. Kemp had received a letter from director stating that there was no hope of any more beds at the new hospital because of the change in policy on nursing for the elderly which means more home care and less hospitals.

The Clerk would write to Terry Howe and ask what was happening regarding the lowering of kerbs on Egremont Street.

**033 SALC**

Constancy of member councils that have taken on board rises that SALC have had to put in and the chairman of SALC had been talking to county about such a dramatic difference in our villages.

SALC has new premises now where the public can call in and the premises also provide a training room. SALC can influence code of conduct etc now and are able to provide legal and procedural advice

95% of councils have maintained constant in their membership and were now best for partnership in country. In-depth research had been undertaken into what the code of conduct has meant to the council.

John Williams, the Deputy of SALC had been a Parish Councillor since 1971, and would not want to go out of SALC as it is a protection to Councils. If Parish Councils were not members they would be in an unsafe position.

The Chief Executives of county, Suffolk Acre and District all meet regularly together with SALC representatives.

### **033 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Young had received complaints regarding the smell of refuse bins due to the warm weather. The Clerk would insert a standard letter onto the Council website that people could print off and send to Babergh District Council to voice their concerns.

A con was going around the district at present whereby a company claiming to be Care homes Health and Safety Registration Enforcement Division in Rochdale were writing to homes and wanting a fee for registration under the act amounting to over £200.

Cllr Young had been asked to stand on the Licensing committee and although it was not up and running yet, it would not be long.

### **034 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had been experiencing problems with Royal Mail deliveries and had written a letter of complaint as post was not being delivered every day. The postman had informed her this was because his round was four hours long and he was only paid for three and a half hours per day.

The European Elections would be taking place on Thursday and the Hall would need to be opened at 6am and closed just after 10pm. The Clerk would arrange.

Problems were still being experienced regarding the repair of streetlights and the Council decided to contact a new firm to provide maintenance.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Lord**

### **035 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **a. Account Status**

Income	681.43	
Expenditure	27827.68	(£20,000 transfer to High Interest Account)
Cash in hand	46783.86	
Petty Cash	304.78	

Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest Account	40344.32
Total (not including yfp)	87432.96

b. **Payments Received**

Organisation payments for Village Hall	157.50
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c. **Accounts to be paid**

Eastern Contracting	150.00
Mr. W. Dane	248.64
Inland Revenue	297.28
Hygieco Limited	76.38
Asset Management Limited	76.38
THSS LP	258.50

d. **Payments made out of Council**

THS LLP	387.75
BDC (Gala licence)	35.00
Viking Direct Limited	52.60
Asset for repair of light 91	158.63
Industrial Supplies	19.18

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Young**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson**

e. **Any other financial matters**

The Accounts for the years 2001-2002 were signed.

The banking mandate was signed.

The Clerk would obtain prices for laptops.

The Clerk would write to SALC and ask for a copy of their accounts.

**036 PLANNING MATTERS**

a. **New Applications**

**B/04/00770/FHA/GD      Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane**  
Erection of single-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to this being the third planned extension for the property. Continuous extensions have made it out of character and far too large. Also there is a problem with the footpath around the property as it has been moved from its original course by the owners.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson**

**B/04/00830/FHA/JCV      36 Hunts Hill**  
Insertion of replacement front windows.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle                      SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

**B/04/00851/FHA/CTR      Roslyn, Flax Lane**  
Erection of single-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson              SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

b.      **Applications Granted**

**B/04/00093/FHA/BJW      4 Pearsons Close**  
Erection of a rear conservatory.

**B/04/00357/LBC/COB      Patches House, Cavendish Lane**  
Application for listed building consent - Insertion of replacement side window.

**B/04/00479/FHA      Old Bank House, 2 Lion Road**  
Insertion of 2 no. dormer windows, 1 no. dome light and 2 no. rooflights in connection with loft conversion.

**037      ANY OTHER MATTERS**

A party was being held at the Social Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm for Doris Bullingham.  
All councillors were welcome to attend.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35 pm**  
**Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

**Signed .....      Date and Min No. ....**