

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 10th JUNE 2008**

Present	Lucy Knox	Neil Gurr
	Neil Searle	Sid Watkinson
	Colin Parmenter	Lynn Bloomfield
	John Suttle	Rex Thake
	Newman Ford	

In attendance Sara Sunderland

Apologies: Len Young

016 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2008, having been previously circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

017 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Tracey Brinkley, from Babergh District Council, accompanied by Kirsty from Flagship explained the concept of affordable housing to the council. Flagship aimed to develop 500 houses per year and relied on private finance but also sought funding from government bodies. The most important thing is partnership, ie Babergh, Parish Council, Suffolk Acre and local residents.

Babergh District Council already had a number of people on the housing register who wanted to stay in the parish. It was originally anticipated that there would be no need to do a housing needs survey, but after further consideration it was decided that this should now go ahead. There were various options available, such as local councillors putting the leaflets through doors, or by post. Residents would be encouraged to return these to ascertain more precisely the number of interested parties, and give more robust information about what types of household they are living in at present. Due to staff shortages, these surveys would probably not be ready before the end of the year.

Babergh intended to begin an appraisal of the village now for suitable sites. At present thirty nine people on the housing register have indicated Glemsford as a first choice, thirty of these people have a local connection. However there were 344 people overall who had included Glemsford as one of their preferred villages.

018 **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

An independent report into the recruitment, selection and appointment process of Suffolk County Council's new chief executive was scrutinised at the Audit Committee.

A new incentive for recycling mobile phones had been introduced in Suffolk schools.

Ipsos Mori were conducting a survey on Suffolk's Highways and Transport services.

019 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Babergh District Council had informed the Clerk that a grant of over £7,000 had been secured for the youth film project in Glemsford.

The wheelie bin at the Village Hall had not been emptied for over a fortnight because it had been attached to the fence with a bicycle lock. No-one from the refuse company had contacted the Clerk, she had been informed by a member of the public and had since had the lock removed.

A bra recycling box had been placed in the foyer of the Village Hall.

020 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**a. **Account Status**

Cash in hand	36,490.50
High Interest	14,189.88
Sports Club	3,080.69
Petty Cash	243.54

b. **Any other Financial Matters**

The Clerk had received prices for hand driers. Cllr. Gurr asked if she could obtain prices for hand towels and then arrange a finance meeting to discuss this further.

021 **PLANNING MATTERS**a. **New Applications****B/08/00737/FHA Dove Cottage, Skates Hill**

Erection of two-storey side and rear extension and a rear conservatory (existing garage and conservatory to be demolished).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter **SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

b. **Applications Granted****B/08/00384/FHA/GC 10 Brices Way**

Erection of two-storey rear extension.

B/08/00576/FHA/CJT 16 The Pippins

Erection of front porch. Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation.

B/08/00511/FHA/MB 11 Windmill Row

Erection of two-storey rear extension (existing single-storey rear extension to be demolished).

c. **Any Other Planning Matters**

The recent application for the site opposite Downs had gone to appeal.

A letter had been received regarding Dantricks Farm. A temporary stop notice had been placed on the site due to an unauthorised engineering operation being carried out to fill in a pond of which no planning permission has been granted. There was also reason to believe that a protected species (water voles) may be using the pond.

022 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from the doctors surgery stating that their appeal against pharmacy had been successful. They wanted to thank the Parish Council for their input.

023 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr. Bateman about his trailer and suggest some options.

It was agreed that the Social Club plans would be discussed after the July meeting.

There would be no meeting in August, and the December meeting would now be held on the 2nd December.

The Clerk would contact Babergh District Council about the siting of new litter and dog bins.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20

Next Meeting: 8th July 2008

Approved

Date