

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
12TH JUNE 2007**

Present	Len Young Howard Boone Neil Gurr Sid Watkinson Rex Thake	John Suttle Lucy Knox Neil Searle Colin Parmenter Lynn Bloomfield
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	

014 Police Matters

The report covers the period from the 9th May 2007 through to the 11th June 2007

During this time 11 crimes have been recorded within the parish, this compares to 16 for the same period the previous year. The crimes are as follows: 1 report of burglary to another dwelling, 3 reports of criminal damage, 2 reports of vehicle crime, 1 offence of violent/public order crime, 3 reports of theft and one offence relating to failing to report a road traffic accident.

015 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2007 and 6th June were approved and signed subject to the amendment in item 003 on the May minutes of Colin Parmenter's name on the finance and planning committees.

Cllr. Thake did not vote on item 1 of the Finance Minutes.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

016 Public Question Time

Jack Alston complained about the audibility of councillors when a meeting was in progress. The Chairman explained that the acoustics in the hall were not very effective and urged councillors to speak louder.

Mr. Diggins asked if another football team could play from The Rec next season. Concerns were raised whether the pitches could cope with another team. Cllr. Parmenter stated that in the past three senior teams and four youth teams had operated from the playing fields and in the main there were no problems although the pitches could be rotated if there were any problems. The Social Club would supply goal posts and nets.

Cllr. Thake said that the team must raise their own funds and the Clerk stated that she would only release the keys to a responsible adult and not the youths in the team.

Cllr. Gurr had concerns about costs. He felt that the Council may need to have a groundsman again. All teams must supply fixture lists for the following season as soon as was practicable.

Cllr. Young asked where the nets and posts would be stored. Mr. Diggins said that the posts would be left on the field and he would store the remaining equipment.

Cllr. Boone felt that if the teams were organised correctly and everyone liaised with the Clerk then the team should be allowed to play.

Agree that the team should play from the playing fields and a meeting would be set up for the following week with the vice-Chairman, Clerk and representatives from the teams.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

Hilary Smith the convenor of the multi agency forum had concerns about the directory that was being produced as there were fears that information would be duplicated in the three magazines currently in publication in the village.

The Chairman stated that she wanted to get all the organisations together to work in conjunction with each other. She would contact them all in the near future to arrange a meeting.

Peggy Rodgers had concerns about the bins in churchyard as the brown ones were not being used for garden rubbish. The Clerk would prepare notices and site them on the bins.

017 Suffolk County Councillors Report

A new centre had been set up in Ipswich to report racist incidents against travellers. Similar centres would be set up in 14 citizen advice bureaux in Suffolk. The racial harassment line gave the opportunity for callers to leave messages in a number of different languages.

The review of schools will commence in Lowestoft and Haverhill. Glemsford was included within the Haverhill set up.

Revised admission arrangements would be put in place for schools directly from the government in September 2008. There would be no guaranteed places for children within catchment areas, and the top priority would be for children with physical disabilities and those with siblings at the school. Children who are C of E will be given preference at voluntary controlled schools.

018 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Thake reported that councillors had undergone intensive training for new licensing.

Cllr. Thake said that the biggest thing to affect us as a parish is the suggestion that Ipswich may change to a unitary council which will then separate them from Suffolk. Babergh District Council had a seminar on Monday and the response from the majority was that the impact would be rather large on our rates if the award was forthcoming from central government. Our danger would be that they would take part of our area later on which would affect grants and could make it expensive for everybody. There was a meeting on 19th June to send a letter to central government. The result of that would probably be objections to finance, boundary change and several other things. Ipswich may get it in a way to force rest of us into

unitary councils, and Cllr. Thake felt that the repercussions of this could be disastrous.

Babergh District Council would be reviewing their constitution and suggesting to public that they possibly go to a leader and cabinet. This would be discussed by the overview and scrutiny committee.

Cllr. Young passed items of interest to the Clerk who would deal with them.

019 Clerks Report

The Clerk and Chairman had met with Sally about the problems at Gowers End. The land is clearly owned by Babergh but due to a misunderstanding by an officer, they had claimed that it was not theirs.

The police had a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with Mr. Richardson, and the Clerk had passed a list of interested parties to the police. A mailshot would also be put in the next newsletter.

The Clerk and vice-Chairman had cleaned graffiti on the village hall at the weekend. They had been accompanied by two youths who had admitted to their part in the episode.

An email had been received from Inspector Pepper stating that he was still looking into options for police premises. He was interested in starting a surgery in the village and the Clerk had told Stuart that the committee room could be used for this purpose.

The Clerk and Chairman had attended a Sports Development meeting at Babergh. A working party was set up and the Clerk would be attending the first meeting in late June.

020 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	746.66
Expenditure	4549.51
Cash in hand	55378.70
Petty Cash	165.25

Payments received

Burials	200
Village Hall	125
Rent	175

Payments made out of Council

Alfred McAlpine	328.01
Viking Direct	79.72
Infotone	1396.72

Accounts to be paid

Babergh District Council	30.00
Kent Blaxhill	60.00
Beany	150.00
Paul Pleasants	200.00
Larger than life	1081
St Johns Ambulance	35.00
£150 cash for gala prizes etc	150.00
BDC	154.58
Chilton Office Supplies	49.88
Mr Teasdale	850.00
Cash (petty cash)	200.00
Inland Revenue	260.64
EDF	3901.00

Any other financial matters

The Clerk had been asked on two occasions about a Glemsford logo. Cllr. Parmenter stated that he was in possession of the original logo that dated back many centuries. He would pass this to the Clerk and then the council would advertise on notice boards a competition and to users of the hall and the school to update the logo.

Cllr. Watkinson queried whether it should be open to the whole village, but this would be covered by placing posters in the notice boards.

Flooring in the council office was discussed. The Clerk and Cllr. Thake declared an interest and left the room.

The Clerk had in her possession quotations for putting laminate flooring in the lounge and conservatory. The cheapest of these came to £1,500 and Council discussed the financial obligations.

It was agreed that Council would pay half of the £1,500 towards the flooring, with the shortfall being met by the Clerk.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

The banking mandate and standing order forms were signed.

021 Planning Matters**New Applications**

B/07/00766/FHA/MB 44 Long Pastures
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/07/00724/FHA/BW **40 Long Pastures**
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone **SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

Amendments had been received to the plans at Silverlea.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

Cllr. Parmenter abstained from voting.

Applications Granted

B/07/00424/FHA/MB **28 Park Lane**
Erection of two-storey side extension.

B/07/00385/FUL/GP **Plots 2 and 3, Scossels**
Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with single attached garage.

B/07/00438/FHA/GP **Stour Vista, Skates Hill**
Construction of new vehicular access.

Applications Refused

B/07/00378/FUL/GP **Part side garden of 48 Fourth Avenue**
Erection of 2 no. semi-detached two-storey dwellings.

B/07/00459/AGD2 **Park Farm, Churchgate**
Notification under Part 6 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 – Erection of a steel grain store.

022 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

The Chairman had enquired about new tables and chairs for the Village Hall and was now in possession of a catalogue. She was favouring the fold up variety on racks and would visit the school to look at theirs as Cllr. Suttle had concerns about storage.

023 Action Sheets

Most items were completed apart from the ball games signs which was the remit of Cllr. Young and the footpath closure as the Clerk was waiting to hear back from Stuart.

024 Code of conduct

The new code of conduct was adopted by the Parish Council

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake **SECONDED:** Cllr. Young

025 Any other matters

There were concerns about a piece of flooring lifting in the main hall area. Cllr. Gurr would ask Mr. Teasdale to take a look at it and repair.

Cllr. Watkinson would take over as footpath monitor.

The Richard Deeks seat was overgrown. The clerk would contact Mr. Hickford and ask him to attend.

Cllr. Gurr had taken photographs of dilapidated fencing in the Kings Road area. He would annotate these and they would be sent to Babergh District Council to confirm ownership.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting 10th July 2007

Approved

Date