

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
13TH MARCH 2007 at
GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| Present | Len Young Lucy Knox Neil Searle | John Suttle Neil Gurr Anna Watkinson |
| In attendance | Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp | |
| Apologies | Cllr. Parmenter (at airport) Cllr. Thake (holiday) | |

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

Cllr. Lay had now missed four meetings and would be writing to the Council.

109 Police Matters

23 crimes had been recorded within the parish, this compares to 28 for the same period the previous year.

Cllr. Watkinson informed the meeting that she had witnessed youths kicking footballs at cars in the previous week and although she had called the police she had received no follow up nor had the police visited.

Councillors had witnessed underage youths drinking in the village over the weekend. The Clerk would contact Inspector Pepper and speak to shop keepers in the village.

110 MINUTES

The minutes of 13th February 2007, were approved subject to the removal of Mr Gurr who had not been present.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Searle

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

111 Public Question Time

Mr. Haines questions the prejudice comment in the previous minutes and informed the meeting that he had invited Mr Abdullah to a forthcoming meeting regarding the doctors surgery, but he had declined.

Mr. Haines asked about new street lighting and was informed by the Clerk that three new street lights were currently being ordered.

Mr. Alston asked about funding a community support officer. Cllr. Knox explained that the Parish Council would not be funding this although Cllr. Searle had asked at a previous meeting about the officer sharing his duties to other villages.

Mr. Alston asked about the social club and community centre. Cllr Knox told him that he would need to speak to the chairman about this as there had been a meeting at the

social club, but because of the absence of the chairman and no report, the Council were not aware of the outcome.

112 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Suffolk County Council had agreed a tax rise of 4.5%. Cllr. Kemp said that there needs to be reorganisation in the county and may be a need for privatisation.

There would be free refresher courses for mature drivers across the county.

The route of the six mobile libraries across the county would be reviewed.

The SCC Scrutiny committee had set the motion to refer the hospital closure back to the Health secretary.

The majority of people were opposed to middle school closure but primary schools voted 80% in favour of changes.

George Lane and Church Hill were both in line for resurfacing work.

Cllr. Watkinson reported that the library still have not got a panic button or CCTV. Cllr. Kemp would look into this.

Cllr. Kemp would make enquiries about the footway on Skates Hill.

113 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Thake's report was read to the meeting. He mentioned the vote on Lamp and Cast as in Mr Millers letter in the East Anglian, which in essence he agreed with but as he is not on the Strategy committee and cannot speak for conservatives or independents he asked if Cllr. Young might like to comment to establish if the letter is a correct version of the position at Babergh or is it not entirely true.

Cllr. Thake reported that the meeting set up with Inspector Pepper about his social housing comments had been abandoned as he did not attend.

Cllr. Young said that it is not correct that Conservative and Independents voted and he did not know about the term and length of the debt. He reiterated that the Independents have not gone along with the Conservative party.

Cllr. Thake had attended the Community Achievement Awards last week at Stoke By Nayland.

The council had agreed an inflation only rise in allowances with no extra increases as was recommended by the remuneration panel. The budget was passed at 2.9%.

Cllr. Young reported that Babergh had now dipped into their reserves, but was concerned about this being a long term plan. Babergh's increase in Council Tax was 2.9% against an inflation rate of 3.6%. The RPI for January 2007 stands at 4.2%.

Cllr. Young had attended a meeting and met with the assistant chief fire officer, Gary Phillips, who said resources have been cut so much by government that they can not now do much apart from educating people. They were aware that people are at risk and If councillors can act as wardens and if they feel that anyone in their village is vulnerable they should get in touch with him at Suffolk fire headquarters.

114 Clerks Report

The travellers on the Glemsford picnic site had now moved on.

The Clerk had met with George Mullins to inspect the land to the rear of Crownfield Road and had witnessed a lizard despite the inclement weather. An email had been sent to Christine Thurlow at Babergh about future development on the site but no reply had been received.

The Clerk had written to the bus companies as both she and other councillors had witnessed buses stopping out of the lay by area.

The Clerk handed out all election forms and advised councillors to complete and return these to Babergh by 4th April 2007.

As there had been ongoing problems with the web hosting, the Clerk had cancelled the contract with Amenworld and asked for a refund. The hosting had now been moved and everything seemed to be working satisfactorily.

An audit of open spaces had been received. This was passed to Councillor Searle to complete.

115 Financial Matters

Account Status

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| Income | 8143.53 |
| Expenditure | 6773.26 |
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| Cash in hand | 17956.06 |
| Petty Cash | 163.98 |
| High Interest | 43578.91 |

Payments received

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| Fines | 35 |
| Burials | 490 |
| Village Hall | 469.50 |

Accounts to be paid

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| Suffolk Acre | 1177.16 |
| G.E Game | 43.48 |
| Industrial Supplies | 30.30 |
| Alfred McAlpine | 408.79 |
| Viking Direct | 172.48 |
| Petty Cash | 200 |
| Infotone | 728.38 |
| Inland Revenue | 238.08 |
| C. Wallace | 761.25 |
| Viking Direct | 8.81 |
| Hygieco Limited | 76.38 |
| Kent Blaxhill | 27.27 |
| Jocks Locks | 58.75 |
| Mr. D. Teasdale | 1385.00 |

Any other financial matters

Council discussed the improvements to the youth facilities park and agreed that payment should now be made.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

The finance committee had met and discussed the cleaner and street cleaning roles. Increases in salary were agreed and the Clerk would now issue new contracts and arrange for payments to be made to their bank accounts.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

The accounts for 2005-2006 were approved and signed and would now be sent with the annual return to the auditor.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

116 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/07/00130/FUL/GP Garage adjacent to Station House, Lower Road
 Change of use of existing garage/workshop to Class B1 (business use).

Agreed that this application should be refused and cite our prior comments.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

B/07/000181/LBC/BHW 16 Churchgate

Application for Listed Building Consent – Internal and external alterations.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

B/07/00131/ROC/GP 48a Hunts Hill

Removal of Condition 03 attached to PP B/81/902 – to provide vehicular turning area to rear of property.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval but to state that there were concerns on how the turning access would work.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/07/00198/FHA/BHW 3 First Avenue

Erection of two-storey side extension and pitched roof over existing porch.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

Applications Refused**B/06/01619/FUL/DB Part rear garden 33 School Field**

Erection of detached bungalow. Alterations to existing vehicular access.

117 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

The Clerk advised councillors of the Sports courses proposed for the Easter holidays and would be publicising these on the website

The last samba soccer sessions had been very poorly attended and the Clerk had informed Babergh.

Cllr. Young proposed that if the Council had been mislead into thinking that the social Social club wanted to be involved with the community centre, then they should pay half the feasibility fees. This would be discussed at the next meeting when the Chairman was present.

Once the new council had convened in May discussions would be held about forthcoming work on the village hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.58 pm. Next meeting 10th April 2007

Approved

Date