

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2008**

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

119 Alfred McAlpine

Suffolk County Council had issued a statement about the use of energy efficient lamps. Terry Capps explained that there were presently 180 units in Glemsford which have been installed over a number of years and in order to save money it would be necessary to invest and look at the project in a long term fashion. He stated that the easiest way to save energy is to switch lights off at a certain point each night. Councillors agreed that this was not an option as there would be many complaints.

There were therefore two other options. The whole lantern could be replaced to an energy efficient unit which would cost approximately £150 per light. This would then take seven years to recover the initial outlay. Some lanterns however, could be modified from parts already in situ, which would cost approximately £60 per unit.

Councillors were not happy with the outlay and explained that this would cause an increase in council tax bills which was not acceptable. Mr. Alberry said that Alfred McAlpine would be willing to take a couple of units down to see if the fear could be fitted but he did inform the meeting that this would not be an option for all lights as some were over 50 years old.

G39 problems were also discussed. Mr. Capps explained that the new rulings had been issued by the Electricity Association and present legislation stated that employees were not permitted to go within one metre of overhead power lines. Due to the exorbitant costs, Cllr. Gurr asked if some of this work could not be done during the summer daylight hours, therefore cutting costs and also could some of the lights just be decreased in height. The Clerk would arrange a further meeting with Alfred McAlpine to discuss this further and Councillors also suggested that the matter was taken to the MP.

120 Police Matters

A complaint had been received about ball games on Fourth Avenue. The Clerk had informed the complainant that Babergh District Council would not erect any signs and urged them to complain to the police if the situation reoccurred.

The Chairman again complained about the trailer on Hunts Hill/Tye Green and the police officer said he was looking into it.

121 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2008 were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

122 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Suffolk County Council had announced recommendations for the future of the school organisation. All middle schools in the area would close, with young people remaining in primary schools until the age of 11. Cllr. Kemp had spoken in favour of option 3.

The budget had been passed, which would see a council tax increase of 3.75%.

The trading standards and recycling teams would be providing bins at local libraries, in which residents could place any scam emails or correspondence they have received.

123 District Councillors' Reports

Money had been cascaded down from central government which will go towards youth opportunities and Suffolk will hopefully get part of it. Cllr. Thake hoped that both Glemsford and Cornard will benefit. Cllr. Thake felt that the county council would be pushing for one large unitary council, which he thinks will be disastrous.

Cllr. Young passed details of all unitary meetings at Babergh to the Clerk.

124 Clerks Report

The Clerk and Vice-Chairman met with a resident about the ditches around the Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that the areas needed to be cleared but because the area was so vast, it was decided that the clerk should contact Richard Hobden and Martyn Key to organise a team of community service youths.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

An email had been received about older children playing in the play area. The Clerk had advised the complainant that she should have telephoned the police and urged her to do so if it happened again, although this seemed to be a one off incident.

Jack, Ben, Andy and Scott had all received community achievement awards last week, as had the Clerk for their roles in the Sports Club.

Notification had been received from Babergh that a co-option could now take place for the vacant Councillor position. The Clerk would write to Mr. Ford and ask him to attend the May meeting.

Sue Longhurst had contacted the Clerk to ask about putting some sports and other activities on during the Summer holidays. Councillors agreed that this was a worthwhile cause and said they were happy to contribute money to the project, although some was also forthcoming from Rural Hubbs. The Clerk would liaise with Sue, Glen and Jack and would keep Councillors informed.

125 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	3495.38
Expenditure	10626.32
Cash in hand	16158.99
High interest	34649.83
Petty Cash	306.40
Sports Club	3512.12

Payments made out of Council

Industrial Supplies	22.83
Inland Revenue	452.08
Viking Direct	67.13
Alfred McAlpine	335.85
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Suffolk Acre	1247.26
Chilton Office Supplies	70.50
Mr. D. Teasdale	337.50

126 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/08/00191/FHA/AS 32 Tye Green**

Erection of front gate.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter **SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

B/08/00259/FHA/AS 22 Fair Green

Insertion of replacement ground-floor bay window.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox **SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

B/08/00133/FHA/BHW 77 Brook Street

Construction of a new vehicular access and area of hard-standing for parking.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

Applications Granted**B/07/01818/FUL/CJT Philips Avent Ltd, Lower Road**

Erection of 3 no. CCTV poles; erection of fencing; erection of traffic barrier to main entrance.

B/07/02040/FUL/CJT Philips Avent Ltd, Lower Road
Erection of rear canopy.

B/07/02033/FUL/CJT Philips Avent Ltd, Lower Road
Construction of 4 no. coach parking bays. Alteration to existing vehicular access.

B/07/02019/FHA/AS 43 Golding Way
Erection of rear conservatory.

B/08/00103/TCA 65 Egremont Street
Remove 1 no. ash tree.

Any other planning matters

B/07/02083/FHA/BHW 23 Lion Road
Application withdrawn.

127 Correspondence

A letter had been received regarding the tree planting on Fourth Avenue. Babergh District Council had refused to plant any more trees in this area as they felt that those present were sufficient for the area.

128 Village Hall

Correspondence had been received from the Charities Commission regarding the proposals for the Social Club using Village Hall. They stated that the Social Club would have to pay the full market value in rent otherwise it would affect the charity status. Cllr. Parmenter would arrange a meeting with the Clerk, Chair, Vice-chair and members of the Social Club.

129 Any other matters

Cllr. Thake had received correspondence from Babergh, asking about affordable housing schemes in the village as there was a huge need. Council agreed that the housing association do a survey then present preferred sites to the council and a public meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter

Cllr. Suttle complained about parking on Tye Green. The Clerk stated that Fair Green and the Church green were also affected, but the matter would be investigated.

Next meeting 8th April which will also encompass the annual meeting.