

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 8TH MAY 2007
AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Lucy Knox Len Young Neil Gurr Lynne Bloomfield	Sid Watkinson Neil Searle Howard Boone
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Colin Parmenter (holiday) Rex Thake (hospital)	

John Suttle was not present but no apologies were received.

001. Appointment of Chairman

Cllr. Boone proposed that Cllr. Knox take on the position of chairman.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

The members all thanked Cllr. Parmenter in his absence for the hard work he had undertaken during his role as Chairman.

002 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Parmenter had expressed an interest in standing as Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Gurr expressed an interest also. Cllr. Boone proposed that Cllr. Gurr should fulfil the role.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

The new Chairman welcomed the two new councillors, Cllr. Bloomfield and Cllr. Watkinson.

003 Election of sub-committees

a. **Planning Committee**

The Planning Committee would consist of the Chairman, vice-Chairman, Cllr. Boone, Cllr. Searle and Cllr. Bloomfield.

b. **Finance and Burial Committee**

The Finance Committee would consist of the Chairman, vice-Chairman, Cllr. Boone and Cllr. Young.

004 Discussion on library with Stephen Taylor

Councillors expressed concerns that the library had not installed CCTV and/or panic buttons since this was first discussed many months ago. Councillors have had phone calls asking for assistance when there have been problems at the library but did not want this to become commonplace.

Mr. Taylor said that he had misunderstood the position of the Council and stated that Kedington library had help from their councillors during the evenings. They had tried CCTV and found that it wasn't effective as it was not being monitored live anywhere. As an alternative, having another person sat in library was effective at preventing most of the anti social behaviour.

Cllr. Searle raised concerns that the Library were not seeming to protect their staff, and that councillors cannot be responsible to respond every weekend. The library in Glemsford has no protection whatsoever and it is a concern. As Councillors have jobs in the most part they could not guarantee to be available if there were troubles at the library over a weekend period. Discussions took place as to where the panic button should connect and a number of options were suggested.

Cllr. Young asked if the library was covered by the Factory and Shops Act, which specified that females can not work on their own? Mr. Taylor said he was not able to give the answer but would look into this.

Gill Turner would like mosquito alarm as she felt this would be the best solution. The Clerk would make enquiries and let her know the outcome.

Cllr. Boone suggested that two members of staff should be on duty in the library until this item is addressed and resolved.

Cllr. Gurr would look into the CCTV possibilities for the library and the Village Hall.

005 Police Matters

There was no police presence once again, so a written report had been sent.

Burglary dwelling - No reports, Burglary other building - No reports, Criminal damage - 10 reports received during this time, Vehicle crime- 3 reports, Violent/public order crime- 2 offences reported, Theft - 1 report.

Cllr. Young expressed his dissatisfaction that no police presence apart from the community support officer were witnessed at the polling station. The Clerk had to deal with youths making a nuisance of themselves and although she had got through to the police, she was left on hold for ten minutes so gave up.

006 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2007, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

007 Suffolk County Councillors Report

With the warmer weather encouraging doorstep callers onto our streets, the County Council's trading standards department are warning residents to watch out for bogus 'once in a life time deals'.

Sand and gravel is necessary for the building of new homes, schools and roads. Sufficient deposits of sand and gravel are being identified for extraction at new or extended quarries in Suffolk over the next 15 years.

Potential sites have been submitted to Suffolk County Council for inclusion in the Minerals Site Specific Allocation Plan. Initial public consultation on these sites took last summer, and the County Council has now undertaken an assessment of each site, to include ecological, landscape, highways, noise and social impacts. Comments are invited on the assessment results, prior to the selection of the preferred sites in September.

Suffolk County Council is also formally consulting with Suffolk residents on the council's preferred core mineral policies which will be used to guide the location of minerals development in the county until 2021.

008 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Young expressed his thanks to the people of Glemsford for re-electing him and Rex. The only change we have is that Cllr. Young will swap with Cllr. Kemp from strategy to overview and scrutiny.

009 Clerks Report

It was agreed to move bench on Tye Green for refurbishment.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

The Clerk had received communication from Babergh stating that they would not be willing to erect a no ball games sign at Fourth Avenue because it would not be able to be enforced. Cllr. Young would speak to the newspapers.

A letter received from Alfred McAlpine about the Hunts Hill street light was passed to Cllr. Boone for action.

The mosquito alarm was reviewed and all agreed that it had been very beneficial. Councillors agreed that we would like to purchase one once the loan period was over. The electrician would be called tomorrow and the Clerk would contact the crime prevention officer at Sudbury police station.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

Babergh were looking for funding to get the basketball court marked and fenced, although when the Clerk had spoken to Sally Watson, she said the fencing was doubtful. The Clerk would be meeting with officers from Babergh on 17th May to discuss this further.

Mike Laflin had called and stated that more vandalism had taken place on two occasions on his property, the last one being the worst.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Laflin about the manhole cover near the Silk Mill. He had contacted the water board and they would be attending shortly.

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The fair had been successful but the owner had asked whether he would be able to use water from the hall in future. Councillors decided that this was feasible and Cllr. Searle would site an outside top with a stopcock. The fair rent would be raised to £100 for future visits.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

A letter had been received from Mr. Nettleton enquiring about footpath closure. The Clerk would write to Stuart and ask for comments from the police and would reply to the letter.

The Clerk and Chairman had attended a meeting about open spaces at Babergh earlier in the day. Councillors expressed no interest in the scheme.

A letter had been received from a resident of Gowers End. The Clerk would forward it to the police and speak to Babergh. Cllrs. Searle and Gurr would walk round the area before the next meeting.

010 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	60236.71
Expenditure	8344.46
Cash in hand	59181.55
Petty Cash	392.55
High Interest	33670.83

Payments received

Fines	20
Burials	270
Village Hall	756.20

Payments made out of Council

Mark Ruane	125
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Accounts to be paid

Lubbock Fine	411.25
Cash (gala)	200.00
Turner Tool hire	293.75
Industrial Supplies	20.35
Inland revenue	260.64

Any other financial matters

Playdale had contacted the clerk and agreed to undertake the delivery and installation of the play area gate free of charge as they have taken so long to carry out the repairs.

011 **Planning Matters**

New Applications

B/07/0050/FHA/BHW 2 Weavers Drive

Erection of two-storey side extension and porch to front (existing porch to be demolished).

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

B/07/00649/FHA/BHW 102 Kings Road

Erection of first floor side extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/07/00502/LBC/MC 16 Churchgate

Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions (existing extensions to be demolished) and internal alterations. Erection of fence and gate and alterations to existing vehicular access.

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Agreed to recommend these applications for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

B/07/00521/OUT/GP Land adjacent Silverlea, Flax Lane

Outline - Erection of 2 no. detached two-storey dwellings with garages. Alteration to existing vehicular access.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

B/07/00559/LBC/MC Greyhound Cottage, 42 Egremont Street

Application for Listed Building Consent – Internal alterations.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/07/00459/AGD2/GP 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.

Cllrs. Gurr, Searle and Boone abstained from voting.

While it was proposed that the application should be refused, the lack of other councillors prevented any decision being made on this application.

Applications Granted

B/07/00181/LBC/MC 16 Churchgate

Application for Listed Building Consent – alterations to entrance porch, insertion of replacement front door, insertion of 1 no replacement window, internal alterations.

Any other planning matters

Appeal dismissed for land to rear of 23 Lion Road

The land at Fourth Avenue has been cleared and the Clerk had been in contact with Babergh who were sending an enforcement officer out.

012 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

Allsorts had asked about using hooks over the curtain rails. Agreed that this was feasible as a temporary measure for displaying art but would need to be removed at the end of each session. Councillors agreed that the play group may erect another pinboard at the far end of the hall.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

013 Any other matters

A new dog bin was needed for the footpath from Stanway Close to Brook Street. The Clerk would arrange.

Cllr. Gurr would contact Patrick Currie re the Village Plan as no news had been forthcoming.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting - 12th June 2007

Approved

Date