

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
12TH MAY 2009**

Present Lucy Knox Neil Gurr
Lynn Bloomfield Len Young
Neil Searle John Suttle
Newman Ford

In attendance Sara Turner
Richard Kemp

Apologies Colin Parmenter (work)
Rex Thake (meeting)
Tracey Sansum (meeting)

001 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Knox wished to stand for Chair for another year.

Agreed that Cllr. Knox should continue as Chair.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield**

002 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Gurr wished to stand as Vice-Chairman for another year.

Agreed that Cllr. Gurr should continue as Vice-Chair.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford **SECONDED: Cllr. Searle**

003 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Agreed that the planning committee should consist of Cllr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Cllrs. Parmenter, Bloomfield, Searle and Suttle.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

004 APPOINTMENT OF BURIAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance and burial committee for the forthcoming year would consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllrs. Young, Bloomfield and Ford.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield **SECONDED: Cllr. Ford**

005 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2009, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield **SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle**

006 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Dickinson asked about having lids put on the litter bins on Tye Green. She was informed these had already been requested.

Debbie Riley asked about a playground on Schoolfield. The chairman explained that this had been investigated when she originally asked over a year ago, but that Babergh did not see Schoolfield as a viable site because of the elderly residents. She informed Miss Riley of the playbuilder grant and the fact that a consultation was being held at the school next week.

Mr Barry Seager from Highbank felt that if a play area was not sited in the Schoolfield area, then a child would soon be injured as they were playing in the hedges which he felt was a dangerous pastime. He had contacted Babergh and the police, and both had told him to contact the Parish Council. He was asked buy the Chair to provide names of officers that he had contacted at Babergh and that the Clerk would write to him and provide details of those she had liaised with about the play area in the past.

Peggy Rogers asked if a new clock could be purchased for the Village Hall. The Clerk would arrange this.

007 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. Young had attended a seminar regarding the Crownfield Road sewerage problems. He had been advised that the parish council did not provide enough evidence of the problems, despite passing photographs and document to Cllr. Thake. The Clerk would contact Cllr. Thake and also Ben Elvin at Babergh to discuss and would copy the emails to councillors.

Cllr. Young had attended a recent NHS PCT meeting at which attendees were informed that the NHS would be increasing the amount of NHS patients in dentists in this area and a new dental surgery would be built in the Sudbury area.

Babergh wanted to increase the rents of Council house tenants by 6% but had been advised by the Government that they could only be increased by 3.1%. Cllr. Young had asked if this applied to housing associations, but was informed that their increase would be 8.1 %.

008 CLERKS REPORT

The consultation for the playbuilder grant was being held at the school next week, after which it would go out to the local residents.

After many months of chasing, the clerk had now been given the correct person to deal with the siting of dog and litter bins, and had now ordered these, although as yet had no reply.

009 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	35256.00
Expenditure	10754.40
Cash in hand	36872.99
Petty Cash	1073.56

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High Interest	35373.61
Sports Club	2276.99

Any other financial matters

A letter had been received from mother and toddlers asking for a donation for new chairs and tables and toys. It was agreed to make a donation of £200.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr Ford

010 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/09/00348/FUL Park Farm, Churchgate

Erection of lean-to extension to existing grain store/machinery shed.

Cllr. Ford declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. Cllrs. Gurr and Searle declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/09/00329/FHA 15 Third Avenue

Erection of detached garage.

Cllrs. Ford and Gurr declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/09/00164/FUL Mount Lofty Lodge, Skates Hill

Erection of 1 no. detached two-storey dwelling with attached double garage and hay store (existing house to be demolished).

Cllr. Suttle declared an interest and left the room.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

011 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the Gardening club about the proposed new Village Hall. The Clerk would formulate a reply.

012 ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman had contacted Mrs. Steele about the proposed competition for a mural on the walls of the bus shelter. Key Stages I, II and III would all take part and would design a picture for one wall each. The competition would be run in school next week. It was decided that the Art Department from Sudbury Upper School would be

contacted once the winners had been decided to ascertain if they could superimpose it and paint it on the walls.

Cllr. Searle suggested Perspex coating to put over the designs once painted. Cllr. Ford suggested that the competition could be run on a regular basis, when the bus shelter needed repainting.

Cllr. Young reported that the West Suffolk local strategic partnership were giving out money to parish councils and if any groups in the village were interested they could contact him for the forms. The closing date for applications is 24th July.

Cllr. Searle raised concerns about the Crownfield Road and surrounding area sewerage issues. Council discussed and the Clerk would contact Tim Yeo and ask him to meet with representatives to discuss. She would also contact planning

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Approved

Date

Next meeting 9th June 2009 – 7.15pm