

007 Public Question Time

The Council were thanked for removing the floral debris in the cemetery and asked about the bin lids for the bins on Tye Green. The Clerk would ask Fusion Metalwork to get the lids made as soon as possible.

Concerns were raised about parking opposite the Cherry Tree. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to nearby residents.

008 District Councillors Report

Cllr. Thake reported the possibility of Babergh merging with Mid-Suffolk Council and explained that investigations were ongoing within each department to see if there could be any cost cutting exercises.

Cllr. Thake reported that Babergh had indicated that the S106 money could be used for two play areas - one in Kings Road and the other in Schoolfield. Babergh would organise everything, from the consultation to the eventual siting, and the Parish Council need only be involved if they wanted to be.

It was agreed that the two play areas should be sited, and that the Clerk would contact Mark Tavernor to arrange this.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Cllr. Young had attended two committee meetings at which members were formulating a forward work plan. He had also attended a seminar which was trying to change the constitution to a leader and cabinet.

009 Suffolk County Councillor's Report

The County Council will meet at the end of May, and as yet the agenda for the meeting has yet to be released.

As usual there will be the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions to the administration. This is usually a period of twenty minutes where each questioner has the opportunity to ask a pre-submitted question, as well as a supplementary question that does not have to be submitted.

The deadline for submitting questions is the 21st of May at 12 o'clock. For more information on how to submit questions and the rules behind this please visit;

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/CommitteesAgendasReportsandMinutes/PublicQuestionTimeatCountyCouncilMeetings.htm>

The Council has launched a 'Suffolk Community Preparedness Website', which aims to bring communities closer together in the event of an emergency.

The website at <http://www.getpreparednow.co.uk> will provide information on the latest updates if there is an emergency, as well as a list of contacts.

The website can be used as little or as much as each community wishes, from drawing up an emergency plan, to locating resources and equipment. In addition to this the website also hosts a community forum enabling you to speak to other towns and parishes around the county who maybe preparing for an emergency as well.

010 Clerks Report

After discussing the Speedwatch initiative, Cllr. Thake suggested advertising for volunteers in the next newsletter. No other councillor was in agreement so it was agreed to not progress any further with the matter.

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

A letter had been received from Suffolk County Council regarding the picnic area. The letter stated that SCC were proposing to end the lease with the Anglers Association and asked if the Parish Council were willing to take over the picnic area. It was agreed that the Parish Council were not interested in this venture.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake **SECONDED:** Cllr. Ford

The W.I had asked about the possibility of planting a rose bed on Tye Green to mark their anniversary. Councillors asked who would be responsible for the pruning and weeding.

A letter had been received from the Gardening Club regarding Glemsford Open day and asking if they could use Tye Green for the event. It was agreed that this was acceptable.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young **SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

Community Service workers had been clearing the Rec and Babergh District Council were supplying litter pickers this week in order that the work could continue.

011 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	35676.00
Expenditure	9357.10
Cash in hand	42653.29
High Interest	25390.66
Sports Club	3175.34

Payments made out of Council

Inland Revenue	502.24
J.I. Turner	35.25
Mini Waste	317.25
Cash (petty cash)	200.00
Mini Waste	158.63
Cash (petty cash)	400.00

Accounts to be paid

Babergh District Council (brown bin)	40.00
T&P Fire	94.00
Richard Parmee	180.00
Wiles	552.25

Any other financial matters

A letter had been received from Glemsford Matters asking for a donation for their forthcoming publication. It was agreed that Parish Council would donate £200 but with the condition that the publication was sent to the clerk for proof reading before it was printed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

A letter had been received stating that Glemsfest had received a grant for £500.00

It was agreed to go out to tender for the painting of the interior of the Village Hall and the bus shelter, as Sudbury Upper School had not been able to provide students to paint the interior.

012 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/10/00475/VOT Land West of 71 Brook Street**

Erection of 1 no. detached and half storey dwelling.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to concerns over access.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Searle

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

B/10/00386/FHA 37 Long Pastures

Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

B/10/00480/FHA 11 Brices Way

Erection of ground floor and first floor side and rear extensions.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford

SECONDED: Cllr. Searle

B/10/00357/FUL Stour Valley Centre, Lower Road

Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home (continued use of)

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Ford

013 Correspondence

A letter had been received from the solicitors regarding the social club. A finance meeting would be held on 25th May 2010 to discuss this and the G39 issues.

Alex MacFarlane had spoken to Cllr. Thake about changing rooms on The Rec. It was agreed that we should let Alex progress with this.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Ford

SECONDED: Cllr. Benson

014 Any other matters

Cllr. Young informed the meeting of the progress with the Village of the Year Awards. The Parish Council agreed to sponsor the event. A committee had now been formed with Brian Stephens as the Chair, and Carole Fletcher as the vice.

A car had been placed on the junction of Kings Road/Lion Road with a for sale sign. The Clerk would investigate.

An overgrown hedge was reported between Second and Third Avenue, and the footpath from Windmill Row to Flax Lane was very overgrown. Cllr. Parmenter had emailed the clerk to report two more overhanging bushes and these would all be dealt with shortly.

Cllr. Searle agreed to mend the curtain pole in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Ford agreed to remove the concrete bollards from the ditch in the Rec.

Cllr. Benson would speak to Stephanie Lloyd to see if she could offer any help with the bus shelter painting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Approved

Date

Next meeting 8th June 2010