

**MINUTES OF A GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

<b>Present</b>	Len Young Howard Boone Sid Watkinson Lynn Bloomfield	John Suttle Lucy Knox Colin Parmenter
In attendance	Sara Sunderland Richard Kemp	
Apologies	Rex Thake (holiday) Neil Searle Neil Gurr	

**66 Police Matters**

A written report was received as there was no police presence at the meeting.

**67 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Young                      SECONDED: Cllr Bloomfield**

**68 Public Question Time**

Mrs. Steele informed the meeting that in response to a complaint from a resident she had enquired about the problems with leaves from the trees outside the school falling onto the path. Highways had admitted that this was their responsibility and had cleared them this morning.

**69 Suffolk County Councillors Report**

The School organisational review was proceeding and a number of public meetings have been arranged starting from 12<sup>th</sup> November. Parents of all children will be able to comment and attend. The meeting for Glemsford would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

The Audit commission have created a report and have highlighted some issues of concern. There would be a meeting regarding Beestons on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Glemsford Village Hall, at which John Phillips will be attending. He would try to work round traffic commissioners to see if he can assist with the community transport.

County are going through procedures to set the budget and are as usual short of money. At least fifty jobs will have to go and the services which are in danger are home to school transport, music services, winter maintenance budget and more withdrawal of bus subsidies.

The County Council have endorsed a plan to look into incineration as a way forward to deal with this vast problem of waste.

There are three vacancy on the board of school governors at Glemsford School.

## **70 District Councillors' Reports**

There were no 700 affordable homes in Babergh. 239 been finished since 2005.

A Change of constitution had been discussed at Babergh and a number of people including officers would like this to take the form of a leader and cabinet.

## **71 Clerks Report**

A police meeting had been set up on 15<sup>th</sup> November with representatives of the parish council and other bodies, ie licensing etc. The clerk and Cllr. Thake would be attending.

An email had been received from Mr. Lay regarding the ditch at the rear of his property. Council had the ditch cleared in accordance with his instructions but he know felt that his property was still vulnerable. The Clerk had spoken to the crime prevention officer who informed her that he had advised Mr. Lay to replace his broken fence with one of a more substantial nature. Councillors agreed that the householders need to take responsibility for their own fencing and believed that Council had done their utmost to help with the problem.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter    SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle**

A letter had been received from a resident who had purchased the property beside Drapery Common grave yard. He asked if council would be willing to sell the graveyard. Cllrs. Parmenter and Suttle informed the meeting of the history. The graveyard was handed to council by the Cadge family and council agreed to maintain the land

and look after it. It was unanimously agreed that under no circumstance would the graveyard be sold.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter    SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson**

Problems had been experienced with the Social Club football team. The Clerk would contact Mr. Diggins by letter and reiterate the main points of complaint and also inform him that should this continue, then they would not be allowed to play on the Rec in the future.

## **72    Financial Matters**

### **Account Status**

Income	4209.17
Expenditure	14134.03
Cash in hand	41972.62
Petty Cash	357.71
High Interest	34282.07
Sports Club	1112.50

### **Payments made out of Council**

Alfred McAlpine	335.85
Viking direct	13.24
Sudbury Sports Store	477.08
GE Money	1451.33
W Hickford	2576.00
Viking	108.71
Viking	15.71

### **Accounts to be paid**

Inland Revenue	452.08
BDC	158.40

### **Any other financial matters**

The Clerk had not received any payment for the fine due to vandalism to the toilets since September. She had been in contact with the parent of the youth whose partner is disputing the cost of repairs. She would be meeting with him this week to give him copies of invoices and he then agreed to pay the money in full if he found these acceptable. If the money was not forthcoming, in accordance with council policy, the matter would be taken to court.

it was agreed that the locality budget should this year be spent on the running of the sports club, to include sending coaches on courses and purchasing new equipment, as well as paying wages.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield    SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

The minutes of the precept meeting were approved and signed. The continuation of parish help with the library hours was discussed and Cllr. Kemp said he would investigate who had asked the parish council to remove library details from the website.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone            SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle**

Tenders for the grasscutting contract had been received and it was decided to give this to Mr. Hickford.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield    SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

**73    Planning Matters**

**New Applications**

**B/07/01554/FHA/BW    34 Hunts Hill**

Insertion of 2 no. rooflights on front and side roofslopes.

Cllr. Watkinson declared an interest.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

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

**B/07/01583/FHA/AS**

**Melton House, Hunts Hill**

Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

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

**B/07/01721/FHA/BEL    Erkinwald, 35 The Pippins**

Erection of side conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**B/07/01623/FHA/AS            6 Causeway Close**

Erection of single-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

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

**B/07/01613/FUL/MB    1 Weavers Drive**

Erection of 1 no two-storey dwelling.

Cllr. Parmenter declared an interest in the application.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to overdevelopment and not being in keeping with the surrounding area, and the fact that presently there is a post box, dog bin and GPO box on the piece of grass.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone            SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle**

**B/07/01448/FUL/MB    Part side garden of 48 fourth Avenue**

Erection of 2 no semi-detached two-storey dwellings. Construction of a new vehicular access as amended by drawing 07/009-1A received on 02/11/07.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal and cite previous comments.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson    SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**B/07/01701/FHA/BHW            1 Orchard Way**

Retention of a side boundary fence.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval providing the fence is of an acceptable height.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter    SECONDED: Cllr. Boone**

**Applications Granted**

**B/07/01359/FHA/BHW Tye Green House, Tye Green**

Erection of conservatory.

**B/07/01402/FUL/BEL Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane**  
Erection of single-storey side extension.

**B/07/01339/FUL/MB Court Farm, Park Lane**  
Change of use of existing paddock to form a new vehicular access and driveway (existing vehicular access to be stopped up).

**Any other planning matters**

The tree planning officer had visited the site on The Broadway which was currently subject to an application to remove a monkey puzzle tree. The clerk had written expressing Council's concerns that the tree was to be removed but Babergh had said that there was little they could do and the proposal would go ahead.

The application for the barn at Park Farm had been approved following an appeal.

**74 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park**

Agreed to erect a large cupboard in the alcove of the village hall where the chairs were sited. The Clerk would contact Mr. Teasdale.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone                      SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield**

Cllr. Parmenter asked the meeting if they would be prepared to accept proposals from the social club regarding the village hall extension. Councillors said that unless they had written confirmation from the social club then this would not be considered.

**75 Any other matters**

Cllr. Suttle expressed concern about a wall at the top of Skates Hill. The clerk would look into this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm.

**Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Approved .....**

**Date .....**