

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

<b>Present</b>	Lucy Knox Len Young Tracey Sansum	John Suttle Rex Thake Lynn Bloomfield
<b>In attendance</b>	Sara Turner Richard Kemp	
<b>Apologies</b>	Neil Searle (ill) Neil Gurr (working) Newman Ford (working) Colin Parmenter (holiday)	

**058 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed, subject to the addition after the first paragraph to read "Cllr. Suttle abstained from voting".

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Thake

Cllr. Thake asked the clerk to find about the legalities of using a mosquito alarm as he had recently attended a meeting at which he had been told that following complaints from youths, the alarms were now deemed illegal.

Cllr. Thake asked that a breakdown of the cost for removing the seat be sent to him.

**059 Public Question Time**

Anna Davies said that during the recent litter pick, it was noticed that more litter bins and dog bins were needed in the village. The Clerk explained that bins at various locations had been on order since May 2008, but Babergh District Council had still not sited any of them, despite numerous phone calls and emails, so she would chase them up once again.

Harriet North asked when the latch on the play area would be mended. The Clerk apologised for the delay, but assured her that the work would be done within the next few weeks, in conjunction with other works at the Village Hall.

Peggy Rogers asked what had happened to the bottle bank. The Chairman explained that because of persistent vandalism and the lack of emptying, it had been decided that it should be removed. The nearest recycling centres were now at Stanstead and Sudbury.

**060 District Councillors Report**

Cllr. Thake warned the meeting that grants from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council would soon be cut, so urged the Parish Council to think very carefully when discussing the precepts.

**061 Suffolk County Councillor's report**

The County Council has now announced that all but one of the sites have been put forward as possibilities for waste treatment plants in the county.

As it stands, the potential sites for waste treatment plants will be;

Masons Quarry – Great Blakenham

Highways Depot – Great Blakenham (already selected as the site for the currently in tender, Energy from Waste Incinerator)

The former Sugar Refinery – Sproughton

Eye Airfield Industrial Estate – Eye/Brome

According to the Council, the Hepworth/Stanton site attracted the highest level of public opposition (reaching near 600 objections), and has therefore been removed from the proposals.

The landfill sites which were present in the 'Waste Core Strategy' remain, these are;

Layham Landfill Site

Thorington

Foxhall Landfill Site

Masons Landfill Site

The consultation for revising the routes of aircraft in stacking holds awaiting landing at Stansted has been put on hold.

The announcement, made last week, means that the previous plans which would have positions stacked plans over around 37 villages stretching from the North of Hadleigh to Stowmarket will have to be revised.

NATS has said that the drop in flight numbers is the main reason behind the delay to the consultation. They have said that there will be no further plans until the next consultation is launched in September 2010, at which new proposals may come to light as a result of the public outcry against the plan.

Suffolk has been awarded the ability to trial the Governments Zero Waste scheme, which means that one street from each of the districts, will be given the privilege of attempting to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites.

At the same time, there will also be a doorstep campaign to promote waste prevention, improved recycling services, a recycling bus to provide information and advice and 'give and take' days to exchange unwanted items.

The Government in addition to this announcement put forward a number of measures to try to and push towards a 'zero waste nation'. These include;

Halve the amount of waste going to landfill over the next ten years, with consultation in early 2010 on which recyclable and compostable items should be banned from landfill;

Use 75% of household waste for recycling or energy;

A Zero Waste Places Standard for Local Authorities, to support areas that exceed national waste targets and help them with further development;

A new public awareness campaign, to encourage people to reduce and reuse the waste they create, as well as recycling as much as they can;

Local authorities to offer a full collection service for all recyclable items by 2020, and to make use of technology and funding to generate more energy from waste, and;

Help businesses to use their resources more efficiently and encourage them to think about what they do with the waste they produce.

Next week is the National adoption week, and Suffolk county council's adoption agency is making an appeal to anybody that may be interested in the challenges and rewards of adopting a Suffolk child.

Last year there were 72 children who found an adopted home, however, there are still 15 children, including sibling groups waiting for adoptive families of their own. Adoptive parents can come from a wide variety of backgrounds, however, to apply to adopt you must be over the age of 21.

If you would like to find out more about adopting a child in Suffolk please call 0800 389 9417 or visit [www.suffolkadoption.com](http://www.suffolkadoption.com). Or for an informal chat about adoption visit one of Suffolk Adoption Agency information stands, being held at Lowestoft Library on Wednesday 11th November, Endeavour House, Ipswich on Thursday 12th November or West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds on Friday 13th November.

## **062 Clerk's Report**

The work to the bollards at Angel Lane, the Village Hall car park and the play area would all be completed by the December meeting.

The play area inspection reports had been received. The Clerk would arrange for the work to be completed to the childrens play area and the youth facilities park by the December meeting.

The signs would be in place at the cemetery within the next fortnight, as would the sign for the Village Hall door.

A meeting had been arranged with Anglian Water at 8.30 am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk would attend with Cllr. Searle.

Roland Hill has asked about the phone box on Fair Green. It is going to be removed but we could adopt it for £10 and have to go through British Telecom. Council felt that this was a good idea to preserve its historical importance and it could possibly be moved to the Village Hall. The Clerk would investigate the adoption and re-siting.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Sansum

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

An email had been received from Long Melford Parish Council regarding the possibility of match funding a PCSO. Cllr. Thake stated that his opinion had not changed since the previous discussion. Council agreed that unless the PCSO's were awarded more powers, then this would be a fruitless exercise and a waste of money. It was felt that the residents already paid part of their council tax for the police and the overall opinion was that the police should finance the PCSO's and not be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Thake

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Suttle

Long Melford Parish Council had asked about going into partnership with a Speedwatch scheme. The clerk would ask for more details.

### 063 Financial Matters

#### **Account Status**

Income	867.00
Expenditure	16,705.93
Cash in hand	29,642.73
Petty Cash	1,399.66
High Interest	35,382.68

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

Cash (petty cash)	200.00
Fusion Metalwork Limited	8,380.40
Paul Young	530.00
J.I. Turner Electrical	500.00
Mr. A. Corlett	360.00
Cash (petty cash)	200.00

#### **Accounts to be paid**

Inland Revenue	468.60
BDC (playground inspection)	121.44
W.R. Hickford (grasscutting)	2,661.00
British Legion	19.00

#### **Any other financial matters**

A letter had been received from the Brownies asking for a donation. It was agreed to give them £100.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Sansum

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**064 Planning Matters**

**New Applications**

**B/09/01067/FHA 44 Hunts Hill**

Replacement of timber single glazed sash window panels to front and side elevations with timber double glazed sash window panels.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Suttle

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**B/09/01093/FHA 42 Hunts Hill**

Replacement of existing plastic windows with wooden double glazed sash windows.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Sansum

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

**Any other planning matters**

**B/09/00846/FUL Patches House, Cavendish Lane**

Erection of 1 no. two-storey detached dwelling.

This application had now progressed to appeal status.

Cllr. Thake had visited the officer dealing with the Crownfield Road development. He was now in possession of a large plan on which several places showed where sewerage was evident. Cllr. Thake expressed every confidence in the officer, as he was very reliable. There were enough grounds to say the developers need to do a lot of work to sort out all the problems and the entrance to the road.

**065 Meeting Dates**

The meeting dates for 2010-2011 were approved.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Thake

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Young

**066 Precept for 2010-2011**

The precept for 2010-2011 was approved.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Young

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Thake

**There being no other business the meeting closes at 8.05pm**

**Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**Approved .....**

**Date .....**