

**MINUTES OF THE
GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7th October 2003 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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| 091 | <u>PRESENT</u> | Mr. L. Young
Mr. H. Lay
Mr. J. Suttle | Mrs. A. Watkinson
Mrs. L. Lord
Mr. N. Gurr |
| 092 | <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> | Mrs. S. Turner (Parish Clerk)
Mr. R. Kemp
PC McKenna
Inspector L. Pepper | |
| 093 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> | Mr. C. Parmenter
Mr. R. Thake
Mr. B. Richer
Mrs. L. Knox | (ill)
(holiday)
(away)
(son ill) |

There were seven members of public present.

094 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr. Neil Gurr was co-opted onto the Council after signing the Declaration of Office.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

095 POLICE MATTERS

The Police had been informed of a shelter on the land at the top of Crownfield Road, after complaints by residents. The shelter had now been burned down, but another one had been erected, which the police were aware of.

A car was parked on the land to the top of Crownfield Road, in which two young people were living. The police were aware, and various agencies were working together in order to find the couple somewhere to live.

The pavilion had been broken in to on 19th September. Nothing was stolen, but damage was caused to the boards at the windows.

There would be a policing forum at Sudbury Upper School on 22nd October 2003 at 7pm, at which members of the public were welcome.

Damage had been caused to cars on Brices Way. Police had been called, but a suggestion had been made that new lighting needed to be erected in this area, as the parking areas were very dark at night. This would be discussed at the precept meeting in November.

A vehicle had been stolen from School field on 2nd September 2003. The car had later been found in Sudbury and was slightly damaged.

Vehicles parked at New Barn Farm had been damaged, and fuel stolen. PC McKenna had advised the owner about possible security measure and these had been undertaken.

096 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2003, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

The Minutes of the meeting held 2nd September 2003, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

The Minutes of the meeting held 9th September 2003, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

097 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Richardson reported that a house had been egged in Jacques Close, and the owner had been advised to contact the police.

A resident had complained that after a recent funeral, flowers had been thrown over the cemetery. The Clerk explained that she had visited the cemetery on the date specified, and it had been very windy, so it may not be a case of vandalism.

Mr. Richardson reported that two black bags full of garden waste had been left in eh bus shelter. These had been removed.

Mr. Richardson complained that the footpath between Harpurs Road and Kings Road was strewn with litter. The Clerk would ask Mr. Dane to clear it as soon as possible.

Mr. Richardson reported that the Village Hall car park was still being used by the skateboarders, and temporary wooden ramps were erected in the evenings.

Mr. Gray complained about the naming of "The Seabrooks" and asked if it could be changed to "The Cuttings". The Clerk would write to Babergh District Council and ascertain what could be done.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the Clerk had originally called British Gas after the last meeting regarding the hole in the road at the junction of Flax Lane/Egremont Street. She had been passed to Transco, who advised that a storm drain with raw sewage was causing problems and that no further work would be carried out until Babergh District Council and Environmental Health and sorted out the problem. The Vice-Chairman had called both BDC and Environmental Health that morning, who said they had no knowledge of a problem, so she had then contacted Anglian Water, who promised they would attend the scene the following morning.

098 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Kemp had received an email from Suffolk County Council regarding the HERS scheme. Suffolk County Council were concerned at the loss of parking in front of some of the houses, obstruction to visibility at the junction with Brook Street, and access to Down's. However, the problems should be resolvable and the scheme could then proceed.

Cllr. Kemp had queried the legal height of the kerbs and has been told that it was 100ml. Although the kerbs in Egremont Street were below that height, there was currently no money in the budget to change them.

The Library was now open for extended hours, and also on Sundays, and Cllr. Kemp reported that the extra hours were proving to be very popular.

There would be a chance for residents to complain about the increase in the Suffolk budget by attending the Budget Roadshow on 23rd October 2003 beside Clinton Cards in Sudbury.

Every School in the district had been offered a composting bin. Cllr. Kemp reported that by 2005, the Government said that 36% of domestic waste should be recycled.

099 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The leaders of all groups would be reporting to the Council on Tuesday regarding the twin bin scheme, but the general consensus was that the trial period should continue.

Cllr. Young expressed that he had reservations. He appreciated that the Government had targets regarding recycling, but would ask what comes first: the targets for the health of residents?

Cllr. Young reported that Cllr. Thake would be asking how many new staff had been employed by Babergh since the present Chief Executive was employed.

Cllr. Young was now a member of the Babergh West Locality Forum, a group set up to allow District Councillors meet with head of services from Suffolk County Council and also the county councillors.

Although the speed limit of 40mph had been passed for Lower road, no signs had yet been erected.

100 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had contacted Playdale regarding the boards on the walkway at the play area, and they would be inspecting it shortly.

Wayne Hickford had repaired the posts in the play area, and had also cleared the thistles and raked the bark surfacing.

A letter had been sent to the resident near the telephone box on Fair Green, asking them to trim the tree down, which was obscuring the box.

The Church Hall sign had now been erected.

101 FINANCIAL MATTERSa. **Account Status**

Income	28792.57
Expenditure	4411.19
Cash in hand	63985.93
Petty Cash	128.35
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest Account	14981.66
Total (not including yfp)	79095.94

b. **Payments Received**

Burials	87.50
Village Hall Bookings	25.00
Organisation payments for Village Hall Babergh	56.00

c. **Accounts to be paid**

Mr. W. Dane	248.64
Asset Management Limited	150.00
Inland Revenue	267.05
Timely Help Security	317.25
Chilton Office Supplies	23.44
Industrial Supplies	15.72
St. Mary's Church	200.00

d. **Payments made out of Council**

Chilton Office Supplies	29.79
Mitchell Engineering	1116.25

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson**SECONDED: Cllr. Young**e. **Any other financial matters**

The security patrols would be increasing by £2 per patrol.

The tenders for the grasscutting in the village had been sent out.

Cllr. Young would try to repair the bench in the cemetery.

102 PLANNING MATTERSa. **New Applications****B/03/01560/CDP Glemsford CP School, Lion Road**

Application under Regulation 3 of the Two and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 - Erection of building for use as storage and maintenance shed.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal due to overdevelopment of the play ground, and concerns that the children would not have enough room to exercise.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

B/03/01614/TCA Churchgate Barn, Churchgate
Felling of 2 no. willow trees.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval, subject to the re-planting of two trees to replace the ones felled.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

B/03/01398/FHA Peggles, Schoolfield
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

**B/03/01585/OUT Land to rear of 14-22 Stanway Close and
Newfield House
Bells Lane**

Renewal of OPP B/00/01363/OUT – Erection of a detached dwelling and construction of vehicular access from shared driveway to Bells Lane.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal, as there was no indication on what type of building were to be erected.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

**B/03/01665/CAC Land adjacent Former Horse Hair Factory,
Bells Lane**

Application for Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of 2 no. single-storey buildings.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal, due to the insufficient provision of parking spaces, concerns over the siting of twin bins for the proposed development, and overdevelopment of the site.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

**B/03/01664/FUL Land adjacent Former Horse Hair Factory,
Bells Lane**

Erection of terrace of 2 no. 2 ½ storey and 3 no. two-storey dwellings and conversion of existing two-storey building to 2 no. residential flats with alteration to existing vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal, due to the insufficient provision of parking spaces, concerns over the siting of twin bins for the proposed development, and overdevelopment of the site.

Two letters of objection received.

b. **Applications Granted****B/03/01219/FUL Land adjacent Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane**

Change of use of agricultural land to garden.

B/03/01137/FHA Part side garden of Sunnyside, Flax Lane

Erection of single-storey detached dwelling with associated garaging.
Construction of new vehicular access.

B/03/01027/FHA Lawley House, 28 Hunts Hill

Erection of first-floor rear extension and alterations to existing vehicular access.

B/03/01193/LBC Land adjacent to and rear of 5 Egremont Street

Application for listed building consent – Demolition of existing garage to allow the erection of 14 no. dwellings.

B/03/01356/FHA Courtlands, Flax Lane

Erection of single-storey side extension.

c. **Any other planning matters****B/2/00365/ENF Plough House, 26 Tye Green**

Change of use and non compliance with B/192/88

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council stating that no breach of Town Planning control had been made as the haulage business was now operating from Fleetwood Caravans in Long Melford.

103 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council regarding the Annual Playground Inspections, asking if the Parish Council would like to subscribe to the DDA assessment, which would cost an additional £10.

Agreed to subscribe to the scheme.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

104 LOCALITY BUDGET

It was agreed to put half of the money into the high interest account, for the provision of new street lights, and the remainder to be donated to the Gala Fund for 2004.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

105 YOUTH FACILITIES PARK

Despite stating very clearly that the Parish Council were only prepared to give £9,600 for the re-siting of the Youth Facilities Park, another letter had been received from Babergh District Council asking for clarification. As there were so few councillors present at the meeting, this item would be discussed at the next month's meeting, together with the acquisition of the land to the rear of the Village Hall.

106 RECYCLING AREA

This item would be deferred to the next meeting, due to the small amount of Councillors present.

107 ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk would contact Hunts Hill Stores, regarding the Christmas tree.

Cllr. Lay asked that an item be put on the next agenda, to discuss planting of bulbs in the village.

The Clerk had reported raised covers on a footpath leading from Kings Road to Jacques Close.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm
Next meeting 4th November 2003 and 11th November 2003**

Signed Date and Min No.