

**MINUTES OF THE GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 2004 AT 7.45
IN GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

077 PRESENT Mr. C. Parmenter Mr. R. Thake
 Mrs. A. Watkinson Mr. J. Suttle
 Mr. N Gurr Mrs. L. Lord
 Mr. H. Lay Mr. L. Young

067 IN ATTENDANCE Mrs. S. Sunderland (Parish Clerk)

068 APOLOGIES Mr. R. Kemp (County Councillor)
 Mr. H. Boone
 Mrs. L. Knox
 PC Den Mullett

069 POLICE MATTERS

Cllr. Suttle reported that motor cycles were using Old Mans Field and Schoolfield as a race track and Cllr. Watkinson reported the same on The Casey. The Clerk would inform the police.

The Clerk had informed the security firm that their services were no longer required and asked for a report on their activities last month. The money had not been paid to them and despite their office manager telephoning and assuring that a report would be forthcoming, nothing had been received.

As there was no police officer present at this meeting, the security firm would be discussed at the November meeting when crime figures would be available.

070 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2004 were adopted and signed, subject to the deletion of the first sentence of the district councillors report and the addition of Cllr. Lay in members present

APPROVED: Cllr. Watkinson SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

071 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Trisha, the joint licensee at The Cherry Tree asked for clarification on the parking situation with regard to the pub as she understood from Parish council meetings and Babergh Development committee that the parking area beside the barns was put in specifically for the pub.

The Chairman said that the parking bay was put in to alleviate the parking problem but that it belonged to the Parish Council and no restrictions laid down when it was put in.

Mrs. Alston asked why it had been proposed that the war memorial be re-sited.

The Chairman stated that Glemsford was the only village with a war memorial sited away from the church. The busiest part of the village is the paper shop on a Sunday

and the procession holds up the traffic. The proposal is to move it to the Green in front of the Church. Mrs. Alston said that the idea was ridiculous and it should be left where it was.

The Chairman said that the war memorial has to be cleaned and maintained because of the overhanging trees in its present situation but Mrs. Alston said that if it were moved it would be covered in other matters.

In previous years it had been possible to close the road during the Remembrance Service parade but as this was not now possible it was felt that the location of the memorial was dangerous with the cars having disregard for children and elderly people in the parade. There would be a public meeting called to discuss the re-siting in the near future once grant applications had been processed.

Mr. Gray was still concerned about the speeding cars along Egremont Street and also the state of the site on Lees Garage. He asked about the space on New Cut designed as a turnaround and stated that it was now used for parking and for the siting of skips. The worry is that if the emergency services had to attend New Cut and needed to turn round they would not be able to and would have to reverse down the lane.

Mr. Gray asked if the recycling facilities had been lost for ever and the Chairman stated that they would be re-sited at some point although the Parish Council could not, at present, give any firm dates.

072 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Cllr. Kemp had asked for the Council's comments on what the locality budget would be spent on by the end of November. This would be discussed at the precept meeting in November.

073 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Young reported that Babergh are taking anti social behaviour very seriously and have appointed a new officer Sally Scott to get to grips with the problem.

Cllr. Young had received a car parking report from task group. He was still studying it and will let the council know the details at the next meeting.

Babergh are now forming a debt counselling service.

Cllr. Young attended a meeting on the twin bin scheme at Great Cornard. Some attendees had also been present at the one in Sudbury and when Babergh reported on the meeting they said that 60% of attendees at Town Hall were in favour of keeping the waste collection as it is and were quite satisfied with how the scheme was working. Cllr. Young was of the opinion that the figures were wrong and it was more like a 50/50 split and at the Cornard meeting the public had voted unanimously against the system as it is now but Babergh had not published those figures.

Gifford Lewis who ran the meeting in Cornard explained that Babergh collected from 38,000 people in the District and a member of the public had worked out that if the Council went back to weekly collection it would cost an extra £17 per resident per year. All present said they would pay £17 extra on their council tax to have the weekly emptying of the black bins. One of district councillors asked for vote and it was unanimous that the black bins should be collected weekly.

Cllr. Thake had attended an Overview and Scrutiny meeting who discussed the refuse collection. As Cllr. Young stated, it had been ascertained that each if Babergh reverted to the weekly collections the cost would be £17 more per person. Recycling charges have increased but Babergh say out of all the surveys they have carried out, the majority of people are in favour of the fortnightly collections. Babergh are aware there is a problem but through DEFRA they are funding door to door people to go round and advise residents how to wrap their refuse in the bins to avoid maggot infestation and were recommending that we keep the two weekly collection

Cllr. Lord asked if two black bins could be provided for larger families if Babergh District Council are insistent on fortnightly collections. Cllr. Thake stated that unless there were seven or more people resident in a dwelling, then the family would only be provided with one black bin.

074 Clerks Report

The Clerk had written to Asset Management and complained about streetlighting outages again. All lights had now been repaired so it was agreed that the monthly fee could now start to be paid again but one month in arrears.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Lord

Tenders had been sent out for work to the war memorial and until these had been received, it was impossible to know how much it will cost for the re-siting and cleaning.

A letter had been sent to Michael Collins asking about planning permission for layby and also for war memorial. Ordnance survey maps were now needed and the Clerk had the relevant forms for planning applications when the time came.

A letter had been sent to Suffolk County Council asking whether the potholes on George Lane could be filled, following another letter from Mr Drury. A reply had been received stating that this would not be possible in the near future as funds would not allow the work to be undertaken but it would be made safe. The Clerk would inform Mr. Drury of the outcome.

More complaints had been received regarding children playing on the grass fronting the Crownfield Road estate from residents in Brook Street. The Clerk had spoken with the Beat Officer who informed her that they could only deal with the speeding problem.

Cllr. Thake pointed out that any new planning applications for estates, had to provide a green area for children to play, and that this problem would always arise at some point until the children involved grew up and moved on. If the Parish Council erected any notices these could not be enforced and Cllr. Lord suggested that the complainant write to the parents of the children concerned pointing out the dangers.

Cllr. Watkinson stated that the parking at the doctors surgery was becoming quite dangerous with cars spilling out onto Chestnut and Kings Road when the surgery was busy.

Cllr. Watkinson asked if progress had been made on the footpath resurfacing. The Clerk would write to Suffolk county Council and ask if they could give any sort of timescale.

The clerk had been in contact with Guy Smith regarding the bus layby work and he had provided some dates on which he could meet with council representatives. Councillors agreed that the 21st October would be an ideal date so the Clerk would arrange this and let councillors know the time.

075 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	32907.93
Expenditure	2273.29
Cash in hand	64443.52
Petty Cash	253.60
Youth Facilities Park	132.35
High Interest	40616.78

a. Payments Received

Burials	£285.50
Village hall groups	£ 56.00

b. Payments made out of Council

Infotone	205.04
Industrial Supplies	22.91
Simply Computers	99.80

c. Accounts to be paid

Asset	150.00
Inland Revenue	371.60

076 Planning Matters

a. New Applications

B/04/01635/FHA/SPL 180 Kings Road
Erection of single storey front extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/04/01634/FHA/SPL 178 Kings Road
Erection of single-storey front extension

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/04/01487/FHA/CT Linum, The Croft
Erection of 2 metre high boundary fence.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

b. **Applications Granted**

B/04/01297/FUL/CT Part OS 3982, Low Street
Construction of new vehicular access.

B/04/01398/FHA/CT 5 Links Close
Alterations to existing vehicular access.

c. **Applications Refused**

B/03/00274/FUL/MC The Looking Glass, Flax Lane
Erection of detached garage.

d. **Any other planning matters**

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council stating that there had been no breach of planning control regarding the illuminated signs outside The Angel public house.

A letter had been received from Babergh regarding the tin tabernacle stating that a breach of planning control had occurred and the applicant would be invited to submit planning application

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council stating that the proposal to name the Former Suffolk Studio Glass Factory development was 1-7 St Mary's Cottages, Bells Lane. The Parish Council were happy with the proposal but a note would be placed on the website inviting residents to put any proposals to the Clerk and the Clerk would also contact the History Society.

077 Correspondence

A letter had been received regarding the Community Achievement Awards and the Clerk would again nominate Mrs. Bullingham as she was overlooked last year.

078 Youth Facilities Park

Members of the Council would meet before the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the way forward. The Clerk had also contacted Mr. King from the Suffolk constabulary but had received no response yet. A meeting would then be arranged with Mr. Mutum from Babergh District Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meetings: Public meeting for Parish Plan 2nd November 2004 7.30pm
Parish Council meeting 9th November 2004 7.45pm
Precept – 16th November 2004 7.45pm