

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
9TH OCTOBER 2007**

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

057 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

058 Public Question Time

Mrs Steele informed the meeting that the first phase of the school reorganisation linking with Haverhill was now underway. All of the village was included in the consultation which will be distributed through to households from 29 October. It was stressed that this was not just for parents, but for everybody. Presently, the school catered for children up to the age of nine, after which time they progressed to Clare and then on to Sudbury. Clare Middle School was now due to close, meaning Glemsford would then hold children to the age of 11 when they would then pass to upper school, whether in Sudbury or Haverhill. There would be options in the consultation document and Mrs. Steele urged everyone to read and comment on this.

A meeting would be held at the school on 29th November at which parents, carers and anyone interested in the future of education in the area were invited to attend. This would be held at 7.30pm in the evening. There would then be a 12 week consultation period.

Mrs. Dickinson reported that the footpath from New Street to Shepherds Lane had been ploughed and not reinstated. As people walked their dogs regularly the Clerk would contact Kevin Verlander.

Mrs. Dickinson reported that builders trucks had been parked on Tye Green. The Clerk would speak to the owner of the Cherry Tree and ask that patrons be reminded that no vehicles were to be parked on the green at any time. She also asked if chains were going to be sited on the posts in the parking bay. Cllr. Gurr said that he could not recall council ever saying that chains would be part of the plan, and that the posts had served their purpose.

Mr. Beetles asked about kerbing around the gravestones in the cemetery. The Clerk informed him that it was council policy not to allow kerbing on graves as it not only damaged the grass cutting equipment but could also be damaged when the grass was being cut. The Clerk would telephone Mr. Beetles to arrange a meeting at the cemetery with herself and the Chairman.

058 Police Matters

Howard Lay had contacted the clerk regarding the ditch on the Rec. Councillors agreed to have the area cleared so the Clerk would now contact the community service team.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

Niall Johnson the acting sergeant for villages attended the meeting. He reported that from September to October nine crimes had been reported, compared to 13 the previous year.

Cllr. Parmenter reported a trailer outside the old newsagents, which had been left in the same position for some considerable time. Sgt. Johnson would look at this on his way home.

Sgt. Johnson reported the concept of street meets the first of which he hoped to take place on 31st October. As the village hall was not available, Mrs. Steele said that the school hall could be used.

059 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Cllr. Kemp reported the blue tongue outbreak in the region.

A new service was being offered from Age Concern, which would enable older volunteers to offer their services.

Suffolk County Council had voted to endorse nuclear power by 50 votes to 15.

060 District Councillors' Reports

A Seminar had been held at Polstead about global warming

Acton and Ballingdon Post Offices would be closed under the recent sub post office cuts.

061 Clerks Report

Cllr. Thake had recently attended a meeting of Stanstead Parish Council where the Beestons bus service was discussed. It had been agreed that meetings with all neighbouring parish councils would be held, and our Clerk would arrange this in liaison with Stanstead.

The Clerk had spoken to representatives from both Alfred McAlpine and EDF about the lack of street lighting on Stanway Close. Both had denied responsibility at first, but it had now been ascertained that it was the fault of EDF and this should be rectified in the very near future.

An email had been received from Mark Tavernor regarding the play area. This would be discussed at a later date.

Stuart had informed the clerk about holding a BBQ for 14-17 years olds in the future.

The Clerk advised Cllrs. Suttle, Young and Watkinson that the Register of Members interests needed completing as soon as possible, as she had not received forms from them.

The Clerk and Chairman had attended a meeting for the rural hubs. Only one teenager had attended which was a disappointment. Sue Longhurst had advised that questionnaires be re-circulated but the Chairman felt this was a waste of time and resources.

The Clerk had ordered sports equipment for the Club which was now stored at the village hall. The club would be operating from 18th October and it was hoped that it would be a success.

The State of the District event from Babergh, is being held on the evening of Monday 29th October at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath. The event will commence at 7.00 pm and run until 9.00 pm, refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. Any councillors wishing to attend must inform the clerk by Friday.

The sign for the cemetery had now been made and Cllr. Gurr would erect it as soon as possible. The black bin in the cemetery was now without a lid. The Clerk had contacted Babergh and would be getting either a replacement or having it repaired.

062 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	33854.26
Expenditure	6301.42
Cash in hand	51897.48
Petty Cash	405.61
High Interest	34190.74

Payments made out of Council

Hygieco	327.83
Industrial Supplies	20.35
Viking	137.65
J I Turner	23.50

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Viking	25.83
Viking	6.31
Mr. Teasdale	575.00
LAH Signs	35.25
Chilton Office Supplies	56.40

Accounts to be paid

Inland Revenue	565.10
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Any other financial matters

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a new laptop for the office.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Boone **SECONDED:** Cllr. Gurr

The Chairman had obtained quotations for chairs and tables for the village hall. It was agreed that she would contact Principal Furniture and ask if they could match other quotes received.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED:** Cllr Boone

As a hirer had left the hall in a terrible state recently, it was agreed that a £50 deposit would now need to be paid on all bookings. This would be refunded after the hall was found to be in a satisfactory condition after the period of hire.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED:** Cllr. Bloomfield

063 Planning Matters

New Applications

B/07/01448/FUL/MB Part side garden of 48 Fourth Avenue
Erection of 2 no. semi-detached two-storey dwellings. Construction of new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal citing overdevelopment and the impact on the surrounding properties. One letter of objection had been received which would be passed to Babergh.

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

B/07/01306/OUT/BEL Former Builder's Yard, Drapery Common
Outline – erection of 3 no detached dwellings.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval but would prefer to see bungalows or chalet style bungalows. We also have concerns over the access and the fact that the walnut trees due to be removed are covered by TPOS.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Suttle **SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

Cllr. Searle had concerns about the granting of an application for 71 Brook Street. Parish had refused this at a previous meeting yet a delegated decision had been made. Cllr. Thake would be investigating this when he returned from holiday.

Cllr. Searle asked who owns the land to the rear of Schoolfield. Cllr. Suttle said that he was sure it was owned by Glemsford United Charities but had no documentation. The Clerk would contact the Charities Commission and ask if they could help.

064 Any other matters

A sponsored walk on 27th October would be raising money for Breast cancer. Posters would be distributed in the village.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45

Next meeting 13th November 2007

Signed

Date