

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

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

047 Police Matters

There had been three reports of criminal damage and three of vehicle crime. Fire extinguishers had been taken from the village hall and also the theft of a bicycle was reported.

Residents complained about vandalism in and around Fourth Avenue over the weekend. Stuart would visit them later in the week and talk to them. Adrian Southgate asked if he could replace the trees on the green which had been uprooted years ago and never replaced as he felt this would deter people from playing football. Cllr. Gurr would speak to him about this.

Residents asked about no ball game signs and it was explained that Babergh did not provide these any more as they could no be enforced. Cllr. Gurr informed the residents that the fence along Golding Way was causing problems as to the ownership but investigations were still underway.

A padlock had been broken on the village hall gates that served the right hand side of the hall. The perpetrator had visited the clerk and replaced the lock.

Neighbourhood Watch documentation was discussed. This needed to be completed and returned before the next meeting.

048 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August, having been previously circulated were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

The Minutes of the Village Hall working Party meeting held on 21st August 2007, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Bloomfield

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

049 Public Question Time

Mr. Grover asked about the water surface drainage into the ditch for the development on Crownfield Road. The previous flooding in Brook Street now shows a vague sign to a ditch diversion that comes down the side of a field and into Chequers Lane which has already had flooding with the current infrastructure. The plan does not show how the water will be taken away. Cllr. Thake informed the meeting that the Environmental Agency needs to be consulted and have to approve everything regarding the Crownfield estate.

Questions were raised Beestons buses some timetable supposed to give six weeks notice but they didn't cancelled 7.15 bus and now cant get to work. Used to live in Melford, wanted to move back to Glemsford but this bus is now no more and there was no warning.

Complained were received about the cuts to Beestons bus services. Cllr. Young informed the meeting that despite promising attendance at the Stanstead meeting, representatives from Beestons did not arrive. The 7.15am bus from Glemsford had now been stopped as had the last bus home from Sudbury, which necessitated in people catching the 5.10pm. One of the residents had telephoned Beestons who had not been helpful .

The Clerk would write to neighbouring parish councils and ask them to support us in writing to Beestons about the cuts.

Gillian Coates informed the meeting that the lights in Stanway were still not working. The Clerk would write to Alfred McAlpine and withhold monthly payments as this had been going on for months.

050 Clerks Report

The Clerk had made investigations into problems with the bench on Tye Green and would contact Mrs. Plumo White to keep her informed.

Following letters being sent to funeral directors, the Clerk had received a telephone call stating that the earth removal could prove to be a complicated process. To this end the council would increase the burial fees at the next precept meeting to cover the costs.

A new application for pharmacy consent had been received, this time from Glemsford Services.

The Clerk advised councillors that any suggestions for the community achievement awards should be passed to her as soon as possible.

051 Parish Plan

Patrick Currie informed the meeting that he was now in possession of software for the parish plan. Cllr. Gurr would look into this and then arrange a meeting to formulate the questions for the questionnaire which could encompass the village hall extension.

The Clerk would contact Jo Beever and let her know the current position.

052 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	669.85
Expenditure	9498.14
Cash in hand	24344.64
Petty Cash	383.63
High Interest	34096.63

Payments made out of Council

Multi agency forum	100.00
Wolseley	105.69
Alfred McAlpine	2422.85
SCC	1144.33
GE Money	17.35

Accounts to be paid

BDC	113.67
Mr Teasdale	1,600
Chilton Office Supplies	66.98
Inland Revenue	452.05

Any other financial matters

An email from had been received from Steve Rosenthal asking for the Parish Council to write a letter to Richard Kemp so that the Social Club football team could have part of his locality budget. As the council had been informed Mr. Rosenthal had approached various places for money Mr. Kemp has been informed of this as it may not be possible for him to use his locality grant for the cause.

The Clerk had received an SLCC update and would subscribe for the next year.

Grant forms had been completed for the new sports club as funding for the present samba soccer sessions would cease in October. Numbers were increasing and now an average of 15-20 attended each Thursday. A meeting had been held on Thursday 6th August and four coaches were now secured, two paid and two voluntary. Other volunteers had come forward for treasurer, secretary and general help. The grant funding would pay for the salaries and some of the equipment but there was a shortfall of approximately £700. Councillors agreed to donate the money for this. The owner of Sudbury Sports was to be one of the coaches and could get most of the equipment at trade prices for the club.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

The Chairman had got sample chair for the village hall and councillors agreed that she should now obtain three quotes for that type of chair.

053 Affordable Housing

Documentation received from Babergh had previously been circulated to councillors. Cllr. Thake informed the meeting that after a recent conversation with Ian Tippett, he had been informed that there was a big demand in Glemsford for affordable housing. Land was needed and queries had been raised about the land to the rear of Schoolfield where the allotments were presently sited. Cllr. Watkinson thought that this was owned by Glemsford United Charities.

Cllr. Gurr said that he was sure the whole council would like to see some affordable housing, which in turn would help with drainage and infrastructure so it could be advantageous. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Cllr. Suttle on his return from holiday to make further enquiries.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

054 Planning Matters**New Applications****B/07/01339/FUL/MB Court Farm, Park Lane**

Change of use of part of existing paddock to form new vehicular access and driveway.

The Chairman left the room whilst the application was being discussed.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

B/07/01348/FHA/BHW 22 Angel Lane

Insertion of 1 no. ground floor window to side elevation of two-storey side extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinsonj

B/07/01379/FHA/MB Windmill Cottage, Windmill Row

Erection of first floor extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

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

Erection of conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval. The Clerk would contact Michael Collins to check on the listed building status.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

055 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park

Cllrs Gurr and Thake would meet to measure the hall in the very near future and then we would have a rough idea of size so that we can get prices. Emails had been received from Babergh with suggestions for grant funding.

056 Glemsford Logo

Councillors judged the entries for the logo competition and decided unanimously that the entry from Mrs. Pittendrigh should be the overall winner, with Mr. Coote in second place and Mr. Watkinson in third. The Clerk would contact each person and send out their prizes.

Two suggestions for new street lights were passed to the Clerk, which would be discussed at the Finance Committee precept meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting 9th October 2007

Approved

Date