

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

<b>Present</b>	Len Young	Neil Searle
	John Suttle	Colin Parmenter
	Neil Gurr	Rex Thake
	Tracey Sansum	

<b>In attendance</b>	Sara Turner
	Richard Kemp

<b>Apologies</b>	Lucy Knox (holiday)
	Newman Ford (work)

Lynne Bloomfield was not present and no apologies were received.

**042 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009, having been previously circulated, were adopted and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Searle**

**043 Question Time**

Jeff Piper put forward a proposal about a swap its incentive. The idea is for residents to meet and swap unwanted items for useful ones such as home produce, DVDs, books and other such things. The swap it session would be similar to a car boot sale but without the cash to worry about. There would be no entrance fees and car boots are used or tables for displaying the wares.

Councillors agreed that it was a good idea. Jeff proposed that the Village Hall car park be used when the gates are open, e.g. when the library is open. The Clerk would call Jeff and arrange a date for the first session.

Anna Davies asked if the Village Hall bench could be moved. She explained that the owner of the White Studio was suffering anti social behaviour from youths on the bench, and had called the police over 300 times during the past few years. The Vice-Chairman explained that the bench had been moved for maintenance in the past but had been reinstated as the elderly residents missed it. The Clerk would write to Inspector Crick and ascertain why all the complaints had not been followed up.

Anna Davies asked if much needed maintenance could be done on the play area. As the play area inspections would be carried out by Babergh this month, these would be followed up after the reports had been delivered.

Anna Davies asked if more bins could be sited in the village. The Clerk had been trying to get these sited since March this year but was having no luck with officers at Babergh so Cllr. Thake would chase this on his next visit to the District Council.

Anna Davies enquired about the bottle bank in the Village Hall car park. The Clerk explained that the recycling company could not empty it as they now had a new lorry which was too tall to gain access. The Parish Council had obtained planning permission for the trees to be pollarded and in the meantime the bottle bank had been moved to the front of the Village Hall. Councillors decided that because of all the smashed bottles and lack of help from the recycling company, that the bank should now be removed. Anna volunteered to help with a litter pick around the Village Hall and sports field area.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**044 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The final stage of consultation for the Waste Core Plan, this consultation period runs from 27<sup>th</sup> of July until 9<sup>th</sup> of October. This is the final draft document which will be consulted on, the next stages of the process will be:

- Publication and consultation of the Submission Waste Core strategy in January 2010 and submission to the Planning Inspectorate in February 2010.
- A Public Hearing during May/June 2010.
- Publication of the Inspector's Report to Suffolk County Council in October 2010.
- Adoption of the Waste Core Strategy as planning policy by Suffolk County Council in December 2010.

At the moment the plan contains a potential five sites for a waste treatment facility, these are

1. Sproughton, Sugar Beet factory site
2. Stanton and Hepworth, Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate
3. Eye and Brome, Eye Airfield Industrial Estate
4. Great Blakenham – Masons Quarry
5. Great Blakenham – Highways Depot

The last on that list has already been selected for an 'Energy from Waste Incinerator' by the County's waste disposal authority. This means that there could potentially be four more waste disposal facilities across the county. This all depends on whether commercial companies wish to use the sites that have been identified by the council.

This is also the case for the landfill sites, these are located at;

Layham Landfill Site  
Thorington  
Foxhall Landfill Site  
Masons Landfill Site

All the information for this can be found at the Suffolk County Council website. I encourage all those concerned to respond to the consultation. The Liberal Democrats have launched an online petition to stop the proposed Incinerator at Great Blakenham, you can find the petition here – <http://suffolkcclibdems.org.uk>

Further to the announcement from the high court upholding the request from Forest Health, St Edmundsbury and Suffolk Coastal, the appeal from the Boundary Committee will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

Suffolk Constabulary has launched its 'community speed watch' briefing pack, to expand its Community Speed Watch programme across the county.

The Community Speed watch programme was set up to help those in the community monitor those areas which suffer from excessive speeding. It is a volunteer based system which requires at least six members, all of whom have to be over the age of 18, and are committed to devoting one hour a week to the scheme.

Working in conjunction with the Police the community speed watch programme will send letters to those offenders asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed through your village. Repeat offenders will be targeted by police enforcement.

More information, and the briefing pack can be found online at [http://www.suffolkroadsafe.net/suffolkroadsafe/news.php?article\\_id=123](http://www.suffolkroadsafe.net/suffolkroadsafe/news.php?article_id=123)

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of October Suffolk County Council trading standards and Suffolk's Fire and Rescue service will be holding an electric blanket testing session, at Sudbury Fire Station.

The testing takes place every year throughout the winter at different sites across the county, and almost half of those tested were deemed to be potentially lethal. Electric Blankets should be tested routinely every three years.

In order to get your electric blanket tested, you will need to book your place in advance by calling 01473 260586.

September sees the first full council discussing agenda items since the election. Not only is this a chance to discuss the items that will be on the agenda, but it is also an opportunity for members of the public to question the administration.

In order to have your question asked at the meeting, you must ensure that it is submitted at 10 o'clock on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

The question must be related to the Council's responsibilities or what the county council can influence, you will then be informed of whether this can be asked, and whether you'd like to attend to ask the question in person. If your question is something which has been asked in the previous 6 months, you will instead receive a copy of the answer to the previous question.

To ask your question you can send it to:

The Committee Services Manager,  
Suffolk County Council  
Endeavour House,  
8, Russell Road,  
Ipswich,  
Suffolk,  
IP1 2BX

Or e-mail: [committee.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@suffolk.gov.uk)

Or fill in the form at this address:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/question.aspx>

**045 District Councillors' Reports**

The LGR appeal result would be in October or early November.

Cllr. Young stated that he would like to support Sudbury Town Council over the plans to charge for car parking in Sudbury via Babergh. Cllr. Thake said he would prefer to discuss this at another meeting as it was not just a simple vote.

**046 Clerk's Report**

A letter had been received from Suffolk County Council regarding the proposed new footway in Park Lane.

**047 Financial Matters**

**Account Status**

Cash in hand	21197.46
Petty Cash	783.97
High Interest	35379.78

**048 Planning Matters**

**New Applications**

**B/09/00805/FUL The Old Filling Station, Lower Road**

Continued use of area for car boot sale on Sunday mornings.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Sansum**

**B/09/00978/FHA    Hunts Hill House, Hunts Hill**

Construction of replacement driveway.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Parmenter**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Sansum**

**Applications Granted**

**B/09/00741/FHA/LM        9 Schoolfield**

Erection of single-storey front extension.

**B/09/00164/FUL/BEL        Mouny Lofty Lodge, Skates Hill**

Erection of 1 no. detached two-storey dwelling with detached garage.

**049    Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park**

Cllr. Parmenter reported that the Social Club had spoken to the solicitors about legalities. At the moment it looked as though the extension would be a leasehold, the social club will build it but it will be owned by the Parish Council it and the Social Club will have a 99 year lease. Arrangements would be put in place for part payments for the insurance and maintenance by social club.

Cllr. Thake stated that he would like to see the agreement well before and would not want the Parish Council to be making a decision in a short timescale.

The Clerk would ask Wiles for a quote for the resurfacing of the skateboard park.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15pm**

**Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Approved .....**

**Date .....**