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**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

<b>Present</b>	Rex Thake	Newman Ford
	Colin Parmenter	Lynn Bloomfield
	Len Young	Robbie Benson
	Michael Brown	Tiffany Carr

**In attendance** Sara Turner  
Richard Kemp

**Apologies** Tracey Sansum  
Lucy Knox

**021 Co-option of New Councillors**

Two new councillors, Michael Brown and Tiffany Carr were co-opted on to the Council and the declarations of acceptance duly signed.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Benson

Cllr. Sansum had tendered her resignation, so the position would be duly advertised.

**022 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed subject to the addition in District Councillors Reports to read "Cllr. Young asked councillors to consider what they would like the money from the Village of the Year Awards spent on, and this would be discussed at the next meeting."

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Thake                              **SECONDED:** Cllr. Young

**023 Public Question Time**

Chris Rixon from Broadway Stores explained his opposition to the proposed development at Downs former factory site. He had placed a petition in his shop which had now been sent to Babergh, and contained 440 signatures. People were opposed to the retail unit, which would be very large and massively detrimental to the three shops already in the village, and would also have a huge impact on traffic, as it was envisaged that cars would be using it during the evening as well as during the day. Mr. Rixon had concerns over the lighting which would have a large impact on the surrounding area.

**024 Sports Committee**

Alex McFarlane was welcomed to the meeting and he would be attending in the future as part of the sports committee, who, it was hoped, would be able to fundraise for the current football teams, to provide much needed changing facilities. Alex had investigated grants and had ascertained that much fund raising would need to be carried out before any money was handed over.

**025 District Councillors Reports**

Cllr. Young had attended a meeting where the reports recommended a single council. The report stated that by 2013 Babergh would save 1.3 million the present structure was maintained but with amalgamation of some of the services only 0.9 million would be saved.

Cllr. Thake would be attending a strategy meeting during the coming week which would make a recommendation to full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The biggest concern was redundancy payments and the fact that if the two current chief executives did not apply for the positions there would be two which would eliminate the saving over the past year. After seven years the Council would still be in debt.

**026 Suffolk County Councillor's Report**

The decision on the contract for the incinerator in Suffolk will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Cabinet will decide whether to award the contract for the incinerator that will be built at Great Blakenham to the preferred bidder Stia UK Ltd, who operates a number of different waste facilities across the UK.

The contract will be awarded for a 25 year basis, with the funding coming from PFI, totalling £102m. You can view the report, as well as the final business case for the incinerator on the County's web pages;

[http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-bin/committee\\_xml.cgi?p=detail&id=1\\_14605](http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-bin/committee_xml.cgi?p=detail&id=1_14605)

It is now possible for members of the public to submit questions to Cabinet, with 20 minutes set aside at the beginning of the meeting for this. If you are going to submit a question, they have to be entered to the Committee Services Manager by 12 noon on the fourth working day before the meeting. For further information, and more rules on what can and can't be submitted, please head to

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/CommitteesAgendasReportsandMinutes/PublicQuestionTimeatMeetingsoftheCountyCouncilandCabinet.htm>

There will also be a Full Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, at which the public will be able to ask questions at as well. Please follow the above link for more information.

On the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, the National Heritage Open Days presents an opportunity for everyone to visit a heritage site that would usually charge for free.

This event occurs across the whole country, with a wide range of sites open, which can include tours around the buildings, or guided walks.

For more information the Heritage Open Day website contains information for sites across the whole country as well as those in Suffolk.

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/county/Suffolk>

The Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, Trading Standards, Age Concern, and the Electrical Safety Council have once again launched electric blanket testing.

This is in preparation for the upcoming winter months, to ensure that the electric blankets used in people's homes are not faulty.

Throughout the month of September testing will take place across the County. Those closest to this parish will be either;

- Wednesday 15th September: Bury St Edmunds Fire Station
- Friday 24th September: Endeavour House, Ipswich
- Tuesday 28th September: Endeavour House, Ipswich

In order to ensure your electric blanket is tested, you will have to book in advance. You can do this by calling: 01473 260586.

For those who are unable to make the dates above, there will be a collection service in order to test your electric blanket. In order to use this service, you will have to book a test at one of the venues above via the booking line. The Fire and Rescue service will then collect your electric blanket from your house the day before the test, and then returned once tested within a few dates. As an incentive to book a free test, if a blanket fails it will be replaced with a free under blanket.

**027 Clerks Report**

The street lights with G39 issued had now been repaired.

The Coffee Caravan would be visiting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**028 Financial Matters**

**Account Status**

Income	15,952.00
Expenditure	16,389.39
Cash in hand	9,325.48
High Interest	10,394.79
Sports Club	2,048.84

**Any other financial matters**

An email had been received asking the Parish Council to fund the web hosting of the Glemsford matters website.

It was agreed that the Parish Council pay for the hosting.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Benson

The Clerk informed the meeting that she would like to send the coaches on FA Stage I and II coaching. It was agreed to find out the prices and to ask Richard Kemp for the money from the Locality Budget.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Ford                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Brown

Cllr. Young put forward three suggestions for the utilisation of the Village of the Year monies. These were a donation towards new curtains for the Village Hall, the purchase of some high visibility jackets for litter picking, or buying some bulbs to plant in the village. It was agreed that the high viz jackets would be purchased.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Young                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Thake

Quotations had been received for the mural painting on the bus shelter. It was agreed to give the job to Ben Searle who had provided the cheapest quotation. The Clerk would ask Glemsford Primary School if they could provide parental permission to allow the names of the children to be put on the murals.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Benson                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Brown

Cllr. Young suggested asking Ingilby Mariner about the provision of anti graffiti paint for the exterior of the bus shelter.

## 029 Planning Matters

### **New Applications**

**Cllrs. Young and Thake did not vote or take part in discussions on any Planning Applications.**

#### **B/10/00932/VOT    Garage adjacent to Station House, Lower Road**

Change of use of existing garage/workshop to Class B1 (Business Use) (extension of time limit to condition attached to P.P. B/07/00130/FUL).

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to overdevelopment of the site and vehicular access concerns.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Brown

#### **B/10/00973/FHA    5 Causeway Close**

Erection of two-storey rear extension.

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Ford                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Benson

#### **B/10/00826/OUT    5 Causeway Close**

Outline - Erection of detached bungalow with shared double garage and off street parking/turning (existing garage/workshop to be demolished.)

Agreed to recommend this application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter                      **SECONDED:** Cllr. Brown

**B/10/00900/FUL 51 Schoolfield**

Erection of single-storey dwelling and construction of a new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal due to concerns about the vehicular access.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Brown

**B/10/00962/FHA Five Gables, Plum Street**

External alterations to roof.

The Clerk would query if the building is a listed property.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal as it will have a detrimental effect on the surrounding properties and is not in keeping with those presently in the vicinity.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Ford

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**B/10/00796/FUL 2-4 Brook Street**

Erection of retail store, business units and 21 no. dwellings with associated garaging (demolition of former office and workshop buildings). Construction of new vehicular access.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal.

The Parish Council do not believe the site has been commercially advertised in the correct manner according to the retail assessment policy.

The provision of a retail store would have a massive detrimental effect on the three retail stores already in the village.

The Parish Council have major concerns about the infrastructure due to the ongoing problems in Brook Street/Crownfield Road and the provision of yet more housing will only exacerbate the problem.

The Parish Council are concerned about the lighting from the retail and industrial units during the night, and the effect it will have not only on the housing on the development, but to the residents already in the area as it will have a large impact.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Ford

**B/10/00797/CAC 2-4 Brook Street**

Application for Conservation Area Consent – Demolition of former office and workshop buildings.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal.

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**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Ford

### **Applications Granted**

**B/09/00603/FUL/GD**

**Glemsford Village Hall and Library**

Erection of extension to existing hall to form social/sport club and erection of porch to existing hall.

**B/10/00801/ROC/CT**

**Brookfield Place, Low Street**

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) – Variation of Condition 03 of Planning Permission B/01/00026/FUL – to allow the total number of dogs to exceed from 12 no. dogs to no more than 24 no. dogs at any one time.

**B/10/00794/FHA/LM**

**Fair Green House, 15 Fair Green**

Replacement of concrete and concrete block paving with millstone flag paving and permeable shingle.

**B/10/00475/VOT/SMC**

**Land West of 71 Brook Street**

Erection of 1 no. detached one and a half storey dwelling.

### **Applications Refused**

#### **Any other planning matters**

**B/10/00360/FHA**

**Hunts Hill House, Hunts Hill**

Installation of 2 no. replacement UPVC windows on front elevation in lieu of existing softwood windows.

An appeal had now been lodged against the planning decision for this application.

### **030 Village Hall and Social Club**

Discussions took place about the proposed Social Club extension on the Village Hall. Cllr. Thake was concerned about the Council's involvement in the project in case the Social Club were to go bankrupt. Cllr. Parmenter explained that if this were the case, then the building would be handed over to the village and the building would then be given to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Young said that if the Social Club went into liquidation then it would be handled by the Official Receiver and could then be sold as a leasehold property. Cllr. Parmenter said that the Social Club would not be allowed to go into liquidation.

Cllr. Thake stated that even if there was a legal document governing the project the Parish Council could experience all sorts of difficulties in the event of bankruptcy.

Cllr. Ford raised concerns on the viability of the Social Club as it was. He said that the Club was not flourishing, but Cllr. Parmenter said that if the site was shut down as it was then they could not do anything with the land which is why they wanted to sell it now for housing.

All councillors agreed that the Clerk should once again contact the Charity Commission and ascertain their original statement that rent should be charged at market value, as no one felt they could make a final decision without clarification on this matter. It was also felt that if a peppercorn rent could be charged rather than a market value one, then most councillors would be more agreeable to the proposals.

The developer of the Social Club had maintained that he would sustain the rent and pay the Parish Council's legal fees for the project.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Ford

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Approved** .....

**Date** .....