

Glemsford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 13th Sept 2011 at 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present Cllr L Young (Chair) Cllr M Brown (Vice Chair) Cllr's L Bloomfield, A Mallalieu, S Plumb, A Southgate, R Thake, R Kemp (SC Cllr) D George (Clerk) S De'Ath (Acting Clerk) Plus 11 members of the public

01.09 Chairman's Announcement -Cllr Young welcomed Public to meeting. He announced that Part 2 of the meeting held on the 9th August was to be discussed after the conclusion of the public meeting.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

02.09 Apologies for Absence -Cllr Dinning-Cole

03.09 Police Matters -PCSO Hannah Partington had been contacted but no reply received.

04.09 To adopt minutes of Council meeting held on 09.08.11 - Cllr Thake advised that the word 'Core' should be included prior to 'Strategy' in his District Councillors report. The minutes were adopted and signed as a true record subject to this amendment.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Bloomfield, carried unanimously.

05.09 Matters arising -Samples of Diamond Jubilee mugs were produced. It was agreed a decision on which design would be made at the next meeting.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Bloomfield, carried unanimously.

Details of a Diamond Jubilee Beacon were shown. A decision is to be made at a later date.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Bloomfield, against Cllr Plumb.

Standing Orders - Cllr Thake stated that all councillors should have received copies via email. Copies were produced to hand out at the end of the meeting.

Adjournment – Cllr Thake asked if there was a vote at the last meeting. It was agreed to review at a later date.

06.09 To receive reports

a) Suffolk County Councillors Report (Mr R Kemp)

Earlier this month Lucy Robinson was appointed as the interim chief executive at Suffolk County Council. She has been employed by Suffolk County Council since 2002 as the Director for Economy, Skills and Environment. She had previously held a number of other roles across local and central government, and had been covering the role of Chief Executive since the previous Chief Executive was put on "gardening leave".

The role is initially for six months, during which time the recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive will take place. Mrs Robinson has been appointed on a salary of £150,000 pro rata.

Libraries Update

The latest on the Libraries is that the administration has put forward a number of different options for the future structure of the service. As part of the report to Cabinet on the 19th of July, these options below will go through a best value evaluation;

- A Council Business Unit
- A Council owned company/enterprise
- Independent Company/Enterprise

This will be reported back to Cabinet on the 8th of November. In addition to this the administration agreed to a consultation regarding the future of mobile libraries.

The Council has also moved to set up pilots for community run libraries.

The pilot libraries are:

- Aldeburgh
- Bungay
- Eye, Debenham and Stradbroke
- Sudbury
- Thurston
- Wickham Market
- Gainsborough, Chantry, Ipswich, Stoke, Rosehill and Westbourne – working together.

These projects will begin in April 2012, and will look to increase the amount of local decision making, fundraising and activities and look to include more public services under one roof.

I will update you further when I have more information. You can find a copy of the press release sent out by the Council on this matter, at this address;

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/News/CommunityLibrariesPilotProjectsGetTheGoAhead.htm>

Mobile libraries

A consultation on mobile libraries, runs from Monday 5 September to Friday 14 October.

The council is consulting on the plans set out in the July Cabinet paper, which were:

- to move from fortnightly to monthly or four-weekly stops, as neighbouring library authorities have done, and
- to remove stops in communities that are served by a static library.

This would save an estimated £225,000 a year, while maintaining the mobile library service to communities that do not have a static library. I don't yet have any further details, but the consultations should appear online at:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/Consultations/>

A report on the outcome of the consultation and subsequent recommendations will go to Cabinet in November, and full Council in December.

Suffolk County Council's Broadband Bid Success

Suffolk's bid to improve Broadband across the County has finally been approved. The £41m scheme, which has up to £10m backing from the County, was given the green light by the Government early last week.

This follows a revised bid by the County Council in which they upped their bid significantly after the last submission was rejected.

The total funding from the Government for this scheme will be £11m. The private sector will be matching the bid from the public sector to reach the £41m total.

I will update you further when I have more information about the timetable for this plan.

The Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service will once again be holding free sessions to test electric blankets.

- 5 September - Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Ipswich, IP1 2BX
- 6 September – Bury St Edmunds Fire Station, Parkway, IP33 3BA
- 7 September – Lowestoft Fire Station, Stradbroke Road, NR33 7HS
- 14 September – Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

All tests must be pre-booked and can be done so by telephoning 01473 260588, please ensure you also mention the location of your test. It should last no longer than five minutes.

Please head to the website for more information about the condition of electric blankets.

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/PolicingAndPublicSafety/FireAndRescueServices/CommunitySafety/FireSafetyAdviceElectricBlankets.htm>

Public Questions at Full Council & Cabinet

As usual members of the public can ask questions to the administration at both Full Council and at Cabinet.

In order for your question to be picked for either of the meetings, it must be submitted four days prior to the meeting at 12 o'clock. This means that for the Cabinet meeting on the 13th of September questions must be submitted by Wednesday the 7th at noon, and for those questions to Full Council, which takes place on the 22nd of September, they have to be submitted by the 16th.

For more information, about the type of question that can be submitted, and for whom to send your question to, please head to the link below;

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

Pylon Update

As you probably already know National Grid has announced its intention to build pylons along Corridor 2, travelling past Hintlesham, between Hadleigh and Upper Layham, and through the AONB before getting to Twinstead. Curiously National Grid has failed to say whether it favours Corridor 2a or 2b.

As part of Stage 2 of the consultation, National Grid has been holding a number of community information events, and will in the future be looking to create community forums along the route to involve the local population.

This second stage still allows responses to the decision, and the form for doing this can be found on the website at;

<http://www.bramford-twinstead.co.uk/have-your-say.aspx>

According to their website, the next stage of National Grid's plan to build a new line between Bramford and Twinstead, will give greater consideration to mitigation measures such as woodland planting, shorter pylons or using underground cables.

b) District Councillors Report (Mr R Thake) – Although no confirmation had been received by the Parish Council he had been informed that the 'Core Strategy' had been voted through. It was reported that there is apprehension amongst officers regarding cuts to save money. "People were worried".

c) District Councillors Report (Mr L Young)- Attended the West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership. Cllr Young believes that BDC want to drop out and join Mid Suffolk. He felt this was not appropriate as we are more West Suffolk based. Cllr Young reported that Glemsford has one of the highest broadband ratings at 6.5.

Agreed to move Public Question time to after financial matters. Proposed Cllr Plumb, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

07.09 Financial Matters - Cllr Mallalieu reports that the street lights had not yet been paid for. All other 'normal bills' had been paid. The village hall was ticking over. A few children's parties had been booked. The Karate Club had now finished, however the Cubs were starting up. It was proposed to give the Cubs an initial 'peppercorn' rent of £2ph for 6mths (to then be reviewed).

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Southgate, carried unanimously.

Bank balance at the end of the month stood at approx. £39000. The balance would be approx. £75000 at the end of September.

A credit card for use by the Clerk was requested with a spending balance of £500.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

An internal auditor is required. Pauline Currie to be approached.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Young, carried unanimously.

Pauline was approached at the meeting and kindly agreed to a trial period.

Cllr Thake asked why bank charges were made. These are now payable as banks now charge societies and charities.

Cleaners Wages to be reviewed next month to keep in line with the minimum wage increase.

Cllr Young thanked Cllr Mallalieu for all the hours she has put in.

Financial report attached at end of minutes.

08.09 Public Question time - Sue Rayner enquired if it was law for the Parish Council to provide allotments for the village. Cllr Plumb said he would check into this.

Mark Rouane asked why the Police had not reported at the last two meetings. PC Partington has been ill but Cllr Mallalieu said she would check to see why another PC had not produced a report.

09.09 Village Hall update - Cllr Mallalieu reported that a meeting had been held but it was decided that a committee was not to be formed at present. It was agreed to concentrate on refurbishing the hall. A maximum spend of £2000 was requested.

-Proposed by Cllr Plumb, seconded Cllr Young, carried unanimously.

10.09 Standing orders - Cllr Mallalieu reported that the government is currently looking at Parish Councils and changing rules, especially with regards improving the general life of the community. Whilst this was on-going Cllr Mallalieu felt there was no point spending vast amounts of time sorting the standing orders. Cllr Thake disagreed and felt that if the current standing orders are not suitable we must do something now. Cllr Plumb agreed to do a review of the current standing orders and report back at the next meeting.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

11.09 Training - New Clerk to attend course mid October at a cost of £48. Planning Workshop at SALC available, Cllrs Mallalieu, Brown and Bloomfield to attend at a cost of £25 each.

-Proposed Cllr Southgate, seconded Cllr Bloomfield, carried unanimously.

12.09 Forward Planning - The village survey is complete. Cllr Mallalieu says the Parish Council need to approach more members of the public in order to gather thoughts on bigger projects.

13.09 Parish Plan - Patrick Currie delivered the results from the Parish Plan survey. The data on spread sheets is enormous and will need to be defined more. Care would be needed when analysing the data. This would need to be presented to the public in a simple format. An initial meeting for Councillors was arranged for the 6th October @ 7.30pm for presentation of the findings.

-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Plumb, carried unanimously.

Thanks were expressed to Patrick for all his hard work.

14.09 Cemetery Matters - The cemetery is in need of urgent attention. The graves are not in line, the hedge is overgrown, earth needs to be moved and the footpath needs attention. It was nominated that a single grave digger be used.

-Proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Mallalieu, carried unanimously.

15.09 Section 106 provision - This ties in with the Parish Plan. Representatives are available from BDC to advise on what will be suitable. Mark Tavernor has been in communication with Cllr Mallalieu. Cllr Thake available to help with match funding if required. Cllr Mallalieu requested she continue communication with Mr Tavernor.

-Proposed Cllr Thake, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

16.09 Webiste - Cllr Plumb reported the new web site is all ready to go. Details need to be drawn together. It should be up and running by the 1st Dec.

17.09 Facebook - Cllr Plumb reports difficulties with taking down the current site and the setting up of a new one.

18.09 Footpaths and Hedges - Complaints have been received regarding Post Office Lane and the Downs site. Attention also needs to be given to Angel Lane/Playing Field and Fourth Avenue. Thanks to Chilton Office Supplies footpath maps are now available.

19.09 Sports Club - Funds are still held by the Council. All equipment remains property of the Council.

20.09 Youth Activities - A meeting was held with youth of the village but it was difficult to find out exactly what they wanted. Suggestions were discussed.

21.09 Library - In the absence of Harriett North Cllr Mallalieu reported. A meeting is to be held on Friday. There is a need to do a business plan. It was proposed that the Parish Council pay the cleaners wages. This would be implemented from the beginning of the new payroll year, April 2012.
-Proposed Cllr Mallalieu, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously.

22.09 Planning matters -

New applications

Cllr Mallalieu leaves the room-declares a prejudicial interest

B/11/00656/FUL	Land rear of 22-34a Egremont St Erection of 5 single storey dwellings Car ports associated parking	Recommended for Approval Voted against-CllrPlumb "accepted with conditions" Site meeting to be arranged and Highways Department to be consulted
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-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown

Cllr Mallalieu returns to the room

B/11/01068/FHA	24 Hunts Hill Erection of single storey rear extension	Recommended for Approval
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-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

B/11/00996/TCA	Patches House, Cavendish Lane Fell 1 no Poplar	Recommended for Approval
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-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

B/11/01056/LBC	17 & 19 Tye Green Listed building consent. Creation of rear link Insertion of windows and French doors. Use of Weather boarding. Replacement of concrete floor With limecrete. Opening of door. Creation of opening.	Recommended for Approval
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-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

Cllr Southgate leaves the room – declares a personal interest

B/11/01072/FUL	Land north of Mill Farm Construction of telecommunications Tower.	Recommended for Approval (Structure to be in keeping with surrounding countryside)
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-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

Cllr Southgate returns to the room

B/11/01070/TCA	Hideaway, Bells Lane Removal of trees replace with conifer trees	Recommended for Approval
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(Conditional to height restriction of 2-3 metres)

-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

B/11/01062/FHA Silverlea, Flax Lane

Recommended for **REFUSAL**
(Over development of site, out of
character for area and over looks
neighbours)

-Proposed Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Brown, carried unanimously

Applications granted

B/11/00853/FHA/AS 7 New Cut

B/11/00810/ROC/GC Old Filling Station

Applications refused

B/11/00347/FHA 69 Brook St

23.09 Correspondence - Bloor Homes wish to do a public presentation of the development at Crown Fields on 7th October. A meeting prior to this with Councillors only was requested.

24.09 Any other matters - Colin Parmenter said an AGM is to be held in November to re-instate the Playing Field Management Committee. There has been no movement in the bank account for approx. 7years. A list of trustees and the plans are being looked into.

Cllr Mallalieu has approached the solicitors to see what documents are held on behalf of the Council. Cllrs Thake and Plumb ask if there is a document of instruction on how the charity deed is set up. Cllr Mallalieu to look into this.

Cllr Thake says he is not receiving correspondence.

Cllr Plumb requested a copy of the job description for the new clerk. Cllr Mallalieu says that as this is in exploration no firm description will be available until the 3 month trial is complete. It will then be circulated.

Cllr Young informs of resignations of two councillors. Cllrs Carr and Sandford. Advertisements will be placed for these positions.

Cllr Young would like to congratulate the village on the all the fund raising events that have taken place in the last month.

Public meeting finished at 10.25pm

