

**MINUTES OF THE GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 7.45
IN GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

- 066** **PRESENT** Mr. C. Parmenter Mr. R. Thake
 Mrs. A. Watkinson Mrs. L. Knox
 Mr. J. Suttle Mr. N Gurr
 Mr. H. Boone Mrs. L. Lord
 Cllr. Lay Mr. L. Young
- 067** **IN ATTENDANCE** Mrs. S. Sunderland (Parish Clerk)
 Mr. R. Kemp (Suffolk County Councillor)

There were seven members of the public in attendance.

068 **Police Matters**

The pavilion had been broken into twice since the last meeting.

069 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd August and 1st September 2004, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

070 **Public Question Time**

Mr. Richardson reported that a car had caught fire in the past week in the village.

According to Mr. Richardson a child had been taken away in white van although no other reports had been heard.

St. Mary's church was going to be closed down if money was not found to undertake the repairs and the Church had asked him about sending envelopes to the houses in the village. The Chairman advised them to contact Babergh District Council with a view to obtaining a licence.

Two members of the Methodist church were in attendance and told the meeting that they wished to redevelop the church hall for the sum of £30,000. The hall would be used by community and they wanted to find out the needs. In first instance, the premises would be made welcoming and there are plans to build new toilet block and to convert a room into kitchen with the idea of entertaining. The next step will be to gather together working people in village to discover what needs are and the church is also ready to appoint a community worker and have the promise of at least half of the funding from their own Methodist resources. They were in process of making application for grant assistance from other organisations.

All councillors felt the idea was a good one for the village and it was decided that the Parish Council held no objections to the plans.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

Mr. Gray reported that the speeding through the village is no better. Kings Road is like a dirt track and there are no speed restriction signs in place. The old Lees garage site is still an eyesore, and he felt that this would not happen in Cavendish or in Long Melford. He had called the Babergh planning department about the bungalow at the bottom of Hunts Hill as he felt it was not in keeping with the rest of the area but the planning officer was too busy to talk to him. He said that the Council should have complained. Cllr. Thake told Mr. Gray to direct these concerns through him as he would be able to speak to an officer at Babergh District Council.

Mr. Gray complained about the footpath by the tyre company toward first field and kissing gate, down to Lodge Road. The Chairman informed him that he had recently met with an officer from Suffolk County Council and plans were afoot to bring the footpaths in that area up to standard.

071 Suffolk County Councillors Report

Cllr Kemp reported that he had asked for a SID machine to be in Glemsford again and will contact police to see if they can do a radar check although they are very reluctant. He had also spoken to the road safety officer who was looking into the provision of flashing signs. There was however a backlog and signs that were supposed to be in place in Long Melford three months ago still aren't in place. Cllr. Kemp felt that the only remedy is for the police to be in the village with a radar gun.

Cllr. Kemp mentioned at the last meeting about bus passes for people aged 10-19 – this would happen in January 2005 and brochures would be published soon.

The County Council have a roadshow consulting residents views on the tax level for next year. These would be held in Sudbury on 9th September outside Clinton Cards, 10th September in Haverhill High Street, and Bury St. Edmunds on 11th in the St Andrews Street car park.

Cllr. Young reported that the new council offices are open on Saturday immediately next to the football ground and members of public are welcome to go and look round.

071 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Thake advised all residents to direct these sort of complaints or concerns through him as in a lot of cases he would be able to give them an answer faster than if they went through the planning department.

The CPA inspection at Babergh District Council seems to be taking up a lot of time and money. This last two weeks had been very high profile and all persons had been interviewed and observed on how the officers and members work together.

Different meetings were planned for the twin bin schemes in Cornard and other parts of the district.

Cllr. Thake had copies of circulars for Sustainable solutions for Leisure and Mobile if the public were interested.

Cllr. Young reported that the JVC – Joint Venture Company were trying to get all the Suffolk councils including county to go into partnership. If things like refuse

collection were all done on one big contract it could be cheaper as not so many staff are needed. BT were at the last meeting and they are prepared to invest £55,000,000 into the project although there was the proviso that everyone involved had to use BT services.

The Licensing Appeals Committee would now be taking over liquor licenses and these would all be decided through the district council. There is now a Babergh statement on licensing, part of the new licensing law guidance for village hall and community hall users on the Babergh website. The Committee were getting now very close to actually doing the licensing although there has been no date set by the government although there is a meeting on 1st October so dates would probably be set then.

072 Clerks Report

The Clerk had contacted THSLLP and asked why no one had attended our last meeting. A reply had been received stating that the owner was going through a messy divorce and had sacked the office manager but knew nothing about the meeting. The Clerk had been told that emailed reports would be sent through but nothing had been received and two emails sent this month had not been answered.

Councillors agreed that the security firm had not been seen in the village for some time and to suspend it for time being. If there was still a need for the security service we would look for an alternative. No payment would be made until satisfactory answers had been received.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. suttle

The Clerk had written to Mr. Winders about the untidiness of the Lees Garage site and also the flashing signs at The Angel. A reply had been received stating that there was no problem with Angel but that the Council would look at the Lees Garage site again.

Wrote to Mr. Sampson regarding the provision of footways on Skates Hill. The Clerk was informed that there was no record of any original paperwork so this project would have to be started from scratch.

A letter had been sent to Playdale regarding the playground repairs and a quote had been presented for just over £3,000 which included topping up the bark and all the repairs.

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Collins regarding the tin tabernacle and a reply had been received stating that he will look into it.

The Clerk had contacted Jim Nunn regarding the grit bins and she would now make arrangements at the end of the month to have these sited in Hunts Hill and Spring Meadow. Mr. Nun had also been informed about the problem with the drains on Angel Lane again.

The Clerk had spoken to Mrs. Joiner regarding the use of the barrow. The Council thought it may be a better idea if when a new person was appointed for the litter picking job that the two employees swapped duties. In the meantime, the Clerk would contact Babergh with a view to buying new barrows.

Mr. Dane, the litter picker for the village had sadly passed away quite suddenly in August. He would be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The position of street cleaner would now be advertised and new job descriptions would be applied.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Watkinson

A quotation had been received from Pearce and Kemp for the street lighting in the village and this was very expensive. The Clerk would contact Asset Management again regarding the outstanding light repairs in the village and withhold payment once more.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

The clerk had contacted Suffolk Acre regarding the implementation of the village Plan. Councillors agreed that the public meeting would take place on the 2nd November and the next two Parish Council meetings would be postponed by one week each. Cllr. Lay would produce some posters for the meetings and liaise with the Clerk next week about displaying them and the Clerk would insert a piece in the church magazine when these were received and confirmation had been received from Suffolk Acre.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Thake

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Uden at Suffolk County Council regarding the new youth bus passes and he had informed her that literature would be sent out in the near future.

A letter had been received from Babergh regarding car parking charges in the district. Meetings had been arranged for Councillors to attend and our local one would be at 2pm on 15th September 2004.

Complaints had been received about two houses in Egremont Street because of their recent painting. A reply had been received from Babergh enforcement stating that no breach of planning had occurred.

Enquiries had been made regarding grants for the re-siting of the war memorials and the Clerk would now go out to tender for the work so that the form could be completed and sent off.

A letter had been received from Babergh District Council regarding the housing needs survey and a seminar had been arranged to discuss the results on 23rd September at the Babergh offices.

The Clerk had been advised by Patrick Taylor that no planning permission had been sought for the layby so she would contact Michael Collins to find out if it was needed.

The Clerk had contacted both Leslie King and Tim Mutum for their views on the re-siting of the youth facilities park and also to ascertain from Mr. Mutum if SMAGSS funding would still be available. Following Mr. King's return from holiday in the next couple of weeks, a meeting would be arranged so all parties could view the proposed site.

073 Financial Matters

Account Status

Income	673.75
Expenditure	4704.71
Cash in hand	330808.88
Petty Cash	163.59
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest	40538.61

a. Payments received

Burials	198.00
Recycling	25.41
Village Hall	226.80

b. Payments made out of Council

Viking Direct Limited	183.56
BDC	59.97
Asset Management Limited	457.32
Mr. R. Britton	235.00
Petty Cash	100.00
THSLLP	387.75
Amenworld	387.75
Hygieco Limited	158.63
Asset Management Limited	150.00

c. Accounts to be paid

Asset Management Limited (withheld)	150.00
Inland Revenue	297.28
Mr. W. Hickford	45.00
THS LLP (withheld)	310.20

d. Any other financial matters

The street cleaning job would now be advertised.

074 PLANNING MATTERS**a. New Applications**

B/04/01363/FUL/GD The Cherry Tree, Tye Green
Change of use of public house to form 2 no. dwelling

There is a policy that the property would have to be marketed for the period of a year, although not necessarily as a public house for a period of one year before they District Council can accept there is no case for it.

Agreed to recommend for refusal as the public house had not been marketed as a going concern for the period of one year and do not want to lose another business in the village.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Suttle

Cllrs. Boone and Lord abstained from voting.

Cllrs. Watkinson and Gurr voted against the decision.

B/04/01518/FHA/GD

Lawley House, 28 Hunts Hill

Erection of two-storey rear extension.

The original application for this property was received back in June for a side extension. The Parish Council refused this because of parking problems.

Agreed to recommend this application for refusal as our original objections still stand.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

b. Any other planning matters

B/04/01104/FHA/SPL

Lawley House, Hunts Hill

Application withdrawn.

075 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had again been received from Mr. Drury regarding the enormous potholes on George Lane. The Clerk would write to Mr. Nunn again regarding the matter .

076 BUS LAY BY

Tenders would be sent out to companies now for the bus layby and the Clerk would inform both Babergh and Suffolk County Council of our intentions. A check would also be made regarding planning permission with Michael Collins.

There being no other matters the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Next meeting 5th October 2004