

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
VILLAGE HALL WORKING PARTY MEETING  
HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

Present:	Lucy Knox	Glemsford Parish Council
	Sara Sunderland	Glemsford Parish Council
	Peggy Rodgers	Carpet Bowls
	Rowland Hill	Local History Society
	John King	Gardening Club
	Mary Langley	Gardening Club
	Lesley Lagden	W.I.
	Julia Harrington	Dog Sense
	Patrick Prigg	St. Mary's Church
	Liz Steele	Glemsford Primary School
	Karen Bridgeman	Parent and Toddler Group
	Roy Diggins	Social Club
	Alan Skipp	Social Club
	Tracy Gibbs	Allsorts

The letter from the Social Club was read to the meeting. It explained that the club was now running at a loss so they would like to sell the land for housing, and then have the club at the Village Hall site. The money raised from selling the land would pay for the extension.

The Chairman had concerns about security although she felt that from a financial aspect, the proposal would be a viable one.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the proposed option and to gather the thoughts of hall users and the effect the proposal would have on the extension.

Rowland Hill asked if it would be sensible to have joint use management committee and not for the Social Club to run it themselves. Tracey Gibbs and Roland had concerns about the viability of the Social Club if it ran from Village Hall as the letter implies that the Club was struggling at the present time.

Alan Skipp explained that the Social Club do not need all the facilities and space they have at present. They proposed having two bars, one of which would open into the main hall and one that would be used all week for the purposes of the Social Club. He said that the sale of the land would finance the WHOLE of the extension, and not just the Social Club, and envisaged that the land would fetch in the region of £600,000 - £800,000.

Patrick Prigg said that although the village had three halls he felt that we should have something that had a more dedicated use. Roy Diggins said that the Social Club would only be used in the evening so Patrick asked could it be used for a drop in morning or a youth club for example in the day. Roy said that the Social Club had already spoken about this and agreed that it would be a good idea.

The previous plans for the Village Hall extension was intended to have the main room, a smaller room, changing rooms, showers and refs changing room plus extra storage. Alan Skipp said that the facilities would all be separate for the Social Club and they would have their own dedicated toilets. The Club be completely separate apart from if there was a function in the Village Hall.

Rowland Hill said now that the Village Hall and Social Club had defined their requirements and consulted users he felt that the working party should be dispensed with and a smaller

committee be formed to iron out the finer. A resident caretaker was discussed but the Chairman and Clerk explained that from a planning point of view this would not be allowed. The general consensus was that all those present wanted to be on the smaller committee.

Julia Harrington had concerns that as a Friday night user, if the Social Club had other functions Dog Sense would not want to be thrown out. The Clerk explained that any future plans would not affect the long term bookings in the Village Hall. Julia had concerns about car parking and loud noise for the dogs. The Clerk and chairman explained that when the Parish Council had originally spoken to Suffolk County Council about an extension they were advised that an entrance and exit would be the best idea plus the car park on the Rec could be used as an overflow.

Liz Steele asked if we could have a preliminary plan and some options to encompass social club. This would be taken to the next Parish Council meeting for a decision to be made.

Rowland Hill did not understand the offer if the site is worth the price stated earlier and asked if the Social Club are suggesting that amount of money would be utilised. Alan Skipp said that the Club would retain a portion but envisaged that the sale would fund the WHOLE of the extension and then the Social Club would equip their own part of the building but the Parish Council would have to put showers in for their part of the extension.

It was agreed that the proposal should be accepted and plans should now be drawn up.

**PROPOSED:** LESLEY LAGDEN

**SECONDED:** MRS STEELE