**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Sewell, Leopold, B Stephens, R Stephens & Cain

CCllr Kemp & DCllr Holt. The clerk.

4 members of the public.

**01.01 Parish announcements**

Thanks were extended to County Councillor Richard Kemp for the £5000 donation towards the purchase of the Speed Indicator Devices (SID’s).

A working party needs to be formed for the installation and re-positioning of the SID’s. It is anticipated they will be moved on a monthly basis. All volunteers welcome.

Due to this year being an election year the Annual Parish Meeting will take place in March not April.

**02.01 Apologies for absence**

None

**03.01 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests**

Cllr Plumb declared an interest in all planning matters due to being a member of the planning committee at BDC.

**04.01 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 11th December 2018**

***It was resolved*** to adopt the minutes after an amendment to the district councillor’s report. Should read; A question was asked about Glemsford’s status as a core village due to its diminishing shops/services. It was explained that a core village is based on the number of residents and facilities.

**05.01 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

It was asked if the right of way over Parish Council land to access to the playing field was a legal document and were there any financial implications; it was confirmed that the right of way was a legal document and there was no financial involvement.

**06.01 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –** A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk’s office.

A peaceful and Happy New Year was wished to all.

The New Year has started on a positive note with £5000 being given to the Parish Council from the locality budget towards purchasing two Speed Indicator Devices.

Correspondence with Suffolk County Council is on-going regarding the culvert repair at Hobbs Lane. It is hoped that SCC will accept the £4000 quote the Parish Council obtained. SCC has stated that works have to be compliant with requirements. As yet, this has not been confirmed. A site meeting is to be arranged at which Cllr Southgate has asked to attend.

**DCllrs Holt & Plumb** – BDC’s report was read (copy can be viewed at the clerk’s office). There is very little to report. Elections are being held in May.

It is thought that a decision on the planned Wedding Venue at New St will be made by the end of the month.

**07.01 Planning New applications:**

**DC/18/05285 – Land adj Belle Vue, Skates Hill**

Outline planning application (some matters reserved). Erection of a two storey dwelling and new access

***It was resolved*** to recommend approval

**Granted applications:**

**DC/18/04307 & DC18/04308 – The Little Cottage. 13 Fair Green**

Listed building consent

Removal of existing outbuildings and erection of extension, detached cartlodge and detached plant room. Reinstatement of thatched roof and works described in the schedule of works.

**08.01 Public question time**

Harriet North reported that a meeting of the newly formed playing field committee will take place on Tuesday 15th Jan. A meeting had been held between Harriet, Laurence Milton and Chris Knock  **(**External Funding Officer Communities Team B&MSDC). Projects for the playing field were discussed including the proposed land swap and the possibility of purchasing the additional piece of land. Building a youth facility as part of the proposed extension to the village hall was also discussed. The Parish Council were asked to consider these points. CCTV on the communications mast was mentioned.

**09.01 Accounts for approval**

***It was resolved*** to agree the accounts

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Swarco - SID's | 7707.38 | | A Southgate exps - power supply | 68.13 | | BDC-playground inspections | 116.9 | | Charge card | 59.2 | |  |
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| **10.01 Reports from working groups**  **Cemetery** – grave tidy up has been completed.  **Village Hall** – quotes have been received from architects to progress the next stage of the plans for the proposed extension. It is hoped another quote can be obtained.  Cllrs Rowan Cain, Ruth Stephens and the clerk visited Gt Cornard Stevenson Centre to see their newly extended hall to see how it had been planned, financed, built and is being used. A lot of very useful information was obtained and further contacts to aid the process were gained. It was agreed that Cllr Cain would contact Concertus and Jim Brown at Suffolk County Council.  **Finance** – the precept application has been agreed.  ***It was resolved*** to pay £422.82 (part of payment of £7707.38) being the balance of the payment for the SID’s.  **11.01 Replacement street light order – to agree**  Cllrs Plumb, Leopold and the clerk attended a meeting with Suffolk County Council with regards the street lights. It was noted that the new LED lights do not spread as much area light as the old units. It will be possible to install new units in dark areas as necessary.  The old fashioned style units in Egremont St should be able to have their lamps replaced with LED with the installation of a conversion kit.  The possibility of replacing units in the remaining conservation area with the old fashioned style units was discussed. This would be possible as an on-going project.  The clerk, accompanied by SCC reviewed the remaining lights to be converted to LED. ***It was*** ***resolved*** to place the next order at a value of £18,221.83 subject to confirmation of price of three units in Highbank.  **12.01 Correspondence to report**  A letter had been received regarding the amount of dog mess in the village. It was agreed that this is an on-going problem but is very difficult to control. It was explained that a warden had been employed on an ad-hoc basis in the past but this did not prove successful. The Parish Council does give away free dog mess bags.  Further correspondence had been received regarding dog fouling. An offer was forthcoming to liaise with the school to see if the children could do some posters to help eliminate dog fouling. The person concerned was given the full support of the Parish Council.  An enquiry was made about disabled and pushchair access being made available to the playing field. It is to be confirmed who owns the yellow barrier which restricts access.  Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk Tim Passmore has forwarded a survey regarding the public’s views on paying extra council tax to help with policing.  **13.01 Date of next meeting** – 12th February 2019  Meeting finished at 8pm |  |
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**17.12 Correspondence to report**

**18.12 Date of next meeting – 8th January 2019**

Meeting finished @ 7.55pm