**Glemsford Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at Glemsford Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Brian & Ruth Stephens & Tunbridge

The clerk.

2 members of the public

**01.04 Parish announcements**

No announcements

**02.04 Apologies for absence**

DCllr Holt, Cllrs Leopold, Mills & Postill

**03.04 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.

Cllr Tunbridge declared an interest in planning items DC/24/01184 & DC/24/01226.

**04.04 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on the 12th March 2024**

***It was resolved*** to adopt the minutes.

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

County Broadband confirmed the green box on Tye Green will not be moved. It was agreed to take no further action.

Insurance cover for works to the telephone box was discussed. Cllr Plumb is to make contact with the Chairman of the Local History Society to discuss further options regarding the repairs.

**06.04 To receive reports**

CCllr Kemp –reported at the Annual Parish Meeting – report can be viewed on the website.

DCllr Plumb reported – report can be viewed on the website

**07.04 Planning New applications:**

**DC/24/01184 – 41 Hunts Hill**

Application for works in a conservation area – to monolith (T1) ash tree to approx. 8ft due to finding kretzschmaria and horse shoe fungus at the base. The tree is in close proximity to the owners property, this will significantly reduce the risk of any damage

***It was resolved*** to recommend: no reason to object

**DC/24/01226 – 50 Hunts Hill**

Notification to works to trees in a conservation area – fell 1no eucalyptus (T1)

***It was resolved*** to recommend: no reason to object

**Granted applications:**

**DC/24/00294 – Peverelles, Tye Green**

Application for listed building consent – demolish and rebuild rear chimney stack

**DC/24/00684 – 2 Hunts Hill**

Notification of works to trees in a conservation area – reduce crown of no1 plum (T1) by 2m

**08.04 Public question time**

No questions

**09.04 Accounts for approval**

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

Payments for authorisation Apr:

Main account: payments:

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| SALC membership | | 1054.98 |
| SALC payroll | | 129.6 |
| SCC St light maint/energy costs | | 10512.15 |
| Places4People (from NP Grant) | | 4257 |
| Main account receipts:  Income Mar - zero | |  |
| Village Hall A/c: payments   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Octopus | 554.95 |   Village hall receipts:  Hall hire Mar - £914  **10.04 Co-option of new Parish Councillor – to consider**  Alison Ansell approached the council with regards becoming a new councillor.  Proposer: Cllr Southgate  Seconder: Brian Stephens  ***It was resolved*** to co-opt Alison as a new councillor | | |  |

**11.04 Reports from working groups**

**Cemetery**

AWA has repaired the stopcock outside of the Cemetery gate, the water can now be turned off if necessary.

A new bench has been installed on the Green and the apple tree has been pruned on behalf of the Morris Men

**Finance**

No report

**Village Hall**

The architect has found holes in the new extension roof. The builders have sent in a contractor to assess the situation. A report is awaited.

The architects have reported back with regards the acoustics issues in the Heritage Room. Cllr Brian Stephens is to arrange a meeting with other councillors and the architects to discuss this further.

Cllr Ansell is to make contact with an acoustics supplier.

Thanks were given to Cllr Southgate for installing the hand towel dispenser in the kitchen.

A quote of £250 plus VAT has been received to clear the ditch at the rear of the youth shelter to the yellow barrier and dispose of overgrowth. ***It was resolved*** to accept this quotation.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Developers are making enquiries about sites in the village. They are to be informed that what they are proposing is contradictory to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Climate Emergency (Greening Glemsford)**

Cllr Tunbridge reported. This can be viewed on the website.

Solar panels were discussed. Cllr Tunbridge would like to look into funding. This is to be an agenda item next month.

A request for the Parish Council to consider adopting a Motion for the Ocean was suggested. This is to be an agenda item next month.

**12.04 Playpark equipment – to discuss (to inc a retrospective vote for offensive graffiti removal and cleaning.**

***It was resolved*** to get the graffiti removed and the equipment cleaned at a cost of £430.00 plus VAT. ***It was also resolved*** to supply new signage at a cost of £96.00 plus VAT.

The clerk is to contact a local company with regards repairs to equipment.

The skate park was discussed. It is in need of substantial repairs. A quote is to be obtained to repair the equipment or remove it.

The Parish Council are awaiting a response from the playing field committee with regards their previous intention to move the skate park equipment to an alternative site.

**13.04 Playingfield – ditch/drainage update and report**

The committee have spoken to householders who have a boundary with the ditch. They have given permission for the ditch to be cleared and/or piped. It is anticipated this will be done by the end of April.

Discussions were on-going about the skate park equipment.

**14.04 Correspondence to report**

The scouts have offered to help with jobs around the village. Cllr Tunbridge will make contact with the scout leader to discuss this further.

Thanks were received from the Kernos Centre for the donation.

There are continuing problems with parking on Tye Green. Cllr Southgate is to contact the Police.

The scouts have asked to have the toilet facilities open at the village hall during the sale trail. This was agreed.

**15.04 Date of next meeting** – The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Tues 9th May 2024 at the village hall at 7pm

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

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