**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2020 @ 7pm**

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

CCllr Kemp. The clerk.

0 members of the public.

**01.06 Parish announcements**

Thanks were given to Cllr Southgate for installing a new dog bin in New St.

**02.06 Apologies for absence**

DCllr Holt. Lesli Tunbridge

**03.06 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.

**04.06 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 12th May 2020**

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

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

The agreed submission of a C.I.L. 123 bid did not take place as it was not possible to obtain quotes in the specified time. This will be re-submitted in Oct when the next round of funding is open.

**06.05 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –**

A full report can be viewed on the website.

**DCllr Plumb** - BDC monthly report:

# *We’re rooting for new parents during COVID-19 and beyond*

***A Tree for Life scheme in Babergh and Mid Suffolk which offers a free tree for new parents, is now open for 2020 applications allowing families to apply from home during the coronavirus outbreak.***

# *New grant scheme opens for small businesses*

***A new Discretionary Grant is now open for businesses based in shared offices or other flexible workspaces, market traders, bed and breakfasts and small charity properties.***

# *Suffolk works on creating safer places as lockdown measures ease*

*Businesses, towns and spaces in Suffolk are getting extra help to make them safer and reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading as lockdown measures are eased.*

# *Communities benefit from Coronavirus funding boost totalling over £100,000*

*Communities have received more than £100,000 in vital funding from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – helping them to respond to Covid-19 and paving the way for a stronger society.*

# *Be responsible, save lives and stick with it this bank holiday weekend*

*Suffolk Resilience Forum urged people to keep doing the right thing over the recent bank holiday weekend, as the county’s #StickWithItSuffolk campaign continues.*

# *Children to explore the value of food through new competition by #FoodSavvy*

*Pioneering food saving campaign #FoodSavvy launched a month-long Delicious Drawings competition, on Wednesday 20 May, in collaboration with the East of England Co-op.*

*Two Suffolk councils joined forces to help a Sudbury resident maintain her independence despite COVID-19, by delivering urgent minor adaptations to her home.*

# *Stick With It Suffolk – continue slowing the spread of coronavirus*

*Suffolk people are being asked to continue their great efforts, which are successfully reducing the spread of COVID-19.*

## [*Commemorate VE Day safely message from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/commemorate-ve-day-safely-message-from-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-district-councils/)

*The chairs of Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Councils urged residents in their districts to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day, on Friday 8 May 2020, safely from home.*

[***Small businesses to benefit from new innovation and growth fund***](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/small-businesses-to-benefit-from-new-innovation-and-growth-fund/)

*A new £300,000 funding programme for small businesses across Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been agreed - with funds to be allocated over the next three years.  This will provide a much needed boost to businesses after the coronavirus crisis to help sustain and create jobs, provide opportunities to grow and innovate as well as react to the changing business landscape*

***Council committee votes to reject Sproughton development***

*Babergh District Council refused full planning permission for 49 homes to be built in Sproughton, citing harm to heritage and a lack of proven justifiable need.*

***Coronavirus cons***

*Unfortunately, opportunistic traders and scammers are taking advantage of the vulnerability of those panicked by COVID-19. If you'd like to help make Suffolk a safe place to live and work, register to be a Trading Standards Consumer Champion and receive a weekly email alert that provides information on scams as well as any doorstep rogues calling at properties in the local area so you can alert your neighbours or residents.*

Full details and applications can be viewed on the Babergh District Council website.

**07.06 Planning**

**DC/20/01758 – 17 Brices Way**

Erection of 1no detached dwelling

***It was resolved*** to recommend refusal – agreement with highway comments

**DC/20/01885 – The Cemetery, Churchgate**

Change of use of agricultural land to extend cemetery

No comment (Parish Council application)

**DC/20/02025 – land at 55 Schoolfield**

Erection of 1no 3bedroom detached dwelling

***It was resolved*** to recommend approval – subject to clarification on access rights

**Granted applications:**

**DC/20/01/01299 – 40 Hunts Hill**

Erection of single storey side/rear extension

**DC/20/01749 – Old Bank House, 2 Lion Rd**

T1 – reducing cherry plum to hedge height (reducing by 4mts) – BDC does not wish to object

**08.06 Public question time**

No questions

**09.06 Accounts for approval**

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

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**10.06 Reports from working groups – Cemetery, Finance, Village Hall, Climate Emergency and report from playing field management committee.**

**V/Hall** – a report has been received from the quantity surveyors. It is estimated the build cost of the extension to the village hall will be in the region of £277,000. A full report is to be sent to all councillors.

**Climate Emergency** – Lesli Tunbridge supplied the following report:

***Climate Emergency Working Group Report 9th June 2020*** *Since lockdown, the working group have kept in touch once a month via Zoom.*

***Social media*** *The Greening Glemsford Facebook page is now set up. Before we go ‘live’ to the village the working group members will be invited to join and asked to contribute some startup posts, then it will be launched via a message on Glemsford Matters. Please find below the About and Rules for your information.*

***Biodiversity 1*** *The biodiversity long-grass trial has begun, with thanks to Cllr Adrian Southgate, who asked the grass cutters to leave a strip unmown along the ‘wild’ edge of Tower Meadow. A survey of the plants growing there was made in early April, and again in the first week of June. Results of this survey are attached.*

***Biodiversity 2*** *On 1st May the Working Group was informed that a villager had received permission from BDC to cordon off part of the green on King’s Rd, opposite Post Office Lane, as several Milkmaid plants (also known as Cuckoo Flower) were growing there. The area will not be cut till the flowers have set seed. A member of the Working Group carried out a survey of the area for the conservation charity, Plantlife. Results are attached.*

***Environment awareness*** *A sketch map of Glemsford, designed and hand-drawn/illustrated by villagers Siobhan Moore and Hilary Lay, shows details of the village footpaths. It came about during lockdown because villagers had been asking, via Glemsford Matters, how to find bluebells and other scenic views and where to walk for daily exercise. The Working group plan to organise paper copies of this map, to be distributed at a later date. Photo of map attached. L Tunbridge*

***Greening Glemsford Facebook***

***About***

*Welcome to Greening Glemsford, created by Glemsford Parish Council Climate Emergency working group, which was formed after Glemsford Parish Council declared a Climate and Nature Emergency.*

*The aim is to provide a platform where Glemsford residents can find information and engage in constructive and informative sharing of knowledge and skills to help reduce our own carbon footprint and ultimately that of our village.*

*We can all play a part - however small - to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink the way we live in the effort to help make our lovely village even more ‘green’. If as a community we can work together, support and learn from each other, the impact will be far greater.*

*Please note - the Climate Emergency working group is not run by the Parish Council but acts in an advisory capacity to support the aspiration of making the county of Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030.*

*Since plans to create Greening Glemsford were initiated, the unprecedented turn of events caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting weeks of lockdown have intervened. One of the unexpectedly positive aspects has been that, worldwide, nature is taking advantage of our inactivity. Many villagers have become more aware of and taken a keen interest in the proliferation of wildlife returning to our gardens and the surrounding countryside. The biodiversity in and around our village is increasing. We hope you will join us in sharing ways to encourage it even further.*

*As part of our environmentally friendly initiative we have included an Advice & Skills page with links to individuals who are happy to share skills & knowledge on all sorts of ‘green’ topics - from repairing clothes to gardening for wildlife to creating a carbon neutral home.*

***Rules*** *We have just a few simple rules and would appreciate that all members would abide by them.*

*1. No selling. The website is for advice and sharing, not self promotion. If you have a skill you would be willing to share, which is relevant to the ethos of the group, it may be added to the skills sharing page.*

*2. No judging. There are no stupid questions. We are all in this together, and can learn from each other.*

*3 No swearing. Enough said. We ask that all members are treated with kindness and courtesy. Any comments or links not adhering to these basic requests will be removed.*

***Biodiversity 1***

***Results of survey, Tower Meadow*** *To summarise, in the unmown strip there was a higher incidence of bramble, goose grass, common nettle, cow parsley, spear thistle and bindweed in June than in April. There was no or less incidence of plants such as dandelion, creeping buttercup, daisy, stitchwort and dog violet in June than in April. The unmown strip was not separated from the ‘wild’ area which runs along the boundary of Tower Meadow, so the invasive species could easily spread and dominate. If the trial could be repeated to improve the flower yield a mown strip would be necessary between the wild area and the unmown area.*

***Biodiversity 2***

***Results of survey, Kings Road*** *Size of cordoned area 80 sq m. Five different metre square quadrats were sampled. Only open flowers were counted. Totals - Daisy 155 Creeping buttercup 169 Herb Robert 2 Cranesbill 19 The totals were entered online to the UK charity Plantlife’s Every Flower Counts, a citizen science survey of wild flowers which provide nectar for our pollinators. This area’s nectar score was calculated at 8mg per square metre, which would feed around 63 bees. NB The Milkmaid plants had finished flowering.*

***Environmental awareness Map showing footpaths around Glemsford***

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**11.06 Neighbourhood plan - AECON report**

The site options and assessment report is to be forwarded to the neighbourhood plan working group. The next round of funding to produce the plan is to be looked into.

**12.06 Correspondence to report**

A request to move the dog bin at New Cut due to new parking arrangements had been received. Cllr Southgate kindly offered to move this to a more suitable position.

The dog bin at Greyhound road needs replacing.

**18.05 Date of next meeting** – 14th July 2020

Meeting finished @ 7.45pm

(For reference: a recording of this meeting was made via Zoom)

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