**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th Aug 2019 @ 7pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

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

CCllr Kemp,DCllr Holt. The clerk.

11 members of the public.

**01.08 Parish announcements**

Cllr Plumb thanked all those who attended the Neighbourhood Plan survey results exhibition. Also, thanks to those that manned the display at the village hall.

**02.08 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Cain

**03.08 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 Southgate declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning DC/19/03320

**04.08 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 9th July 2019**

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

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

Cllrs Leopold and Stephens are working on the newsletter; the editorial is complete, illustrations and graphics are being worked on. A further report on progress will be made next month.

**06.08 To receive reports**

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

SCC is going through a boundary review. It is possible the number of councillors will be reduced.

CCllr Kemp was asked the cost of funding the four short films produced by SCC concerning alcohol.

**DCllr Holt** – read the report below:

***Draft Joint Local Plan out for consultation***

***Residents are being invited to have their say on the future of growth across two Suffolk districts, as Babergh and Mid Suffolk open a second round of consultation on their*** [*new draft Joint Local Plan*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/consultation-on-future-growth-of-districts-opens-to-the-public/)***.***

*The draft Joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals over the next 18 years, up to 2036.* ***Residents can take part online, or by visiting one of 18 public consultation events planned across the two districts. Read the full story on*** [*our website*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/residents-invited-to-quiz-councils-on-draft-joint-local-plan/)***.***

***CIFCO Business Plan for 2019/20 agreed***

***Meetings of Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s Full Councils have approved CIFCO’s future plans, looking to increase the £1.4m annual income it already generates for the districts’ through property investment – the equivalent of increasing council tax by more than 12%.*** *CIFCO’s business plan for 2019/20 will now form the basis of its trading over the next 12 months – including the investment of a further £50m agreed by both councils back in February. Read the* [*full story online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councils-agree-cifco-business-plan-for-201920/)*.*

***Helpful Links for Bin Collections***

*We have now changed the Collections to their new dates. Please find below a few useful links to assist in responding to any queries from residents:*

* [*Bin Collection FAQs*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/bin-day-changes-faqs/)
* [*My Waste Hasn’t Been Collected*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/my-waste-hasnt-been-collected/) *– includes Missed Bin Reporting Tool and information on delays*

*Please do share these links and encourage residents to report missed bins online, where the Waste Team can deal with them as quickly as possible. Reporting online will result in the swiftest possible response by passing the report directly to the Waste Team, rather than via a local Member or our call centre.*

***Councils support 2030 Carbon Neutral ambitions***

***Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have voted on motions to support Suffolk’s county-wide aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.*** *At Full Council meetings on Tuesday 23 July and Thursday 25 July both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils pledged to set up a taskforce, in partnership with other public sector partners, taking a step forward in becoming carbon neutral by 2030. You can read our full* [*press release here*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councils-support-2030-carbon-neutral-ambitions/)*.*

***Cool off with a Free Summer Swim***

***Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, in partnership with Abbeycroft Leisure and Everyone Active, are encouraging younger residents to get active over the summer holidays by offering free swims at their leisure centres.*** *Children aged 16 and under across the districts, can cool off in the pool during the summer holidays for free during public swimming sessions at Abbeycroft Leisure and Everyone Active centres. Find out more on* [*our website*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/cool-off-with-a-free-summer-holiday-swim/)*.*

***Taskforce meets with Delphi and publishes report into the future of the site***

***Following its latest public meeting on Friday 19 July, attended by senior management from Delphi, the South Suffolk Taskforce has published the findings of an options study into the future of the Delphi Industries site in Sudbury, compiled by consultants Carter Jonas.*** *At the taskforce’s request Babergh District Council commissioned an options appraisal study into the future options for the Delphi Technologies site which has now been completed by consultants Carter Jonas and made available to the group. Find the full story on* [*our website*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/taskforce-meets-with-delphi-and-publishes-report-into-the-future-of-the-site/)*.*

***Council teams up with CCGs to launch Active Schools***

*A new Active Schools programme has been launched at Wells Hall Primary School in Great Cornard, as part of Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s Active Schools programme aiming to increase physical activity in primary schools and combat rising childhood obesity.*

*The project, run in partnership with NHS West Suffolk and NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) will run for three years with the support of Active Suffolk, the Active Partnership for Suffolk dedicated to increasing the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity. Find out more on* [*our website*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councils-team-up-with-ccgs-to-launch-active-schools/)*.*

***Search is on for Sudbury Silk School Costumes***

***The Sudbury Silk Stories project is searching for details of a silk-clad gymnastics display at a Great Cornard Middle School summer fete over 40 years ago.*** *The project, which is recording stories of current and former employees of Sudbury’s silk industry, has issued a specific plea: can anyone provide photos or information on a Great Cornard Middle School summer fete in the 1970s that saw a pupil’s mother provide costumes made of silk from the Stephen Walters mill? Read our full* [*press release online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/search-is-on-for-sudbury-silk-school-costumes/)*.*

***Work set to begin on new pool in Hadleigh***

***Work to build a new swimming pool at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure Centre is set to begin at the end of this month.*** *Babergh District Council is investing £2.4m, with £200,000 of funds provided by Hadleigh Town Council and a Sports England grant (£150k), to build a new swimming pool at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure Centre which will replace the existing pool once complete. Read our full* [*press release online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/work-set-to-begin-on-new-pool/)*.*

***Imogen and Evie clean up in council litter competition***

*Imogen, a pupil at St Mary’s Primary School in Hadleigh, has been announced as the winner of the Babergh District Council annual Litter Awareness Poster Competition. Her winning design will be displayed on a waste collection vehicle working across the district for the next year, encouraging residents to bin their rubbish. Read the* [*full story online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/imogen-and-evie-clean-up-in-council-litter-competition/)*.*

***Hot topics on social media***

* *Free Summer Swims*
* *Bin Collection Day changes*
* *Consultation on the draft Joint Local Plan*
* *Scam Alert – Council Tax refund offers by text*

***Meetings***

* *14 August – Planning Committee*
* *19 August – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee*
* *28 August – Planning Committee*

Glemsford Post Office will be opening at Hunts Hill Stores on 28th August.

Remedial works at Hammond Croft have commenced. Bowie Construction are the contractors.

**07.08 Planning**

Cllr Leopold reported the recommendations from the working group:

**New applications:**

**DC/19/03320 – Brookfield Place, Low St**

Outline planning application (some matters reserved – access, appearance and layout to be considered) - Erection of 2no detached dwellings, garages and new access.

***It was resolved to recommend refusal*** (outside village envelope - in the countryside) – *Cllr Southgate did not vote*

**DC/19/03301 – Plot 9 Scossels**

Erection of detached 3 bed dwelling and garage

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

**DC/19/03133 – Churchgate Barn, Church gate**

Erection of 2no detached one and a half storey dwellings and 1no cartlodge for plot 2

***It was resolved to recommend refusal***(proximity to grade 1 listed building – Impact on view of Church – Contravention of s106 agreement, dated 29.09.94.

**Granted applications:**

**BDC does not wish to object to the following:**

**DC/19/02823 – Chirbury House, 4 Rectory Close**

Notification of works to trees in a conservation are – T1 (field maple – fell. T2 & T3 (hawthorn) - fell

**08.08 Public question time**

Thanks were given to the PC for arranging the opening up of the footpath at the skate park and the cutting of footpath no12. Concerns were raised about the farmer leaving a clear walkway across the adjoining field.

Harriet North reported on behalf of the Playing Field Management Committee:

The committee felt that the other play parks in the village needed attention before the skate park had any new equipment installed. It was explained that historically new equipment (rather than maintained equipment) had been promised for the skate park (from use of s106 funds). It was stated that the other village play parks were the responsibility of the Parish Council only.

The committee have agreed to make themselves known to the Parish Council.

Precept funds for use by the playing field committee were discussed. Historically the playing field had been given funds by the Parish Council to maintain the field. This changed when the Parish Council took on the grass cutting contract. If the new committee wish to revert to this system they would need to apply for funding within the precept. This would need to be done by way of a grant application by the end of October to be included in the next financial year.

An update was given on the cost of moving the 30mph speed limit in Brook St. Suffolk County Council have quoted an approximate cost of £8000.00. This is to be an agenda item next month. There is no news on the Speed Indicator Device application.

It was confirmed there is no start date for development of the Silk Mill site. There is no further news about the re-instatement of the flint wall.

**09.08 Accounts for approval**

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| Auto Innovations (NP banners) | 115.2 |
| Auto Innovations (Park signs) | 62.4 |
| BDC - Election chgs | 109.28 |
| Anglia Coffee (NP refreshmts) | 100.99 |
| Gardens ARB | 1632 |
| Charge card | 186.22 |
| T& P Fire | 82.8 |
| PRS/PPL | 192.35 |
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**10.08 Reports from working groups**

**Finance – none**

**Cemetery – none**

**Village Hall –**A quote has been received by another architect. These will be discussed next month.

**11.08 Joint Local Plan**

Cllr Plumb reported. The plan is currently open for public and Parish Council consultation. There is a hard copy of the Plan at the Library and at the clerk’s office, it can also be viewed on-line. Cllr Plumb recommended the Parish Council review the plan and agree comments to be submitted. The public can also submit their views, either to be included with PC comments or given independently. Comments to be included with the Parish Council submission can be forwarded to the clerk. This is to be an agenda item next month.

**12.08 History Society – donation request**

***It was resolved*** to donate £100 to the history Society for the printing of an illustrated leaflet of Glemsford Walks.

**13.08 Youth Club – continuation of – update**

Cllr Southgate reported that the children would like a ‘winter’ youth club as during the summer months they were unlikely to attend. More information is to be obtained on what the children want from the club. It is hoped to get volunteers to help run this facility. This will be an agenda item next month.

**14.08 Footpaths/grass cutting – SCC & BDC services**

The Parish Council has recently been told that Suffolk County Council will no longer be maintaining the metalled footpaths. The PC has voluntarily taken this work on.

Cllr Southgate is in discussion with BDC to look into the possibility of taking on the grass cutting in the village. Suffolk County Council currently pay the PC to cut the footpaths. It is hoped to do the same with BDC and the village greens.

**15.08 Play parks – risk assessments – additional services.**

***It was resolved*** to use Mortimer Contracts to do the quarterly play park inspections at a cost of £80 per quarter. Also, to go ahead with the additional annual inspections, comprising DDA assessments, play value assessments and estimated life expectancy assessments. BDC will continue to do the main annual play inspections.

**16.08 Skate park half pipe & play park zip wire – possibility of**

Requests have been received to install a half pipe at the skate park. New equipment was promised 6-7yrs ago (to be funded by s106 funds), however, this was held up due to the proposed land swap. Although the land swap has not yet happened it has been decided to progress with this project. A request for a zip wire has also been received. Once costs have been obtained the playing field committee will be consulted.

**17.08 Budget figures – to agree**

***It was resolved*** to agree the quarterly budget figures.

*A member of the public asks a question* (It was explained that this should have been asked during public question time). It was asked if the Parish Council would support a proposal to solve the traffic issues in Sudbury. This is to be an agenda item next month.

*7.50 pm – Cllr Plumb leaves the meeting.*

**18.08 Telephone Box, fair Green – painting of.**

The History Society have kindly agreed to paint the telephone box. This should be completed by the end of the summer.

**19.08 Village Hall play park fence – painting of – possible working party**

***It was resolved*** to go ahead with this idea. The Parish Council will supply all necessary materials. A date is to be arranged.

**20.08 New Cemetery land – cutting of**

The newly acquired land at the cemetery is in need of cutting/tidying. ***It was resolved*** to go ahead with this.

**21.08 Correspondence**

Concerns have been raised about parking issues at the new Post Office at Hunts Hill Stores. It was agreed that the Parish Council will ask for all deliveries to be made to the rear of the property to alleviate any congestion. It was also asked if yellow lines could be installed in the area.

**22.08 Date of next meeting – 10th September 2019 @ 7pm**

Meeting finished at 8.10pm

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