**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2021 at Glemsford Village Hall**

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

The clerk.

CCllr Kemp & DCllr Holt

2 members of the public

**01.08 Parish announcements**

There are spaces on the Parish Council if anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

**02.08 Apologies for absence**

None

**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 Cain declared an interest in planning DC/21/04437 - Rectory Close.

**04.08 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on the 13th July 2021**

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

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

None

**06.08 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp report –**

This can be viewed on the website.

There are on-going issues with overgrown footpaths and road sides. Contact is being made with Suffolk County Council who are responsible.

Correspondence is on-going with Sanctuary Housing with regards repairing the fence at Kings Rd/Golding Way. They are now stating this is not their responsibility.

**DCllrs report –**

This can be viewed on the website.

DCllr Holt was asked about progress with an issue regarding off road parking in Brook St. There has been no further information from Suffolk County Council.

DCllr Plumb reported that the development at Chilton Woods is progressing.

**07.08 Planning:**

**New applications:**

**DC/21/00754 – GCB Factory and Premises, Lower Rd**

Re-consultation – additional information relating to construction management and air quality.

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

**DC/21/04025 – 12A Tye Green**

Erection of two storey extension with 2no dormers and first floor Juliet balcony to existing living accommodation and raise roof height on existing detached workshop to provide studio/recreation room above.

***It was resolved to recommend: Refusal – overdevelopment of site and breaking up roof line.***

**DC/21/04175 – 2 Radford Drive**

Application for works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (BT141) – fell 1no Ash - double trunk overhangs the property significantly and could potentially fall. Excessive shading, debris falling and root interference. Cut back 1no Ash – branches are heavy, overhanging neighbouring gardens/car parking area and branch debris.

***It was resolved to recommend: Refusal – concerns about losing an endangered ash tree. Will follow advice of tree officer.***

**DC/21/04393 – 1 Scossels**

Erection of garage/store to front of property

***It was resolved to recommend: Refusal – overdevelopment of site. Not in keeping with surrounding properties.***

**DC/21/04310 – 15 Kings Rd**

Erection of garden room for use as a hair salon

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

**DC/21/00244/245 – Black Lion, Lion Rd**

Application for listed building consent – conversion of ground floor to provide 2 letting rooms, erection of single storey rear extension, erection of outbuilding to provide three letting rooms.

***It was resolved to recommend: Refusal - We disagree with the Heritage comments. The proposed extension and outbuildings are considered to result in an unacceptable impact on what is one of Glemsford’s primary listed buildings. We also disagree Highways view that less than adequate parking provision is acceptable. Parking in the roads around the Black Lion is already at capacity and any further increase would be likely to create safety hazards for both drivers and pedestrians***

**DC/21/04437 – 2 Rectory Close**

Application for works to a tree in a conservation area – pollard 1no field maple to 15 feet (Clr Cain did not vote).

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

**DC/21/04409 – 10 Chequers Lane**

Application for listed building consent. Remove cement based render and replace with traditional lime render. Replace 2no dormer windows

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

**DC/21/04432 – Sluice Cottage, Cutts Lane**

Erection of single storey side extension and installation of external insulation with brick cladding to part front and side elevations.

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

**Granted applications:**

**DC/21/03397 – 2 Pearsons Close**

Erection of single storey rear extension

**08.08 Public question time**

Enquiries were made about completion of works at Hammond Croft. It was explained that BDC, who are responsible for the site are making a snagging list. This should be completed by September.

**09.08 Accounts for approval**

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

Payments August:

Main:

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| Gardens ARB | 528 |
| D George-office supplies | 7 |

Village Hall:

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| Iceni- paper towels | 45.43 |

Receipts July:

Hall hire: £630

**10.08 Reports from working groups**

**Cemetery**

No report

**Finance**

No report

**Village Hall**

Quotes for the new extension are now in from the architects.

Suffolk Association of Local Councils have received a copy of the Public Works Loan Board loan application for checking prior to submission. Additional paperwork is required.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

No report

**Playing Field Management Committee**

No report

**Climate Emergency (Greening Glemsford)**

Report can be viewed on the website.

It was asked if the group could use the village hall car park on Wednesday 22nd Sept to accommodate vehicles of people attending the Green Walk and Climate/Eco café. This was agreed.

**New Village Hall play park**

Cllr Stephens reported:

**Site Meeting of the New Playground Working Group**

**Wednesday 4th August 2021**

It was agreed that:

In order to accommodate the Village Hall extension the new playground will be built with its narrow edge facing the road and extending backwards, effectively turning the existing area through 90degrees.

The new surface will be of a rubber granular construction to provide a soft landing.

The equipment will cover a wider age range than at present, to include children up to 9/10 years old.

All of the present equipment will be replaced, with the exception of the sprung see saw which was relatively recently refurbished.

New seating will be installed.

While the present budget may allow for a limited range of new equipment, the playground area should be of a size to accommodate extra equipment as finances allow.

Site meetings will be arranged with a number of suppliers to secure price quotations.

**11.08 Budget figures to agree**

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

**12.08 Tree removal/hedge cutting - Cemetery**

**It was resolved** to agree the removal of the cherry tree and three small thorn trees at a cost of £560.00

***It was resolved*** to agree the hedge cutting at a cost of £560.00

Cllr Southgate abstained from voting

**13.08 New path installation – Cemetery**

Not all of the quotes had been received. This will be an agenda item next month

**14.08 Playpark repairs**

***It was resolved*** to agree a retrospective vote for emergency repairs at the playparks at a cost of £490.00. Further repairs will be an agenda item next month.

**15.08 Correspondence to report**

Further correspondence had been received concerning the possibility of an ‘Unsuitable for HGV’s’ sign for Flax Lane. It was agreed to look into how much this would cost. It was requested that the resident keep a log of large vehicles using the lane.

A request had been received to ask if the Parish Council would take on the responsibility of the maintenance of a seat at the entrance to Stanway Close which has been in place for the last 40yrs. This was agreed to in principle depending on what maintenance is required. This will be an agenda item next month.

A request had been received from the gardening club to plant daffodils on the village greens at Churchgate, Fair Green and Tye Green. It was greed that the Parish Council would allow this and purchase bulbs to the value of £85-95 to match the purchase made by the gardening club.

Lloyds Bank are refunding £17.02 in lieu of not sending out bank statements and invoices from 23.07.2017-03.09.2017.

**16.08 Date of next meeting**  – 14th September 2021 at Glemsford Village Hall

Meeting finished at 8pm

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