**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th Oct 2019 @ 7pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

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

The clerk.

6 members of the public.

**01.10 Parish announcements**

None

**02.10 Apologies for absence**

CCllr Kemp & DCllr Holt

**03.10 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.

**04.09 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 10th Sept 2019**

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

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

It was asked if the playing field committee had responded regarding the placement of new skate park equipment. To date no response had been received. They are to be contacted once again.

It is hoped the newsletter will be out by the 18th Oct.

**06.10 To receive reports**

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

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

At a special meeting on Tuesday 22 October, councillors will debate whether to change the name of the district council from Babergh District Council to South Suffolk Council – making the council geographically consistent with neighbouring authorities in Suffolk. Find the full story [online](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councillors-asked-to-consider-renaming-babergh-district-council/).

**Babergh seeks proposals for Belle Vue House**

**Babergh District Council is seeking formal expressions of interest and proposals for the future of the landmark Belle Vue House in Sudbury. After inviting interested parties to view the building in September, groups have until 1 November to submit their plans.** Further guidance on the information required as part of submissions is also available as part of an information pack the Council is providing online. Read the full story on our [website](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/council-opens-doors-of-belle-vue-house-to-interested-parties/).

**First Sudbury Silk Festival a hit**

**The first Sudbury Silk Festival was held on Saturday 7 September, attracting crowds and gaining both national and local media attention. Included in the Festival was the launch of Babergh’s own Sudbury Silk Stories archive, a collection of interviews both on camera and microphone detailing the history of the Sudbury silk industry and what it is like to work in the town’s world-leading silk mills. The archive is online along with a short film showcasing the history and stories uncovered. Find it on the** [Sudbury Silk Stories website](https://www.sudburysilkstories.com/)**.**

**Joint Local Plan consultation closes.**

Thank you to all our Town and Parish Councils, and to all residents, who took part in our Joint Local Plan consultation. This has now ended, with the deadline for responses arriving yesterday (30 September). Our Strategic Planning Team will now be going through all of the comments received and considering how to amend the draft plan accordingly. We will of course keep you up to date with next steps going forward, and you can find all the information on our Joint Local Plan on our [website](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/).

**Ground broken for new pool in Hadleigh**

Work is underway, after ground was broken today (Thursday 26 September) on the new £2.4m swimming pool at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure. As part of a £2.4m investment by Babergh District Council, with £200,000 of funds provided by Hadleigh Town Council and a Sports England grant (£150k), Hadleigh Pool and Leisure will have a new pool, expected to be completed in summer 2020. Read the full story in our [press release](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/spade-in-the-ground-for-new-pool/)

**Summer Free Swims come to an end after outstanding take-up**

With the summer holidays over our Free Swims for under-17s have come to an end. The offer saw outstanding take-up in Babergh, with 12% of under 17s in the district registered. A total of 1,918 people registered, with 3,288 free swims at Kingfisher Leisure Centre and 1,205 at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure. Keep an eye on our website over coming weeks for plans to run the scheme during future holidays.

**Residents invited to tour Suffolk’s Energy from Waste facility**

Did you know Suffolk’s general waste helps to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes? You can encourage residents in your ward to head to a Suffolk Energy from Waste facility tour to find out how. All they need to do is [book a space via their website here](http://www.suffolkefw.co.uk/contact/book-a-visit/).

**Sporting Memories project comes to Babergh**

A new lottery funded project has launched in Babergh, bringing together older residents over their shared sporting memories. A range of partner organisations, volunteers, and sports fans all came together in Sudbury Town Hall on Thursday 26 September to launch the new project, which will see Sporting Memory Groups meet in Glemsford, Lavenham, Long Melford and of course Sudbury. Find out more on our [website](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/sporting-memories-come-to-babergh/).

**Recycling information at your finger tip**

June’s parish briefing included information about the renovation of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Gt Blakenham as well as helpful online links to find up to date information on recycling in Suffolk.

With recycling high on the agenda for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee this month, and in line with our 2030 carbon reduction and greenest county ambitions, we’ve highlighted below the key online resources available to our parishes and residents 24/7 when navigating the dos and don’ts of recycling.

You can find the key links below:

* [What can go in recycling bins](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/my-bins/what-can-i-put-in-my-recycling-bin-at-home) – includes the changes which saw Tetra Pak drinks cartons and metal pots, pans and trays no longer being accepted in curb side recycling bins, but still accepted at [11 of Suffolk’s Recycling Centres](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres)
* [Recycling leaflet](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/uploads/guide_to_recycling_2019_(002).pdf) – available for parishes to print if they wish to choose a paper copy
* [Where to recycle glass bottles](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/glass-recycling)
* [Recycling centres in Suffolk](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres)
* [Home composting](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/home-composting)
* [A-Z of recycling](https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/a-z-of-recycling)

If anyone wishes to comment on the possible change of name for the district councils feedback can be made direct to Babergh District Council.

Details of waste recycling can be obtained on [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)

**07.10 Planning**

**New applications:**

**DC/19/04235 - 34 Kings Rd**

Proposed single storey rear extension

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

**DC/19/03699 – 2 Lower Rd**

Installation of dropped kerb and driveway in front garden

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

**DC/19/04529 – 39 Tye Green**

Replacement of doors to front elevation (retention of)

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

**Approved applications:**

**DC/19/03995 – Enderley, Skates Hill**

Erection of two storey side extension and balcony following demolition of single storey garage and plant room

**DC/19/03945 – Barn North West of Low St**

To vary condition 2 (approved plan and drawings) relating to DC/19/02165 – erection of 3no dwellings and ancillary outbuilding (following demolition of existing barn)

**DC/19/04016 – Japonica, Windmill Row**

Erection of store/playroom and home office to replace existing garage

**Refused applications:**

**DC/19/04370 – 28 Tye Green**

Non-material amendment to application DC/18/02417 – change of brick finish to a Hardiplank weatherboard in grey finish

**08.10 Public question time**

No questions

**09.09 Accounts for approval**

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**10.10 Reports from working groups**

**Finance – none**

**Cemetery – none**

**Village Hall –** A meeting is to be arranged with KLH Architects. Date to be confirmed.

**11.10 Declaring a climate emergency**

*7.15pm standing orders suspended*

Lesli Tunbridge proposed that the Parish Council declare a climate and nature emergency. A brief description was given:

The global scientiﬁc consensus is that humans are causing irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a body of the United Nations, reports that human activities are estimated to have caused a rise of at least 1C of global warming above pre-industrial levels. To reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species signiﬁcantly reduce our CO2 (carbon equivalent) emissions to less than 2 tonnes per person per year as soon as possible. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living become the new norm. Current plans and actions are not going far enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement’s 1.5°C limit well before 2050.(i) The IPCC’s Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published in November 2018, describes the enormous harm that a potential 2°C rise is likely to cause, compared to a 1.5°C rise. However, limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.(ii) Local Councils around the world are responding by declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’ and committing resources to address this emergency.

i)World Resources Institute: https://www.wri.org/blog/2018/10/8-things-you-need-knowabout-ipcc-15-c-report ii) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)’s Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °s Celsius: https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/

***It was resolved*** that the Parish Council declare a climate emergency by adopting BDC & SCC policy with the ability to add to it at a later date. Lesli is to help with this, possibly with the aid of representatives from village organisations.

*7.25pm standing orders reinstated.*

**12.10 Movement of 30mph speed limit – Brook St – update**

A response had been received from SCC as follows:

I have asked the Road Safety and Speed Management Team (RSSTM Team) to undertake the initial desktop assessment required to determine whether the proposal meets the basic criteria to be approved for progression.

I am keen not to raise expectations unnecessarily by providing a formal estimate/ quotation until the proposal has been assessed and approved for progression. Once this has happened and assuming approval is given, the RSSTM Team will then provide a brief to enable my team to work up a formal estimate for the necessary design, consultation, legal and professional services. We can also provide you with an indicative estimate for the construction element however this will only be a guide cost until the design / professional services elements of the work have been completed, at which point a more detailed estimate can be provided.

I have forwarded your email onto the RSSTM Team and requested that they contact you once they have undertaken the initial assessment

Regards,

**John Simpson**

Community Works Senior Engineer (LHB Team Leader)

Suffolk Highways

**13.10 Telephone Box – possible communications point**

It was confirmed that the Local History Society are the owners of the telephone box. Any proposals would need to be forwarded to them for consideration.

**14.10 Village Hall gates – possible new barrier/drop posts**

Prices are still being obtained.

**15.10 Village sign – Brook St – repair to**

The village sign is in a poor state of repair. The oak post is rotten. A quotation to repair is being obtained.

**16.10 Correspondence**

None

**17.10**  **Date of next meeting – 12th November 2019 @ 7pm**

Meeting finished at 7.30pm

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