**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020 @ 7pm**

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

CCllr Kemp. The clerk.

4 members of the public

**01.12 Parish announcements**

Thanks were given to Cllr Southgate and Grahame George for putting up the Christmas tree lights at the village hall and on Fair Green.

**02.12 Apologies for absence**

Michael Holt

**03.12 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.

**04.12 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 10th Nov 2020**

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

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

**None**

**06.12 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –**

A full report can be viewed on the website.

Thanks were given to all volunteers who have given magnificent support throughout the year at what has been a difficult time.

A huge amount of emails had been received concerning flooding issues. CCllr Kemp is doing his best to deal with them all but is finding it difficult.

CCllr Kemp wishes everyone well and asks us all to keep smiling during these difficult circumstances.

**DCllr Plumb –**

A full report can be viewed on the website.

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**07.12 Planning**

**New Applications: DC/20/05023 – Glemsford Village Hall, Tower Meadow, Tye Green**

Erection of extensions and alterations to existing village hall and library

Response-No comment

**DC/20/05407 – Park Farm, Churchgate**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: erection, extension or alteration of a building for agricultural or forestry use. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – schedule 2, part 6 – erection of extension to general purpose building.

Response-No reason to object

**DC/20/05142 – Angel Inn, Egremont St**

Application for listed building consent. Part dismantling clay lump gable wall to barn including removal of cement render. Rebuilding wall in clay lump with lime render. Repair and servicing of rain water goods, repair and re-paint external wall finishes. Install new timber cross tie and repair weather boarding to top of gable wall. Install French drain to base of gable wall as per schedule of works.

Response -Work completed due to dangerous condition of wall. No reason to object

**DC/20/05465 – 44 Hunts Hill**

Trees works in a conservation area – 1no copper beech – reduce crown by approx. 25-30%. Raise crown by approx. 1m. 1no conifer – fell

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

**Granted applications:**

**DC/20/03324 – Windemere, 22 Bells Lane**

Change of use of class C3 dwelling house for a class C2 residential institution, a residential 5bed therapeutic children’s home

**DC/20/03379 – 84 Egremont St**

Replace rendering with hardie plank

**DC/20/04712 – Chirbury House, 4 Rectory Close**

Tree works in a conservation area – 1no sycamore – coppice the four stems closest to the road. Pruning of the remaining stem. 2no hawthorn – coppice. 1no elm – coppice.

**08.12 Public question time**

Correspondence had been received regarding the planning application for the extension to the village hall. Whilst the plan was met favourably it was brought to the notice of the Parish Council that the new lobby at the front doors did not extend to include the entrance to the library. It was felt that to include the library entrance would safeguard staff and be an asset to library users. Not including the library entrance would visually block off the library door. A few other points were raised concerning storage.

Cllr Cain explained that an open day had been held in January 2020 at which time people were invited to comment, based on these comments the plans were put forward for permission. It was explained that to change the plan at this stage could be problematic, there would also be an increase in both professional and building costs.

After further discussion it was agreed to move forward and to review the siting of the lobby in the spring. Friends of Glemsford Library are to look into the possibility of raising funds.

It was asked if planning permission was required to fill the gap between two barns at Park Farm as it is in a conservation area. Cllr Plumb explained that here are different rules for agricultural buildings. The decision would be made by BDC.

Works at the cottage near the bus stop were enquired about. Work is to be completed within 3yrs in line with the planning permission.

Thanks were given for the Christmas tree lights on Fair Green and for work on the Quiet Lane.

**09.12 Accounts for approval**

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

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| BDC-dog&litter bin emptying(DDR) | | 1714.33 |
| BDC-playpark inspections (DDR) | | 362.54 |
| Charge card | | 21.74 |
| T&P Fire | 96.9 | |  |
| T&P Fire | 150 | |  |

**10.10 Reports from working groups**

**Cemetery –** No report

**Finance –** A meeting to discuss the precept is to be held on the 5th Jan 2021

**Village Hall** – No report

**Neighbourhood Plan –** AECOM have granted technical support for design and master planning

**Climate Emergency** – The PCC have given permission for a wild flower trial at the Churchyard at a cost of £46.00 (for seeds and signage). Other items have been donated. ***It was resolved*** that the Parish Council would contribute £25.00 to this project.

Glemsford Parish Council Climate Emergency group is also to be known as Greening Glemsford.

**Report from playing field management committee –** No report

**11.12 Village notice board – revised cost**

Upon ordering the new sign it appears the cost has changed. Various other prices have been obtained. It was agreed to wait until the New Year and review the cost as both the suppliers and manufacturers are closed.

**12.12 Draft Local Plan – response to**

It was agreed no comments are to be submitted

**13.12 Playpark working group – formation of**

It was agreed to form a working group to look into the possibility of a new play park at the village hall as the current equipment is coming to the end of its life. This is to work in conjunction with the proposed extension. Cllrs Plumb, Southgate, Sewell, Cain, Leopold and R Stephens will form the group.

**14.12 Kings Rd play park fencing – update**

BDC have confirmed that s106 funds can be used to purchase the fencing for the playpark at Kings Rd. This is to be progressed. Currently two quotes have been received at between £8,000 - £10,000. Further quotes are to be obtained.

**15.12 New path at Cemetery – tree issues**

A new path is needed at the Cemetery to link the new land to the existing Cemetery. The only route for this to take is over the protruding roots of the Cherry tree. The roots are causing a trip hazard, are restricting wheelchair and wheeled access and raising concerns with regards nearby graves. After receiving professional advice it is recommended, due to the above points and the age and condition of the tree, to have it removed. Mature trees would be planted as replacements. David Pizzey at BDC is to be consulted on this idea.

**16.12 Newsletter – distribution**

It was agreed that it would be good to distribute future newsletters to every household. This would involve approx. 1500 houses. Suggestions were made to make available a small budget to pay someone to deliver or use volunteers. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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**17.12 Correspondence to report**

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the very out-of-date Glemsford Matters website is still receiving traffic. It may be that the site needs to be taken down. The current administrator is to be contacted once again regarding this.

**18.12 Date of next meeting** – 12th January 2021

Meeting finished @ 20.05

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

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