**Glemsford Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at Glemsford Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Brian & Ruth Stephens, Postill & Tunbridge

DCllr Holt. The clerk.

2 members of the public

**01.12**

**Parish announcements**

There will a part II meeting for councillors.

The Parish Council office will close at midday on Friday 22nd Dec and re-open Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

**02.12 Apologies for absence**

CCllr Kemp, Cllrs Leopold & Mills

**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 the 14th November 2023**

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

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

Cllr Plumb confirmed he was seeking advice from an alternative solicitor later in the week concerning issues with the village hall and Mixbrow builders. Cllr Plumb did not disclose who this was as the service was being offered pro-bono.

**06.12 To receive reports**

CCllr Kemp –report can be viewed on the website.

DCllr Holt reported – report can be viewed on the website.

Prior to planning Cllr Southgate asked who was responsible for making planning decisions at BDC. It was explained that only one officer makes the decision if the development is under 10 properties, over 10 it goes to full planning. The Parish Council can request a call in on an application if they feel it is justified.

**07.12 Planning New applications:**

**DC/23/05455 – Glemsford Surgery, Lion Rd**

Construction of 4no wall mounted condenser units (in security cages)

***It was resolved*** to recommend: refusal – noise levels and proximity to neighbouring properties

**DC/23/05595 – 35 Hunts Hill**

Erection of side extension (following demolition of garage) including new hardstanding to front creating 2no parking spaces and turning area

***It was resolved*** to recommend: no reason to object

**DC/23/05606 – Greenlawns, Tye Green**

Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions and front porch. Erection of two bay garage with storage and guest accommodation above, including new vehicular access (following demolition of existing garage and conservatory).

***It was resolved*** to recommend: no reason to object

**Granted applications:**

**DC/23/04459 – 20 Bells Lane**

Erection of single storey front extension

**DC/23/03847 - Land North Of Newfield House, Bells Lane**

Full Planning Application - Erection of 7 no residential dwellings and garages, access driveway and alternations to existing vehicular access.

**08.12 Public question time**

Disappointment was conveyed at the passing of planning permission on land north of Newfield House, Bells Lane, especially as the Parish Councils recommendation was for the construction of bungalows.

The Parish Council were thanked for their work during the year.

**09.12 Accounts for approval**

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

Payments for authorisation Dec:

Main account: payments:

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| Village Hall A/c:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | T&P Fire - Fire Exts service | 80 |   Village Hall receipts:  Hall hire £1278.00   |  | | --- | |  | | |  |

**10.12 Reports from working group**

**Cemetery**

Signs and a boot scraper near the gate to the footpath have now been installed.

**Village Hall**

Issues are still on-going

**Finance**

The precept was discussed once again. The Parish Council has been advised of a substantial increase in the cost of dog/litter bin emptying which will need to be included in the precept. The installation of replacement dog/litter bins was discussed together with the possibility of a new fire door for the village hall. It is hoped to keep the precept at or below 5%. This will discussed further in January.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

A reminder that comments about the draft Neighbourhood Plan have to be submitted by the 5th January 2024

**Climate Emergency (Greening Glemsford)**

Lesli Tunbridge reported – this can be viewed on the website

**11.12 Bus stop at the Broadway – consideration of**

Following guidance from Suffolk County Council it has become apparent that it is not possible to have a new bus stop on the requested piece of road. The area required would have to be protected with markings of at least 23m in length, which would not fit and would result in loss of on-street parking.

**12.12 Planting of a living Christmas tree on Village Hall land – to agree**

***It was resolved*** to plant a living Christmas tree on land next to the village hall to replace the tree that was previously mounted on the front of the building. Cllr Southgate is to make enquiries about the possibility of a donated tree.

**13.12 Correspondence to report**

Sudbury & South Suffolk Citizens Advice has asked if they can have a link on the Parish Council website. It was thought that this was more appropriate for the Parish Council Facebook page and notice boards.

A regular user of the hall has asked to trial the Heritage/multi-function room to see if equipment would absorb some of the sound issues. It was agreed to offer one session free of charge.

A request to move the grit bin on Hunts Hill has been received. The possibility of moving the bin slightly further back from the road will be looked into in the spring when the bin is empty. A new bin would be required and may need to be re-located as the requested location area may be on private land.

Thanks were given to Cllr Ruth Stephens who has volunteered to read a lesson on behalf of the Parish Council at the carol service at the Church.

**14.12 Date of next meeting** – Tues 9th January 2024 at the village hall

Meeting finished at 8.10.pm

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