***GLEMSFORD PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT***

On Thursday Jan 6th 2022 The committee convened to discuss the most pressing matters currently challenging the charity. The meeting was attended by Richard Baldwin and Taiwo Ajayi of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk district council. Also Colin Parmenter, former trustee of the playing field and Chairman of the GPC.

Please find a report of activities below;

* An update to the remedial works to No 2 Hunts Hill was given and the materials have been purchased. The installation of new fence panels and post to be arranged.
* A second site survey has been completed and a third arranged for the proposed new gym and play equipment on the playing field. We are still awaiting a drawing of designation from The great outdoors Company. We were very impressed by the enthusiasm and knowledge of the second sales representative provided by Caloo. Examples of successful installations will be provided leading to a potential site visit of a completed project. Re use of original hard standings to drive down project cost was recommended. We now await quotations from Caloo and a site visit from Fresh air Fitness.
* The shuttering and prep work for the installation of a picnic area has been reviewed and will be re levelled. The spiralling cost of concrete may prompt the need for a hardcore base to drive down the project cost without compromising the warranty of the seating area. The dimensions are to be reassessed.
* Further Correspondence has been received by the GPC elected member of the committee and trustee confirming their commitment at least until a point in which another parish council member is willing to commit. The email to the GPC querying Cllr Plumbs email dated 1.12.2021 has not yet been answered.
* Information and documentation outlining the purpose of the charities gift to the GPC of 50% of monies generated by the lease of land to Shared Access has been given.
* Successful historic precept applications towards the running and maintenance cost of the playing field have been highlighted.
* A commitment to guiding the charity towards project planning and funding has been made. Eligibility for S106 monies, Locality budgets, funding through neighbourhood plan commitment have been confirmed and further guidance on internal and external funding sources for detailed projects will be given. All reports will be published and digitally accessible to the public.
* Charity fund raising efforts have been advised for the summer.
* The committee unanimously agreed to work more closely with the GPC to best provide and maintain village assets. A request will be made to consider revising the plans for a new play area to ;
1. consider equipment purposed for youths over the age of 10.
2. To site the new play equipment in an area that compliments existing projects such as the new proposed picnic area.

The committee will continue to have regular representation at GPC meetings and will regularly add items to the agenda. The committee will continue to provide monthly activity reports if they are to be presented at each subsequent meeting.

 ***THE GLEMSFORD PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE***