**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Glemsford Village Hall. Tuesday 14th January 2025 @ 7pm**

**Chairman:** Cllr Adrian Southgate

**In attendance:** Cllr Mills, Cllr Tunbridge, Cllr Michael Holt, Cllr Margaret Holt, Cllr Broadbent, Cllr Hall, Cllr Marks and Cllr Dotesio-Eyers

**Members of the Public:** three

**Clerk:** Mrs Julia Howard

 **Minutes**

**25/001 Parish Announcements –** Thanks go to our volunteersTim Tunbridge and Laurie Miltonfor their efforts in fixing the signage to the play area.

**25/002 Apologies for absence –** Cllr Ansell & Cllr Plumb

**25/003 Declarations of interest / dispensation requests –** Cllr Dotesio-Eyers DC/24/05313 item 1 planning 2 long pastures.

**25/004 To adopt the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th December 2024**

RESOLVED Cllr Broadbent proposed to accept the minutes as a true record, Cllr Tunbridge seconded, all voted in agreement

**25/005 To receive reports:** County Councillor’s report (Mr Kemp)

 District Councillor’s report (Mr M Holt)

 District Councillor’s report (Mr S Plumb)

Cllr Holt gave his report, with focus on devolution, with the expectation of reducing the layers of governance and being led by a mayor. The changes will be quite fast. County Council elections may be deferred. The housing target for Babergh has increased significantly and they will be starting a new housing plan. Village Neighbourhood plans will need to be reworked. The expected increase in Council Tax is 2.99%.

**25/006 Public Question Time -** none

**25/007 Planning**

 **New Applications**

1. **DC/24/05313**    2 Long Pastures, CO10 7SS Erection of a porch extension following removal of existing canopy
2. **DC/24/05075**    26 Fourth Avenue,CO10 7UA conversion of garage including replacement roof and porch
3. **DC/24/05082**    Court Farm, CO10 7QP Erection of one and half storey extension (following demolition of single storey extension), and a single storey extension to west façade. Erection of glazed link between house and annexe and internal works including removal of stairs in annexe.

Item 1 – no objections, all in favour, Item 2 – no objections, all in favour, Item 3 – all in favour

 **Decisions**

**DC/24/05117 – Gagglenook Cottage CO10 7SH – NO OBJECTIONS (granted)**

Application for works to trees in conservation area – Cut back branches overhanging from 1no conifer (marked T1 on plan) and 1no Beech (marked T2 on plan) to give a 2-3m clearance from the building.

**DC/ 24/04918 – 23 Brook Street CO10 7PL - GRANTED**

Householder Application – conversion of garage to an annexe with external alterations to the front elevation

**25/008 Accounts for Approval**

Resolved– all voted in agreement

Main account

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| Auto Innovations | 858 |
| Southgate Expenses | 50 |
| Ansell Expenses | 100 |
| Greenscape Energy | 9125.86 |
| Chargecard | 160.69 |

Village Hall account

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| Octopus  | 491.4 |
| A Southgate Expenses | 54.92 |

Hall hire income: £634.50

**25/009 Budget & Precept Setting for 2025/2026 and sign off**

Resolved –The PC had some discussion on points on the precept and the need for an increase, it was noted that some lines have been removed as no longer relevant and whilst there is an overall increase, some lines have decreased. A vote, by show of hands was made (Cllr Mills and Cllr Michael Holt abstained) and the budget and precept were accepted.

**25/010 Reports from Working groups**

**Cemetery** – no update at present

**Finance** - Overgrown trees at bus shelter – Council voted to accept quote of £410 – would like the work done prior to 1st March

**Village Hall** –Cllr Dotesio-Eyers to speak to KLH to propose that no further payments are made and that the PC will undertake the remedial works to bring the sound in the room to an acceptable level. Once agreed this will need to be confirmed in writing and all certification, documents and receipts provided (all correspondence to be copied to clerk and Chair Cllr Southgate).

Neighbourhood plan – no updates

**Climate Emergency** - Greenscape were due to visit to assess the site on 14th January but cancelled

**Action** Cllr Tunbridge will rearrange the site visit. The PC is awaiting a receipt although payment has been confirmed verbally. Cllr Dotesio-Eyers would like to be present for the site meeting.

**Greening Glemsford** Has focussed on hedgehog friendly gardens and habitats, Solar Panels, advice on keeping homes warm in winter, work on St Mary’s church location for wildlife and bulbs have been planted there too. The next community Litter pick is likely to be 23rd March.

**Public Rights of Way and Highways** – The fence at Skates hill is causing visibility issues although it is a low fence it is of concern, no further update on this. The trees at Long Pastures, down Greyhound Road are overgrown, request Babergh to attend to them. Cllr Michael Holt who will progress this. There are some footpaths that have been ploughed up heading into Cavendish and the footpaths need to be reinstated, Chair Cllr Southgate will make contact with the farmer if it isn’t done in the next week or so.

**25/011 Correspondence to report-** One email to note; a member of the public has raised an issue regarding fireworks going off throughout the year and causing distress to pets and wildlife. Whilst the PC acknowledge this may be of concern there is nothing that the PC can do to change this. There may be options for the member of the public to take this up with Environmental Health under noise nuisance. The member of the public has been advised.

**25/112 Date of next Parish Council meeting:**  Tuesday 11th February

Meeting close 20.32