

Glensford Parish Council Meeting

Glensford Village Hall on Tuesday 10th September 2025 @ 7.00pm
MINUTES

Chair: Cllr Southgate

In attendance: Cllr Ansell, Cllr Tunbridge, Cllr Margaret Holt, Cllr Michael Holt, Cllr Poulton, Cllr Broadbent, Cllr Hall.

Members of the Public: Three

Clerk: Mrs Julia Howard

25/106 Parish Announcements – Thanks go to Cowlin plant hire for moving the container at the village hall and to the person or persons who re-painted the bus shelter covering the graffiti. The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders at 19.01 to allow Mr Murphy to speak regarding a planning site relevant to the Neighbourhood plan (site 12), he also provided a report.

Two members of the public left.

Standing orders were restored at 19.07

25/107 Apologies for absence- apologies received from Cllr Plumb, Cllr Marks & Cllr Kemp

25/108 Declarations of interest / dispensation requests - none

25/109 To adopt the minutes of the last Council meeting

RESOLVED – resolved as an accurate record by show of hands.

25/110 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 a summary of his report, which is on the PC's website. The local government reorganisation consultation done by BDC had a low response rate. 30 new properties for each district for emergency housing, in preference to using b&bs. 12 new pink recycling banks for small electrical items have been placed in the district.

25/111 Public Question Time - none

25/112 Financial Matters

Item 1. To note receipts and approve upcoming payments

RESOLVED – all in favour by show of hands.

25/113 Refurbishment of the Old Library at the Village Hall – to provide a summary of the plan and gauge the public response to this.

The plan is to improve the energy efficiency of the Old Library at the village hall. This room has 2 old external walls and so the room takes a lot of heating. The lighting is fluorescent tubes and are not recyclable or energy efficient. The PC is applying for CIL funding for this, to include motion sensing lighting to ensure they aren't left on. Planning permission / building reg. approval may be required. We also need to show that we have engaged with the public.

The Old Library doesn't currently rent out as it's in a poor condition.

The MOP present said upgrading the room was a good idea.

25/114 Planning

New Applications –

DC/25/03680 - Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 1 No. Copper Beech (T1) by approx. 2m and shape sides, Reduce height of 1 No. Crimson King (T2) by 2m and shape the sides and Fell 1 No. Tree of Heaven (T3) Location: 44 Hunts Hill, Glensford, CO10 7RP

Late addition:

DC/25/03988 – Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed: Installation, Alternation or replacement of Solar Photovoltaics (PV) on roofs of non-domestic buildings.

All members of the press and public are invited to attend

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Signed by Chair

Location: Glemsford Primary Academy.

1. DC/25/03680 – no comment.
2. DC/25/03988 – no comment required for prior approval enquiry.

Decisions

DC/25/02330 - Householder Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage. Location: 6 Scossels, Glemsford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 7UR

25/115 Neighbourhood plan – an update on current status. Chair Cllr Southgate has spoken to Ian Poole again to request funding assistance and to see whether Aecom will undertake the additional works.

25/116 Reports from Working Group leads

1. Finance – the WG met and has agreed to open a Unity Bank account. The hall electricity account has around £900 credit which will help with the winter costs of the hall. They will be having a meeting to look at VH hire rates in the coming weeks.

2. Personnel - clerks quarterly review will be in October. Reviews with the cleaning staff will also be held. We have a personnel working group folder with key documents in.

3. Village Hall - hall charge review is required.

4. Cemetery - none

5. Planning / Neighbourhood Plan - as above

6. Public Rights of Way / Highways – the oak fingerpost at Greyhound Close footpath has been replaced with a plastic 'disk' marker on the floor. As a temporary measure this would be okay, Cllr Dotesio-Eyers will follow up on this.

The Village sign opposite Greyhound close has not been remounted and there is a 30mph sign which has also fallen up by the Anglian Water site. Cllr Dotesio-Eyers will follow up on both of these.

Chair Southgate has met with the lighting contractor following a complaint about a bright light and looking at adding a deflector shade.

7. Greening Glemsford - BDC has provided additional litter pickers and bags, the community litter pick will be on Saturday 20th September starting at 10am at the Village Hall porch.

8. Play Parks – two companies have been contacted to quote for the repairs.

9. Allotments - none

10. Community Engagement & Events – Remembrance Day parade is arranged by Rev'd Mary and the WI will put up poppies again, the PC will put up bunting and place a wreath.

The PC Christmas event is in the planning, for 13th December at the Village Hall, with Morris dancers booked and a sleigh.

Stall holders to contact Cllr Mills or Cllr Broadbent.

The Christmas tree festival is the week leading up to Christmas and the PC would like to submit a tree.

25/117 Correspondence to report - the owner of the Cost cutter shop would like to meet with the PC to agree a plan relating to the bin as requested by the clerk.

25/118 Date of next Parish Council meeting: 14th October. Meeting close 19.59

Signed by Chair:

Date:

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