Glemsford Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th February @ 7.15pm at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Brown (chairman), Mallalieu, Southgate & Sewell. The clerk. 4 member of the public.

01.02 Chairman's announcements

No announcements

02.02 Apologies for absence

CCllr Kemp, DCllr Holt, Cllr Plumb and Cllr Bloomfield

03.02 Declarations of interest/dispensation requests

None

04.02 Police Matters

No report

05.02 To adopt minutes of Council meeting on the 12th January 2016

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2016

06.02 Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting

None

07.02 To receive reports

CCllr Kemp report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk's office

08.02 Planning New applications:

B/16/00035 - 20 Bells Lane

Construction of new vehicular access

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/15/01570 - 15 First Avenue

Erection of attached annex as amended by revised ownership certificate and amplified by Agents 'planning statement' received 14.01.16

It was resolved to recommend refusal – as per original application

Standing orders suspended for public discussion

B/16/00103 - 20 Egremont St

Erection of 6no dwellings (3no 2 bed bungalows, 2no 2 bed houses and 1 no 3 bed house) following demolition of existing dwelling and associated out buildings

It was resolved to recommend refusal - over development of site, access/traffic issues, no regard to conservation area/listed buildings and misleading design and access statement.

Standing orders re-instated

B/16/00091 - 11 New Cut

Erection of first floor extension

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/16/00083 - 7 Orchard Way

Erection of two storey side extension and erection of single storey front and rear extensions (following demolition of existing)

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/15/01680 - 9 Golding Way

Insertion of 3no roof lights and loft conversion

Amendment to application – remove dormer and replace with velux window

It was resolved to recommend approval

B/16/00151 - 78 Egremont St

Removal of 1no cherry tree

It was resolved to recommend approval

Granted applications:

B/15/01591/FHA/SAS - 3 Gowers End

Erection of a single storey rear extension

B/15/01417/FUL/SAS - 12 Tye Green

Change of use of domestic outbuilding to form separate dwelling with use of other outbuildings incidental/ancillary to that dwelling (retention of). As amended.

Refused applications:

B/15/01444/FUL/LW - Cherry tree Inn, Tye Green

Replace 16no wooden windows with pvc and 2no side doors to match existing.

09.02 Public Question time

Enquiries where made concerning The Black Lion public house with regards access to the property over neighbouring private land and possible future development. The Parish Council confirmed that no official approach had been made.

Concerns were raised regarding overgrown hedges obstructing public footpaths. These can be reported to Suffolk County Council or the Clerk at the Parish Council.

Enquires were made regarding cutting down of trees on private land. The clerk will give details of the person to contact at BDC.

10.02 Purchase 2no litter bins

It was resolved to purchase x3 litter bins to ensure spares were available as required.

11.02 Internal audit – confirmation of SALC services

It was resolved to continue using SALC services

12.02 Report from finance meeting

Update on funding acquired for refurbishment of village hall toilets

Offers of funding totalling £16,450.00 have been confirmed and are to be accepted for the refurbishment of the toilets in the village hall. Thanks were given to Cllr Brown for all his hard work with regards this matter. Baby changing facilities had not been included in these offers but are to be reviewed at a later date. The Friday Cafe has offered a £100 donation towards these. Work is hoped to commence before the end of February.

There is a tight time scale in which to complete these works.

It was resolved to accept this funding.

Decision on contractor for refurbishment of toilets

Of the four quotes received *it was resolved* to give the work to Peter Smith of Town and Country Classics at a price of £17,500.00, subject to choice of fittings. This price includes all aspects of works apart from hand driers and electrical works (estimated at £1,950.00).

13.02 Community facilities - response to Communities officer at BDC.

The clerk is to reply with emphasis on the refurbishment/extension of the village hall and making the playing field more of a village facility. An invite to visit is to be issued to Stephanie Osborne (Communities officer)

14.02 Fire service cuts, Sudbury district - response to objection

It was resolved to support the objection to fire service cuts.

15.02 Craft afternoon 16th Feb - free use of village hall

It was resolved to allow free use of the hall

16.02 Youth shelter refurbishment - revised quote

It was resolved not to progress with the youth shelter refurbishment at an additional cost of £310 (total cost £710.00 plus VAT - £400 previously agreed). One vote in favour, two against and one abstention.

17.02 Emergency felling of dangerous trees, village hall - retrospective vote

It was resolved retrospectively to cut down three trees at the village hall

18.02 Missing agenda item - accounts for approval

This was an additional item as previously missed from the agenda.

It was resolved to pay accounts

19.02 Correspondence to report

James Cartlidge MP for south Suffolk is requesting signatures to petition the Government for better mobile phone signal. These petitions can be found in the Post Office and local shops.

A letter had been received from a pupil at Stour Valley Community School working on a school project asking for a new youth shelter in the village. This matter was discussed but it was felt that at this present time it was not appropriate to provide a new facility. The clerk will reply as necessary.

15.12 Date of next meeting 8th March 2016

Meeting finished @ 8.20pm