**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 @ 7pm**

Present: Cllrs: Plumb (chairman), Southgate, Leopold, Sewell, Cain, B Stephens & R Stephens.

CCllr Kemp. DCllr Holt. The clerk.

1 member of the public.

**01.07 Parish announcements**

None

**02.07 Apologies for absence**

None

**03.07 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.

**04.07 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 9th June 2020**

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

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

None

**06.07 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –**

A full report can be viewed on the website.

**DCllr Plumb** - BDC monthly report:

***Discretionary Business Grants***

*The first round of applications for the Discretionary Grant received 143*

*eligible applications. There are still applications being processed so any*

*businesses who received a claim reference will be contacted to confirm*

*whether or not their application has been successful.*

*The second phase of the Discretionary Grant, aims to reach more*

*businesses who have been unable to access any financial support including*

*retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with a rateable value between*

*£51k and £71k, Early Years providers and small businesses who have three*

*of more employees.*

*For details of how apply, please refer towns and parishes to our website,*

*where this information will be live from Friday 3 July*

***Joint statement on tackling climate change from Babergh and Mid***

***Suffolk’s political group leaders***

*Councillors' briefing notes for Town and Parish councils - July 2020*

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*To: All BDC Members*

*13/07/2020 Email - Michael Holt (Cllr) - Outlook*

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*united in our view that the climate emergency is the biggest issue that*

*affects us all, alongside responding to and supporting our communities’*

*recovery from COVID-19.*

***Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s blueprint for a sustainable future***

*Councillors are set to consider a raft of environmental measures to help*

*Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils achieve their ambition of*

*becoming carbon neutral by 2030.*

***Celebrations for Armed Forces Week to soldier on***

*During Armed Forces Week, residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk*

*were asked to share a salute in appreciation of our armed forces*

*community.*

***Green light for new homes brings benefits for Boxford***

*Babergh District Council recently approved outline planning permission for*

*64 homes in Boxford – bringing a raft of community benefits, including 22*

*affordable homes and five acres of public open space.*

***Play your part in creating a safer Suffolk***

*Suffolk residents are being asked to play their part in reducing infection and*

*shopping local as businesses re-open across the county.*

***Councils to consider CIFCO Business Plan for 2020/21***

*CIFCO’s annual Business Plan is on the agenda for Councillors over the*

*next few weeks, as the property investment company continues to weather*

*the coronavirus storm and to provide Babergh and Mid Suffolk with vital*

*funding to aid the districts’ recovery.*

***COVID-19 forces re-think for future of Sudbury Town centre***

*13/07/2020 Email - Michael Holt (Cllr) - Outlook*

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*Plans for the future of Sudbury town centre – including a hotel and*

*restaurant at Belle Vue – are back on the drawing board, due to the impact*

*of the coronavirus pandemic.*

***Funding boost of nearly £300,000 for Babergh communities***

*Communities are set to receive funding totalling £299,000 for local projects,*

*including the regeneration of St Peter’s in Sudbury, a community venue in*

*Chelsworth and play area in Newton.*

***Council committee approves Acton development***

*Babergh District Council recently approved full planning permission for 100*

*homes to be built in Acton, including 35 affordable homes.*

***Re-opening of village halls and community buildings***

*The Government has announced that village halls and community buildings*

*are able to open from Saturday 4 July, as part of the easing of lockdown*

*restrictions. The guidance documents, issued by Government on 30*

*June, provide information on the safe re-opening of village halls and*

*community buildings - including making sure the hall is kept as clean as*

*possible and that social distancing is still adhered to.*

***Updated position on the collection of CIL***

*Babergh District Council is now returning to normal arrangements for the*

*collection of CIL, following the deferred payment scheme offered to*

*housebuilders in the district between April and June 2020.*

Full details and applications can be viewed on the Babergh District Council website.

**07.07 Planning New Applications:**

**DC/20/02347 – Willow Farm, Lower Rd**

Application under section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act – variation of condition 6 (restriction on operation times) on planning permission DC/18/05055

***It was resolved*** to recommend refusal - *impact of noise (insufficient information about sound proofing)*

**DC/20/02486 – 59 Kings Rd**

Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and porch (following demolition of garage)

***It was resolved*** – no reason to object

**DC/20/02223 – Coleridge House, Churchgate**

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – sub division of garden and erection of 1no dwelling

***It was resolved*** to recommend refusal - *access issues onto very busy dangerous corner/junction.*

**Granted applications:**

**DC/20/01646 – 22 Angel Lane**

Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe accommodation ancillary to main house

**DC/20/01792 – 4 Whitlands**

Erection of single storey rear extension

**DC/20/01758 – 17 Brices Way**

Erection of 1no detached dwelling

**08.07 Public question time**

Harriet North gave a virtual thank you to the Parish Council for ‘keeping things going’.

**09.07 Accounts for approval**

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

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**10.07 Reports from working group– Cemetery, Finance, Village Hall, Climate Emergency and report from playing field management committee.**

**Cemetery –** no response has been received with reference to the planning permission for change of use of the new land – this is to be chased up with BDC.

**Finance** – no report

**V/Hall** – contact has been made with the architects regarding moving forward with the proposed extension. Stage 4 (technical design) will soon be underway.

The quantity surveyors report indicated a build cost of approx £277,000 plus VAT.

The working party are to arrange a meeting to discuss moving forward.

Re-opening o the village hall was discussed. There are many matters to be considered before re-opening. It seems difficult to obtain clear guidance. District councillors are to see what other halls in the area are doing. To date there has not been a great demand for use of the hall. This will be discussed further at the working group meeting.

**Climate Emergency** – no report

**Playing Field** – the clerk read the following report - *We are also in the process of safely arranging meetings but there is currently nothing new to report. There has been a financial change since the last report and that is for insurance renewal and for maintenance services. I will keep you updated as to our progress!*

**11.07 Internal audit – agreement of**

***It was resolved*** to agree the audit report

**12.07 Updated Code of Conduct – consultation response**

It was felt that no response was necessary

**13.07 Play parks – possible re-opening of**

Once a risk assessment has been completed the parks will be re-opening.

**14.07 Crownfield Rd/Fern Meadow – cutting back of shrubs and trees**

There have been numerous reports of the cutting back of shrubs and trees to the rear of Crownfields on land not owned by householders.

It has been established that Bloor Homes own the land in question. They have commissioned a tree report and the cutting back of shrubs and trees will be investigated at the same time. The Parish Council have asked for this to be done as a matter of urgency.

**15.07 Hammond Croft – unfinished works**

Councillors were shown pictures of numerous unfinished jobs at Hammond Croft. DCllrs are to make enquiries at Babergh District Council.

There has been anti-social behaviour at the allotment site. People are requested to advise the Police of these matters.

**16.07 Correspondence to report**

A request had been received to place an advertising board on Tye Green. It was explained this is Parish Council land it is their policy not to allow these.

**17.07 Date of next meeting** – 11th August 2020

Meeting finished @ 8.10pm

(For reference: a recording of this meeting was made via Zoom)

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