**Glemsford Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th Sept2019 @ 7pm at Glemsford Village Hall**

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

CCllr Kemp. The clerk.

11 members of the public.

**01.09 Parish announcements**

Cllr Plumb explained that questions for the Parish Council should be addressed at item 08.09 Public Question Time.

**02.09 Apologies for absence**

DCllr Holt

**03.09 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.

**04.09 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 13th August 2019**

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

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

The request for a Speed Indicator Device at Brook St has been refused.

**06.09 To receive reports**

**CCllr Kemp –** A full report can be viewed on the website or at the clerk’s office.

CCllr Kemp was asked if he was aware as to if/when the footpath at the Silk Mill will be re-opened. Also, about the closure of Chequers Lane for the installation of a gas main.

**DCllr Plumb** – read the report below:

***Draft Joint Local Plan Consultation Continues***

***Over the past month Babergh and Mid Suffolk have held 9 public events discussing the draft Joint Local Plan with residents, with 11 more planned this month before the consultation ends on 30 September. There’s been a lot of interest from residents, with many conversations on the Plan and on site allocations, as we continue to focus on gathering feedback on the specific policies laid out in the draft Plan.***

*The draft Joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals over the next 18 years, up to 2036.* ***Residents can take part online, or by visiting one of 18 public consultation events planned across the two districts. Find out more*** [*online*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/features/have-your-say-on-our-draft-joint-local-plan/)***.***

***Crews bed-in to new collection routes***

*Thank you to everyone for their patience while we transitioned to our new collection rounds. This was a huge undertaking for our waste team, as well as an essential step to make the routes more fuel efficient, ensure we have the capacity to meet future home growth and to reduce our environmental impact in line with our* [*climate change ambitions*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councils-support-2030-carbon-neutral-ambitions/)*. Our crews are bedding into their new routes with the support of the team.*

*If you have any questions about the collection day changes please visit the* [*FAQs on our website*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/bin-day-changes-faqs) *or alternatively,* [*get in touch with the waste team*](mailto:Recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)*.*

***Stay up to date with our leisure projects***

*Two of our leisure centres are undergoing major refurbishments or upgrades over the coming months, following £4.75m worth of investment from Babergh District Council. Hadleigh Pool and Leisure will have a* [*brand new pool*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/work-set-to-begin-on-new-pool/) *set to be complete by May next year, and the Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Sudbury will be* [*extended*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/groundbreaking-moment-for-sudburys-kingfisher-leisure-centre/) *in addition to having refurbished changing facilities and gym.*

*You can follow our progress on Babergh’s* [*Twitter*](https://twitter.com/baberghdistrict) *and* [*Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/BaberghDistrict/) *accounts.*

Enquiries were made as to the moving of the 30mph speed limit in Brook St. This is to be discussed as an agenda item (12.09).

If any member of the Parish wishes to add comments to the Parish Council response to the Local Plan please ensure these are with the clerk by the 20th Sept.

Cllr Plumb asked if there were any problems with the new bin collections.

4300 swims were made under the free swimming offer during the school holidays.

Cllr Southgate asked about works at Hammond Croft as it appears that very little has been done. DCllr Plumb is to look into this.

**07.09 Planning**

Cllr Leopold reported the recommendations from the working group:

**New applications:**

**DC/19/03831 – Peverells, Tye Green**

Notification of tree works in a conservation area – T1 (1no bay) – fell

**DC/19/03945 – Barn North West of Low St**

Application under section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act to vary condition 2 (approved plan and drawings) relating to DC/19/02165 – erection of 3no dwellings and ancillary outbuilding (following demolition of existing barn)

***It was resolved*** to recommend ‘no reason to object’

**DC/19/03995 – Enderley, Skates Hill**

Erection of two storey extension and balcony following demolition of single storey garage and plant room

***It was resolved*** to recommend ‘no reason to object’

**DC/19/04016 – Japonica, Windmill Row**

Erection of store/playroom and home office to replace existing garage

***It was resolved*** to recommend ‘no reason to object’

**DC/19/03861 – Oxdown Barn, Duffs Hill**

Erection of cart lodge/garden store

***It was resolved*** to recommend ‘no reason to object’

**Approved applications:**

**DC/19/03301 – Plot 9, Scossels**

Erection of detached 3 bed dwelling and garage

**DC/19/02779 – Sandle House**

Erection of single storey front, rear and side extensions and internal alterations

**Refused applications:**

**DC/19/03133 – Churchgate Barn, Churchgate**

Erection of 2no detached one and a half storey dwellings and 1no cart lodge for plot 2

**DC/19/03320 – Brookfield Place, Low St**

Outline application (some matters reserved – access, landscaping and layout to be considered) – erection of 2no detached dwellings, garages and new access

**08.09 Public question time**

It was asked if the PC would considerdeclaring a climate emergency. This is to be an agenda item next month.

The Chair of the Playing field committee raised reservations about the installation of new play equipment on the playing field/skate park. It was explained by the Parish Council that a promise was made to extend the skate park approx 6yrs ago, but was put on hold, this now needs to be looked into. The committee felt that things should be taken more steadily.

The committee asked about applying for s106 funding. Whilst this is possible it would need to be in conjunction with the Parish Council.

Condition of the play parks was raised and it was reiterated that s106 money can only be used for new purchases.

Cllr Plumb is to be on the new playing field committee.

**09.09 Accounts for approval**

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**10.09 Reports from working groups**

**Finance – none**

**Cemetery – none**

**Village Hall –** after due consideration and various meetings ***it was resolved*** to progress with the services of KLHarchitects to move forward with the plans to extend the village hall at a cost of £13,000.00. This is a complete service to the planning permission stage, to include drawings, concept design, development design and a public consultation. Once planning permission is granted funding can be looked into. There may be additional costs if outline permission is required or any surveys.

**11.09 Joint Local Plan – response to**

There is still time to respond to the Local Plan consultation. Any comments to the clerk by the 20th Sept please.

**12.09 30mph speed limit – moving of – Brook St**

An estimate of over £8000.00 has been received from Suffolk County Council.

Cllr Southgate put forward that as the Parish Council were looking to have a quiet lane designation this should be considered also.

It was agreed to make more enquiries with Suffolk County Council to include a definitive price. Also to ask CCllr Kemp about the possibility of helping with funding.

Extending the limit to include Fern Hill is to be looked into.

A member of the public volunteered to help with this project. It was explained that it was very difficult to fulfil SCC requirements/regulations.

**13.09 Youth Club – continuation of**

Cllr Southgate is making enquiries about requirements of running a youth club.

It is hoped this facility will be running by October.

Volunteers to help are still needed.

**14.09 Newsletter – update**

A draft ‘dummy’ newsletter was circulated to councillors and members of the public present at the meeting. Good feedback was received including the picture of the phone box; this prompted a thank you to the History Society for recently painting it and also to consider the possibility of using the phone box as a communications point.

Once a new newsletter is complete it will be available to read on-line and at various distribution points in the village.

**15.09 Skate park – new equipment**

Various quotes had been received, all of which are well within the s106 funds available to spend. Cllr Southgate has been talking to the youngsters who are very keen to move forward with the project.

The playing field committee feel that the skate park is mistreated and are worried about security. With this in mind they are looking into ‘squaring up’ the land in a slightly different way and to perhaps redefine the area, they then feel it would be right to install equipment. They would like the Parish Council to look at their ideas. The committee also mentioned the possibility being responsible for the equipment.

The Parish Council have asked the playing field committee to formally confirm as to whether they are asking for the postponement of purchasing play equipment.

**16.09 Village Hall gates – possible permanent opening of**

After a recent incident of someone being locked in the village hall car park Cllr Southgate has asked if the main front gates can be left permanently open, this would also give access to emergency services. It has been suggested that a barrier or drop posts be placed across the entrance to the main car park. Quotes are to be obtained. A member of the public has offered to help with installation.

**17.09 Traffic issues, Sudbury – possible support of alternative route**

There is insufficient information to make a decision on this request.

**18.09 Correspondence**

Babergh District Council has asked for suggestions for the name of the new development at the former builder’s yard, Drapery Common. Various names were discussed including Walnut Tree Close and use of the word Stibbich (an historic name of the field were the houses are to be built).

**19.09**  **Date of next meeting – 8th October 2019 @ 7pm**

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

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