

LITTLE GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 11th June 2019 in the Parish Room

1. **Present from the Council:** Stephen Bayfield; Frank Hilder; Claire Peck; Pat Trinder [Clerk]
2. **Present from the Public:** 1; County Councillor Stephen Burroughes;
3. **Apologies for Absence:** Philip Hope-Cobbold [Chairman]; Carol Poulter [District Councillor]
4. **Appointment of Acting Chair for the June'19 Council meeting:** On a Proposition by Cllr. Stephen Bayfield, Cllr Frank Hilder was unanimously appointed as Acting Chairman for tonight's meeting.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** None;
6. **LGPC - Councillor Vacancies [3]:** Frank welcomed and introduced Emma Angell to the meeting; On a Proposition by Cllr. Stephen Bayfield; Seconded by Cllr. Claire Peck, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Emma Angell onto the Council. The Council formally received her completed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form; *N.B. Members Register of Interests to be completed online in due course; [A.P. Clerk/Emma Angell]*
7. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 were unanimously adopted and signed as a correct record. *[Proposed by the Chairman; Seconded by Cllr. Claire Peck]*
8. **Matters Arising from the 14th May Council meeting:**
 - a. **[i] Community Area** – Work Party held on 1st June: Frank and Stephen reported that a start had been made on the outstanding repairs; Unfortunately, it was discovered that all the picnic table legs were rotten, and beyond repair, and the seat surfaces were also badly worn. It was agreed that a replacement would be required at some point and Stephen had looked at prices, which were around £300 for a similar table. It was agreed that any new table should be mounted on concrete slabs, and this would need to be factored into the costings. In the meantime, it was unanimously agreed to remove the damaged table, as a safety measure, and to use the smaller table, currently stored in the shed. The grass in the community area was very overgrown; clerk to check the grass cutting schedule dates and request urgent action. *[A.P. Clerk]*
[ii] New Draft Lease: Frank briefly summarised the background information leading to the present position and also expressed his concern about the financial implications to the Council, particularly relating to the car park provision, in the light of the perceived possibility that the Parish Room Committee could fold, if new members were not found. As agreed at the last meeting, the clerk had advised the Estate solicitors that LGPC wished to repeat its original request for the term of the lease to be extended to 20 years, without a break, for the reasons outlined previously and a reply was awaited. *Clerk to circulate response when received. [A.P. Clerk]*
[iii] Fencing & Clearing the new site: *In abeyance; dependent on outcome of paragraph [ii] above;*
[iv] Associated Car Parking Provision; *In abeyance; dependent on outcome of paragraph [ii] above;*
[v] Improvements to community area play facilities; *Original project in abeyance;* Frank reported that an approach had been made to the organisers of the "Active Villages" scheme, regarding the possibility of providing/locating gym equipment in the Community Area. A questionnaire was being produced and would be delivered to every household in the village, to gauge public support/opinion;
 - b. **Maintenance of highways/pavements/footpaths:** As reported at the last meeting, some clearing of footpaths had been done, and there had been an improvement overall. However, there had been further problems caused by gravel and sand being washed

onto the A12 during yesterday's heavy rainfall and thunderstorms, and it was agreed to bring this to the attention of the Estate's land agents. **[A.P. Clerk]**

b. Clerk's Retirement: The clerk confirmed that, as agreed, the vacancy had been advertised in the Ebb and Flow;

9. EN010012 = Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station – EIA Scoping Notification & Consultation:

Papers received from The Planning Inspectorate had been circulated via email and were taken as read and received. On a Proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to make no further comment at this stage.

10. Suffolk County Councillor's Report: Copies of Stephen Burroughes written report had been circulated, and taken as read and received. Stephen expanded on one or two issues, including the County Council's Children's Services, which had been awarded the top grade of 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and the new Highways Community Self-Help scheme, developed in partnership with towns and parishes in Suffolk who are willing to carry out additional works in their communities, such as sign cleaning, hedge cutting/pruning, grass verge cutting; this can be done by buying in services from contractors; using their own trained employees; using volunteers to undertake work or buying additional services from Suffolk Highways; Frank suggested that, as some footpaths had been cleared, LGPC could seek volunteers, via the Ebb and Flow, to help keep them cleared. Stephen also commented on the disappointing news that the Government will not be contributing funding towards proposals for the '4-village bypass'/SEGWay scheme and EDF's proposal to impose a £6 levy to all customers to raise additional funding. Claire commented that it was very difficult to gauge whether or not renewables will become more cost effective in the near future.

Little Glemham Community Speed Watch: Stephen confirmed that he was submitting an application to fund the Speed Watch equipment, and SCC would liaise direct with the clerk to release the funding required to enable the equipment to be ordered; **[A.P. Clerk]**

Replacement grit bin for The Knoll: Matter ongoing; **[A.P. Clerk]**

11. District Councillor's Report: Nothing to report;

12. Planning:

a. Planning Application Ref: DC/19/2028/FUL: 50 Church Road, Little Glemham: Proposed two-storey side extension: Full application details were circulated. On a Proposition by the Chairman, Seconded by Cllr. Claire Peck, the application was unanimously approved by the Council **[A.P. Clerk]**

13. Finance:

a. Financial Update:

The amount in the current account is:	£3478.95
The amount in the deposit account is:	<u>3273.62</u>
Total:	£6752.57

b. Invoices for payment: None

The combined amount held in the accounts is £6752.57

c. Internal Audit: The clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made to deliver the accounts for the Internal audit during the next two weeks; **[A.P. Clerk]**

d. Replacement cheque signatories: Matter ongoing; outstanding paperwork awaited; **[A.P. Clerk]**

14. Any Other Business: Nothing further to report

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 8.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Signed as a correct record.....

Chairman

DATE: 9TH July 2019

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