

LITTLE GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 13th February 2012 in the Parish Room

1. **Present from the Council:** Mr Peter Chaloner [Chairman] Sue Hussey; Stuart Hogg; Roger Blyth; Philip Hope Cobbold; Pat Trinder [Clerk]
2. **Present from the Public:** None
3. **Apologies for Absence:** Ceri Larman. Graham Peck [District Councillor] Colin Hart [County Councillor] PCSO Thora Taylor;
4. **Declaration of Interest:** None
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2012 were unanimously adopted and signed as a correct record.
6. **Matters arising from the 9th January meeting:**
 - [a] Community Area:** No major issues of concern had been identified during the January inspection. Philip had noted that the laminated sign on the table, advising the location of the rubbish bin, was now unreadable and it was agreed to ask Ceri if she could produce a replacement sign. The “dog clean up” and “close the gate” signs on the entry gates both need replacing, and Philip kindly agreed to provide replacement signs in due course. The clerk apologised for any unintentional confusion with the inspection rota for January and February; Roger agreed to resume weekly inspections in March, as per the new rota. The clerk confirmed that the council’s insurers had increased the unit cost of the two goalposts to £550 each, as instructed, and no additional premium was due.
 - [b] Maintenance of highways/pavements/footpaths:** Following last month’s complaint about bank slippage onto the footpath that goes up the west side of the A12, travelling south, Highways had inspected the path and advised that although the verge is starting to encroach on the footway, they did not think this warranted immediate attention. It was agreed to monitor the situation and contact Highways again, if the path deteriorated further. *[A.P. Clerk]*
 - [c] SNT – Police Report:** A written police report for January had been circulated *[Copy to be filed with Minutes]*
 - [d] Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update:** Nothing to report.
 - [e] Proposed refurbishment of the village sign:** Following a site meeting with a specialist ceramics artist, Sue reported that repairing the ceramic picture would be difficult, and would probably not be a viable long term solution, primarily because the glaze is not frost resistant and would continue to deteriorate. It was therefore suggested that a better way forward might be to remove, clean and store the existing lettering; remove the ceramic picture completely and replace the rotten plywood underneath with new exterior ply, cut to the required shape, and painted carefully, to reproduce the original colours. Peter offered to clean and repaint the metal frame which is showing signs of wear and tear and thought that we would need someone to do the woodwork and someone else to do the specialist painting, making sure that the sign is photographed before it is taken down. Stuart hoped to approach someone who may be prepared to do the woodwork, and would report back by the next meeting.
 - [f] Four Village Bypass Working Party update:** Stuart reported that both he and Margaret Carswell [Marlesford] had been trying to arrange a mutually convenient meeting date, so far without success, and the planned meeting between Dr. Poulter and Theresa Coffee had not yet taken place. It was agreed to find out if EDF had started the next round of consultation meetings with Parish Councils yet as Peter had understood that further talks would not take place until the results of the Transport Study were known. Stuart agreed to report any further progress at the next meeting. *[A.P. Clerk]*

[g] Painting the outside of the Parish Rooms: Peter reported that the Parish Room Committee had received two estimates of £1675 and £1731 and had accepted the lower quote. The committee had formally written to Colin Hart, requesting the full amount from his Locality Budget.

7. **District Councillor's Report:** Nothing to report in Graham's absence.
8. **Local Development Framework: Pre-Submission Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document December 2011:** Peter had looked through the on-line version of the consultation document and several councillors had also read the documents. Peter did not think there had been any significant changes directly affecting Little Glemham, which retains its status as a 'Local Service Centre', with limited development, although this could change in the light of the new proposed 'right to build' legislation. Whilst reiterating support for the 'Four Villages Bypass', the document did not seem to contain very much information about how infrastructure for future new development will be provided and there was little information about Sizewell C. After further discussion, Councillors supported the Chairman's Proposition to take no further action at this stage.
9. **Planning: Listed Building Consent: Application No. C112392 – The Old Rectory, Main Road:** Internal alterations & replacement window on front elevation: It was noted that consent was granted by SCDC on 11.01.12.
10. **Public Consultation for proposed solar park at Parham Airfield, New Road, Great Glemham:** Pre-application details of the proposal had been circulated via email and the Chairman felt that from a planning point of view the Council should not have any issues of concern. It was noted that there would be a further opportunity for the Council to comment at the formal planning application stage. On a Proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to take no further action at this stage.
11. **Finance:**
 - [a] Financial Update:**

The amount in the current account is	£ 77.69
The amount in the deposit account is	<u>£3,115.39</u>
Total:	£3,193.08
 - [b] Invoice presented for payment:**
 - Parish Rooms: Hire of room for 10 meetings in 2011
[10 x £12 per session]..... Amount: £ 120.00After approved invoice has been paid **[£120.00]** the combined amount held in the Accounts will be **£3,073.08**
12. **Matters of Report:** The following had been received and circulated via email:
 - [1]** Forthcoming Road Closure Blaxhall Level Crossing, Hoo Lane: Proposed start dates: 21.02.12 – 22.02.12 [*Information put onto the Council website;*]
 - [2]** Forthcoming Road Closure at Beversham Level Crossing, Beversham Road: Proposed start dates: 22.02.12 – 23.02.12 [*Information put onto the Council website;*]
 - [3]** SCDC – Invitation to planning Policy Meeting – 03.02.12
 - [4]** SALC: Invitation to Flood Risk Management Strategy Workshops: 24.02.12 & 08.03.12.N.B. The Chairman hoped to attend the workshop on 8th March.

13. **Annual Litter Pick:** Clerk to contact SCDC regarding the supply of materials and collection of refuse. This is likely to take place in April by members of the Council. Black sacks, recycling sacks and rubber gloves to be requested from SCDC . Council to organise a mutually convenient date at the next meeting.
14. **Any Other Business:** Nothing further to report.
15. **Date of next meeting: Monday 12th March 2012**

Signed as a correct record.....

Peter Chaloner

Date: 12th March 2012