

LITTLE GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015 in the Parish Room

1. **Present from the Council:** Mr Peter Chaloner [Chairman] Roger Blyth; Philip Hope-Cobbold; Pat Trinder [Clerk]
2. **Present from the Public:** Claire Young;
3. **Apologies for Absence:** Tony Eaves; Ceri Larman; Kate Burt; Stephen Burroughes [County Councillor] PCSO Thora Taylor;
4. **Declaration of Interest:** None
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015 were unanimously adopted and signed as a correct record.
6. **Matters Arising from the 12th January Council meeting:**
 - a. **[i] Community area update:** Philip advised that there had been no major issues of concern noted during the January inspections. He had found evidence of dog fouling, which was regrettable, particularly as an appropriate bin was available on site. The Chairman agreed that it was disheartening, particularly as the Council had always considered the community area to be a shared area, and had no wish to stop responsible dog owners from visiting the area. Roger reported that two or three posts were broken, which could safely be dealt with at a later date; and he thought that the football nets would benefit from being re-taped. Peter confirmed that he had installed the new swing seats, supplied by Wickstead.
 - b. **[ii] Improvements to Community Area Play facilities: Circulation of questionnaire:** The Chairman confirmed that the questionnaires had been distributed via the latest edition of the Ebb and Flow. To date, no online responses had been received and no paper forms had been returned. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance for a further month and report back at the March meeting.
 - c. **Maintenance of highways/pavements/footpaths:** The Chairman was pleased to report that Highways appeared to have made a start on repairing the potholes in Shop Lane.
 - d. **SNT Police Report:** A written report, confirming that there had been no crimes recorded for January'15, had been circulated. *[Copy to be filed with minutes]*
 - e. **Neighbourhood Watch Update:** The Chairman reported that he continued to receive regular updates which were included on the Council website and referred to a recent initiative, encouraging people to join the Suffolk Safe Key Scheme.
 - f. **Refurbishment of Village Sign:** No further news; work still ongoing.
 - g. **Four Village Bypass Working Party Update:** The Chairman was pleased to report that positive progress has been made since the last council meeting. He presented a full report on the 4-village bypass meeting held on 26th January, when both District and County Council officers had confirmed their wholehearted support for the long-standing 4-village bypass proposal, along its original route. The proposal will be presented in a government funding bid, using forecasted financial benefits of the bypass to secure funding from the Department of Transport. A report, commissioned by Suffolk Coastal & Waveney District Councils, entitled 'A12 Suffolk – Wider economic benefits assessment' will be included as the main ammunition in the funding bid. The new growth-focused strategy, highlighting the economic case for improving the A12, has been welcomed as a decisive step forward in the long running plans and the Chairman felt reassured that everyone was pulling in the same direction.
 - h. **Sizewell C Update:** The Chairman reported that EDF had confirmed their decision to postpone their Phase 2 consultation until after the May' 15 General Election. Peter had

raised the suggestion that a Freedom of Information request should be submitted via the 4-village bypass group, to obtain details of the traffic survey figures, but as the County Council are still collecting and analysing data, it was agreed to defer action until a later date.

- i. **Provision of litter bin: A12:** Still ongoing
- 7. **Suffolk County Councillor's Report:** Copies of Stephen's written report had been circulated via email, and was taken as read and received.
- 8. **District Councillor's Report:** Nothing to report
- 9. **Planning:** The Chairman noted that the clerk was circulating the weekly planning application lists, as agreed at the last meeting.

10. Finance:

a. Financial Update:

The amount in the current account is:	£ 55.42
The amount in the deposit account is:	<u>£5,121.67</u>
Total:	£5,177.09

b. Invoices for Payment:

- Leiston Press:
[Photocopying – Community area survey form;
LGPC meeting 12.1.15 Minute Ref: 6a[iii] refers] Amount: £ 12.00*
- Wicksteed Leisure Ltd: New swing seats;
[LGPC meeting 12.1.15 Minute Ref: 6a[i] refers] Amount: £ 105.00* }
- Wicksteed Leisure Ltd: Fixings for new swing seats
[Ref: As item above] Amount: £ 84.84* }
- Parish Room: Hire of room for 10 meetings 2014
[Total of 20 hours & £6 per hour]..... Amount: £ 120.00

*[*Items : VAT recoverable]*

After payment of the above invoices [**£321.84**] the combined amount held in the accounts is **£4,855.25**

11. Any Other Business.

- a. Review of Electoral Wards in Suffolk Coastal: Information received had been circulated via email and noted. *[Copy to be kept on file]*
- c. SCC: Flooding information: Information received from Cllr. Graham Newman had been circulated via email and noted. *[Copy to be kept on file]*
- d. SALC: Section 137 expenditure: Limit for 2015/16: Information received had been circulated via email and noted. *[Copy to be kept on file]*
- e. The clerk drew attention to the faulty street light, outside the Parish Room, and agreed to contact Pearce & Kemp, to carry out the necessary repairs. **[A.P. Clerk]**
- f. *Refurbishment of the Village sign:* Claire Young referred to the length of time the village sign has been missing; The Chairman advised that it had been hoped to leave the original sign in situ, while the new sign was being made, but this had not been possible. The Council was hopeful that work would be completed by April, as promised.

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th March 2015 at 8.00 p.m.

Signed as a correct record.....

Peter Chaloner
Chairman

Date: 9th March 2015

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