

## AGENDA

**213th meeting to be held in the village hall on Friday, 12 September 2014 starting at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Jennifer Beaumont; John Cross; Karen Debenham; Julian Duggan; Damian Ferrar; Argus Gathorne-Hardy; Elaine Lewis (Chairman); Peter Lincoln; Duncan McIver; Diane Minns; Nicholas Redman (Honorary Clerk). **APOLOGIES:** Mark Runnacles (vehicle breakdown); PCSO 3051 Kevin Mann; Councillor Stephen Burroughes. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Four members of the public. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None were declared. **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:** In view of Elaine Lewis' late arrival, Argus Gathorne-Hardy accepted the invitation of the Honorary Clerk to chair the meeting and the parish council agreed to this. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 212th MEETING ON 16 MAY 2014:** After obtaining the agreement of the parish council, Argus Gathorne-Hardy signed the minutes of the 212th meeting as a true record of that meeting.

### REPORTS:

**SCC:** The Honorary Clerk stated that Councillor Burroughes had sent in a written report which he had circulated to parish council members.

**Police:** The Honorary Clerk reported that since the 212th meeting on 16 May 2014 no offences in Great Glemham had been reported (there were no recorded offences reported for the equivalent period in 2013).

**Great Glemham Farms:** Argus Gathorne-Hardy and Jason Gathorne-Hardy reported that the harvest yields had been impressive. Also, the compost made from domestic garden and food waste at the Parham plant had been spread on the harvested land. The material, which had been approved by LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), had been used in view of the shortage of farmyard manure. Work under the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme continued: this included restoring buffers on field edges and maintaining public and permissive paths. Hedge trimming had started. Jennifer Beaumont reported that some walnut trees in Cemetery Field had been brutally cut back. **ACTION:** Argus Gathorne-Hardy to investigate whether the work on the walnut trees had been done by UK Power Networks.

**Butchers Field playspace:** The Honorary Clerk reported that the next RoSPA survey was about to be done. This was a little early but the savings achieved by using the Norse inspection team made this course of action worthwhile. In addition, Simon Beaumont had agreed to carry out routine inspections: his reports would be sent to (and where necessary acted on) the Honorary Clerk. John Meadows, who until recently had lived in Great Glemham and who was an experienced member of the ground staff at Framlingham College, had kindly agreed to service the mower and to charge only for out of pocket expenses. **ACTION:** The Honorary Clerk to liaise with Mr Meadows and the co-chairs of the Butchers Field friends group relating to the mower service.

**Broadband:** The Chairman reported that the FramBroadband wireless offering was now available, though a new cable route in the church had had to be found and then agreed with the diocesan authorities. Mr Eaves of FramBroadband would be marketing the wireless service soon though a preliminary survey was free of charge. Mr Eaves' contact details were [tony@frambroadband.com](mailto:tony@frambroadband.com) or 01728 726507. Fibre services being delivered by Openreach to Framlingham and other nearby market towns but there were presently no firm plans for such services to be delivered to Great Glemham (though there was possibility of further expansion of superfast broadband services using the additional funding acquired by the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership). The parish is, however, within the Suffolk Better Broadband intervention programme and eligible for the minimum commitment of 2 Mbps by 2015. Note, though, that this service would not be capable of being up-graded if SCC were at a future date to be successful in getting Openreach to deliver fibre-based services.

### PLANNING:

**Conservation Area Appraisal:** After some discussion it was agreed that the Honorary Clerk should respond to SCDC making the point that, although commercial buildings no longer stood in the conservation area, many homes were now used partly for work and many residents used parts of their homes as studies or workspaces. This changing nature of employment should be recognised and supported by the planning authority. Receiving wireless broadband requires modest receptors to be installed and it would be good to know the maximum dimensions allowed and that fitting such receptors was encouraged as a means of encouraging such modern style working. Also, many residents would some guidance as to what works aimed at improving the energy performance of their buildings would be regarded as acceptable: a table showing what works to windows and other features would normally be permitted would be of assistance to many residents. **ACTION:** Honorary Clerk to respond.

**High Grove Woods:** The Honorary Clerk reported that he had been informed by SCDC that it was now about to serve an enforcement notice (it had given the owner plenty of time given to encourage voluntary

compliance). **ACTION:** Honorary Clerk to remain in touch with SCDC so that progress could be reviewed.

**SIZEWELL:** After discussion led partly by the Chairman, who had liaised with Lord Marlesford about the impact of the development of Sizewell C on the A12 and generally, and partly by John Cross, who had participated in the Sizewell community forum, it was agreed that:

- The impact of construction traffic on the A12 and generally on East Suffolk was highly likely to be very significant.
- A by-pass of the four villages (Marlesford, Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham) would very probably form a legitimate and significant part of EDF's overall transport plan. It was likely, in that context, to prove supportable in principle and it should be carefully and properly considered by EDF in the formation of that plan and by SCC:
  - there had been a large number of serious accidents on the A12 in the four villages in recent years, as Lord Marlesford had shown;
  - the significant amount of extra traffic generated by the construction and operation of Sizewell C would be bound to make the A12 (and especially the stretch of it running through the four villages) more dangerous.
- For electors going about their day to day activities, a key issue would be the ability safely to turn right onto or from the A12 and the ability for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A12 should also be considered.
- A proposal apparently being considered by EDF was to improve segments of the existing A12 as an alternative to creating a four village by-pass. This was regarded as not addressing the need to make the A12 in the four villages safer.
- The details of any by-pass (especially the route) as well as EDF's overall transport plan would need to be disclosed and be found by the PC and its electors to be acceptable, before it could give unreserved support to a four villages by-pass. That plan should cover all transport options including road, rail and (if feasible) sea. Rumours that EDF was hoping not to publicise its transport plan and not to engage with the local community on its proposals were of great concern.

**FINANCE:** The Honorary Clerk reported that BDO, the external auditor had approved the PC's 2013/14 accounts. The parish council passed a resolution approving such accounts.

He sought approval for payment of the following amounts: (1) hire of village hall for this meeting and for an earlier meeting of the Butchers Field Friends group at going rates; (2) £31.08 for pigeon spikes for fixing onto the top rail of the swings; (3) insurance for the year beginning 1 October 2014 at £321.29, which was in line with the budgeted sum of £320; (4) fuel for the mower used on Butchers Field at £14; (5) grants of £50 to each of Citizens Advice Bureau, Disability Advice Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the air ambulance, Coastal Accessible Transport and St Elizabeth's Hospice; a grant of £250 to the village hall and £125 to the parochial church council for maintenance of the burial ground. **ACTION:** Hon Clerk to display the necessary statutory notice and to make payments.

After discussion it was decided not to alter the PC's banking arrangements with the Co-op.

**HIGHWAYS:** Jennifer Beaumont had reported five potholes in the highways running through the parish. Some had been repaired but she would chase SCC at appropriate intervals about the others. **ACTION:** Jennifer Beaumont.

**CROWN INN:** The Hon Clerk outlined the "community right to buy". He pointed out that it was not a "right to buy". Rather it created a window within which the owner could not conclude a deal with any party other than a community body. He also outlined that it did not offer the community body any favourable terms: the parish council and others in Charsfield had put together a great response to the closure of the Three Horseshoes but they had raised only about a half of the asking price. After some discussion, it was agreed that the best course was not to seek to exercise the "community right to buy" but instead to introduce to the former licensee parties that may be interested in buying or taking a lease of the Crown. **ACTION:** Hon Clerk to pass details onto the licensee.

**NOISE:** Jennifer Beaumont reported that had logged some examples of noise nuisance affecting her and her neighbours. The Hon Clerk advised that Jennifer Beaumont encouraged neighbours also to keep logs as the collated logs would be more comprehensive; the logging would not stop if one logger went on holiday, for example. Another angle would be to bring in the housing provider, Flagship. **ACTION:** Jennifer Beaumont.

**VICE-CHAIR:** Earlier confusion on the part of members as to the start time of the meeting showed the desirability of having a vice-chairman. Argus Gathorne-Hardy was willing to stand and, there being no other willing party, was appointed vice-chairman for the remainder of the administrative year. **ACTION:** All to note that the default start time for meetings was 7:00pm.

**WEBSITE:** Mrs Rosemary Lincoln had put in many years of hard work in keeping the website up to date. She now wished to retire from her role, though wished to secure an orderly handover of the job. Karen Debenham wondered whether Mr Stephen Carter would be suited to the role. **ACTION:** Karen Debenham to approach Mr Carter and to report to the Hon Clerk.

**AOB:** The Hon Clerk reported that the recent review of polling stations did not affect Great Glemham.

**NOTE AS TO NEXT MEETING:** This would be on 28 November 2014 starting at 7:00pm

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm

*NA Redman, Honorary Clerk, 7 October 2014*