

MINUTES of the 215th meeting of Great Glemham Parish Council held at 7pm on 6 March 2015 in the village hall

PRESENT: Jennifer Beaumont; John Cross; Karen Debenham; Argus Gathorne-Hardy; Elaine Lewis (Chairman); Peter Lincoln; Diane Minns; Duncan McIver; Nicholas Redman (Honorary Clerk).
APOLOGIES: Mark Runnacles (.....**please give details**.....); Damian Ferrar (.....**please give details**.....); County Councillor Stephen Burroughes (illness); PCSO Kevin Mann (work commitments). **IN ATTENDANCE:** Two electors. **RESIGNATION:** Elaine Lewis reported that Julian Duggan had resigned from the parish council. It was agreed that Nicholas Redman should put in place the necessary formalities. **ACTION:** Honorary Clerk.

INTERESTS: In relation to the distribution of community benefit payments made by the operators of the solar farm on Parham Airfield, Jennifer Beaumont, Peter Lincoln and Duncan McIver declared local non-pecuniary interests as members of the village hall committee and of the Friends group for Butchers Field. Nicholas Redman declared such an interest as a member of the Friends group for Butchers Field. Elaine Lewis signed a note to that effect in the register of interests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the special meeting held on 6 February 2015 were approved and Elaine Lewis signed the copy in the minutes book as a true record.

REPORTS:

Suffolk County Council: Nicholas Redman reported that, although Councillor Burroughes was not well enough to join the meeting, he had confirmed that he would support half of the cost of the new shed to be erected in the grounds of the village hall (the balance to be paid by the parish council out of the community benefit funds generated by the solar park) and that he would support the cost of some improvements and repairs to signage at the crossroads with the Framlingham - Saxmundham road (a matter drawn to Nicholas Redman's attention by an elector).

Councillor Burroughes would be holding a "divisional" meeting in the village hall on 25 March. Elaine Lewis would be present as would parish councillors for the towns and villages that Councillor Burroughes represented. **ACTION:** Any member wishing to attend was welcome but should let Elaine Lewis know.

Police: No crimes had been reported in December 2014 or in January or February 2015.

Great Glemham Farms: Jason Gathorne-Hardy dealt with a number of issues that arose during the sugar beet harvest. He offered the farm's assistance in restoring domestic verges damaged by the tractors and was concerned to hear of the speeds at which heavily loaded tractors were driven. He also reported the re-seeding of headlands that were to be extended. **ACTION:** Jason Gathorne-Hardy would give Nicholas Redman the email address of the contractor, Mr Nick Watts, so that issues could be reported to him with a view to them being immediately addressed.

Butchers Field: Nicholas Redman reported that the last RoSPA survey, effected in September last year, revealed no action required to be taken. Simon Beaumont very kindly made regular inspections and made small repairs (for example, to the sandpit cover): his observations and actions were all recorded and filed. There was to be a working party on 8 March.

Transparency Code: Nicholas Redman reported that this would take effect later in the year and would require the parish council's policy of publishing key papers on the village website to be extended. The Code was the latest of a series of extensions of the Clerk's role. Nicholas Redman reminded colleagues that he was happy to continue carrying out the duties of the Clerk but would require assistance from members on discrete matters as the executive burden was now considerably heavier than it was in 2008 when he took on the role of the Clerk on an honorary basis. **ACTION:** Peter Lincoln to assist with publication of papers on the website. Others to assist on discrete matters when asked to do so by the Honorary Clerk.

SIZEWELL: John Cross was to attend the next meeting on 11 March.

SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT: The parish council agreed to support an exhibition to be set up by the Friends of Framlingham Library with a view to commemorating the 800th

anniversary of Magna Carta. £100 would be given to establish a permanent exhibition and to run various educational events. **Reason:** It was noted that the Bigod family, which once resided in Framlingham Castle had been selected by King John in 1215 to establish and maintain the new order which, for the first time, expressly conferred basic rights on all people. The exhibition would give electors and their families an understanding of this key document which still influences the relationship of the state and individuals. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman to liaise with the library as to the making of the payment.

After some discussion, the Friends group for Butchers Field had agreed to site one goal on the ball games area. The goal should not be painted white but be in natural wood. It should have a net and be fixed to the ground so that it could not be dragged out of position by children (though it should be removable periodically by an adult for mowing and maintenance). **ACTION:** The Friends group to order the goal in the parish council's name, and to arrange with Nicholas Redman for payment to be made from the solar funds held by the parish council.

Nicholas Redman reported that, at a recent Friends meeting (at which many present were members the village hall management committee), the proposed running of sub-metered services from the village hall to Butchers Field was not considered desirable.

The village hall committee had not yet discussed the planned celebrations of the hall's centenary but was aware of the parish council's commitment to support the event using some of the funds generated by the solar park operator.

Peter Lincoln would liaise with the Cookley parish council with a view to seeing how well its electric bicycle hire scheme was working. **ACTION:** Peter Lincoln.

FINANCE: Nicholas Redman obtained ratification or approval for the following payments: £35 for the data licence from the Information Commissioner; £81 for the service of the mower used on Butchers Field; hire of the village hall both for the recent meeting of the Friends of Butchers Field and this meeting (at going rates); £42.72 for hedging plants purchased by Simon Beaumont on behalf of the Friends; £7.62 for new pigeon spikes purchased by Duncan McIver on behalf of the Friends; the amount to be incurred by Mark Runnacles for trees.

HIGHWAYS: Jennifer Beaumont reported that damage to Low Road near Pound Farm was not (yet) sufficiently serious to justify any action by SCC. An elector reported that a tree root growing under New Road (to the South East of Botany Lane) was making the surface very bumpy. This would be likely to become dangerous. **ACTION:** Jennifer Beaumont.

TRANSPORT: Nicholas Redman reported that the village was soon to have some scheduled bus services for the first time in a few years. These would enable electors to travel to Saxmundham twice a week and Woodbridge once a week. It was agreed that the details should be publicised. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman, working with Mr Roger Creed (who had campaigned for the restoration of scheduled services to the village), to publish simple timetables for display/distribution.

PLANNING: Nicholas Redman reported that he had heard from the SCDC enforcement team that a visit to High Grove Farm Woods had revealed that the enforcement notice served in the latter part of 2014 had not been complied with. Legal action against the owner and operator would now commence.

ELECTION: Nicholas Redman reminded all members that there was to be an election for parish councillors in May. He also outlined the requirements for standing for election. Even though it looked unlikely that such election would be contested, the paperwork would still have to be completed. He would be on hand to advise when the papers were distributed.

SALC: John Cross was to attend the next meeting on 16 March.

LITTER PICK: Diane Minns reported that this had been provisionally arranged (in conjunction with SCDC) for 11 April. She would arrange for publicity once the details were finalised. **ACTION:** Diane Minns.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: After discussion it was decided to re-join the Suffolk Preservation Society but

not to join East Suffolk Travellers Association. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman.

SUMMONING TO MEETINGS: Nicholas Redman obtained approval to use any of the following methods to summon members to meetings: e-mail; hand delivery; post.

NEXT MEETING: The 216th meeting and the annual meeting would now take place in the village hall at 7:00pm on 18 May (a Monday). **ACTION:** All to note.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Broadband: Peter Lincoln reported that Fram Broadband's service was so far proving effective. He was now aiming to get such service available in the village hall (the connection was to be made by Fram Broadband for free). **ACTION:** Peter Lincoln to oversee the works to the village hall.

Village Hall: In conjunction with the village hall treasurer, Nicholas Redman had reported to UK Power networks that earth around the base of the electricity pole sited close to the Southern end of the footbridge to Butchers Field was getting washed away by the Gull.

BT network: Nicholas Redman had reported to OpenReach that an inspection cover on the junction of New Road and Botany Lane had been damaged by a lorry. The OpenReach reference for the repair/replacement was EA2DYJ20.

Meeting closed 8:35pm *NA Redman*, Honorary Clerk