

GREAT GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held 6 December 2022

Present: Councillors Argus Gathorne-Hardy, Mark Lissaman, Ed Benson, John Cross, Sasha French, Karen Debenham, John Mercer and Lindsay Wright

Apologies: Councillor Jenny Beaumont

In attendance: Debbi Tayler, clerk, Jill Pascoe, PCC

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Beaumont.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes meeting held on 28 September were unanimously approved and signed. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4. Matters arising

Jill Pascoe advised that following the PCC's application for funding for a cupboard for the church to keep crockery in a local resident has offered an alternative cupboard. The PCC will decide if it is in keeping with the church and if not will consider making another application to the PC.

5. Daniel Watson – County Broadband

Daniel gave a presentation on the County Broadband offer. They require 25% of residents to sign up to the offer in order for them to build a new network which involves providing fibre connections from the green box to houses. It was agreed that the PC cannot advertise the offer but will provide a link in the minutes and send it to Carolyn Nichols for inclusion in the village email. The website is www.countybroadband.co.uk.

6. Public Forum

Jill Pascoe advised that the post of rector has been advertised and the closing date is 12 December, it is 0.8 of a post for seven churches. The parish share this year is £7900 which can be afforded this year, they were £3k short last year. The drainage project cost is £69k, £41,335 has been raised so far. The VAT is around £8k which can be refunded but will need to be paid initially.

Christmas services are 6pm on 19 December and 9.30am on Christmas Day.

Following Jill's departure from the meeting it was agreed that the council could pay the VAT portion of the drainage project bill from the solar fund and the PCC could then refund it once they had received the repayment.

7. Planning

a) There had been one planning application which was a retrospective one for Stone House which has been agreed.

b) It was agreed that the clerk will write to Maurice Cook to ascertain if all planning conditions for the B-17 Solar Farm have been satisfied as construction is due to start in Spring 2023. Also if he can coordinate the responses of the three parishes with regard to funding going forward.

8 Finance

a) and b) The following invoices were approved and signed:

| Payee | Amount | Reason | Legal power |
|---|---------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Nicola Redman | 77.69 | Painting of K6 | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| D Tayler | 371.21 | Clerk's salary Oct & Nov 2022 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| HMRC | 92.80 | PAYE months 7&8 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| Payments made by delegated authority | | | |
| Ansvar | 327.37 | Insurance premium | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| RoSPA | 105.00 | Playground inspection | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| CAS | 60.00 | Website subscription | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| GG Ladies Club | 250.00 | Solar Fund payment | LGA 1972 s.111 |
| Deborah Tayler | £124.19 | Clerk's salary Sept 2022 | LGA 1972 s.112 |
| HMRC | £31.20 | PAYE month 6 2022 | LGA 1972 s.112 |

c) There were no receipts.

d) Councillor Debenham had checked and signed the bank reconciliation for the months to 10.10.22. The current balance is ££32437.81.

e) The clerk presented the budgets for 2022/23 and 23/24 which were approved.

f) In the light of current and expected expenditure and the budget it was agreed that the precept should remain at the current amount of £6345.

9 Community issues

a) Suffolk Highways, Speeding and Road Related Issues (Cllrs Debenham & Beaumont)

Councillor Debenham advised the road outside the new entrance to Timberyards has been badly broken up with potholes. This is because the road width is restricted by parked vehicles and so vehicles have to move into the gate entrance. The clerk will report this.

It was unanimously agreed to order the cheapest option SID without the solar charger. The cost is £3075 plus VAT. The cost of recharging the battery will be approx. 18p. We will ask the VH if we can charge it there and they can invoice us. It will take 6-8 weeks to order.

b) Butchers Field (Cllr Benson)

Ed to get the mower services and he will organise the repairs advised by the RoSPA inspection.

c) Plastic Champions (Cllr Cross)

Councillor Cross has bought the recycling bins which the PC will refund him for.

d) Community Partnerships and chat bench in particular

Mark Runnacles to resite the chat bench and invoice the clerk.

e) Footpaths (Cllr Debenham)

The clerk has received the QR codes for the public footpath signs. She will copy the map to councillors who can decide which signs they wish to attach the QR codes to.

g) Climate initiative (Cllr Mercer)

ESC have agreed to lend the PC a thermal imaging camera from 21 March to 3 April, Councillor Mercer to coordinate.

Meeting closed 20.40.