

# GREAT GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2023/16

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 12 September 2023

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

Apologies: Councillors Karen Debenham and Lyndsay Wright

In attendance: Debbi Tayler, clerk, Vince Langdon-Morris (ESC)

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors Debenham and Wright.

### 2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3 Minutes 16 May 2023

The minutes for both the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council were proposed by Councillor Mercer, seconded by Councillor Benson, unanimously approved and signed.

### 4 Matters arising

Councillor Langdon-Morris advised the council that he is a District Councillor for the Green Party and Owen Gray represents the Liberal Democrats. Together they are part of the Green Lib Dem Coalition (GLEE).

Following the closure of the local branch Barclays have a pop up bank at the Crown Hotel in Framlingham on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and half a day on Thursdays. They do not deal in cash and are only available for Barclays customers. The Post Office do accept cheques to pay in for most banks.

Water sampling is being undertaken on the River Ore, there are cases of e-coli reported.

The Pardon the Weeds initiative is not going down well in some parishes.

The council told Councillor Langdon-Morris they are keen to be involved in public transport initiatives.

### 5 Report from Jill Pascoe, Churchwarden

Jill advised that the PCC will be able to pay its benefice share of £6510 this year. They have no rector in place as yet. The PCC has received a private donation of £10,000 which is enabling them to go ahead with the drainage project. The council has paid the PCC the money for the VAT on the bill which the PCC will repay when they receive it.

During the course of the drainage works some bones were unearthed in two eaves graves which are thought to be those of two children possibly dating back to around 1200. Tests on the remains are being carried out.

The recent Art Festival raised £2800, 25% of which the PCC will receive.

The Harvest Festival service and supper is on 24 September at 6pm.

### 6 Planning

a) Two recent planning applications have been permitted.

b) The possible breach of control on Martha's Cottage has been investigated and it was determined that there was a breach. The matter was reviewed with Senior Officers and it has been determined, due to the likelihood of the use of the land as curtilage and outbuilding for ancillary purposes receiving support it has been deemed it is non expedient to pursue the matter further. This decision has been made in line with East Suffolk Council Suffolk Local Planning Enforcement Plan. Should the building be used for any other purpose the Planning Officer should be contacted and the matter will be reviewed and investigated further.

Signed.....

Date.....

## 7 Finance

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

Payee	Amount	Reason	Legal power
D Tayler	160.96 + 151.60 = 312.56	Clerk's salary July/August	LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	107.60 + 100.80 = 208.40	PAYE Month 4/5	LGA 1972 s.112
SALC	255.60	Internal audit	LGA 1972 s.111
Thurlow Nunn Standen	366.00	Mower service	LGA 1972 s.111
<b>Payments made by delegated authority</b>			
ESC	100.98	Election costs	LGA 1972 s.111
GG PCC	6764.03	VAT for drainage works	LGA 1972 s.111
D Tayler	155.40	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	103.60	PAYE	LGA 1972 s.112
Village Hall	266.32	Hire for Coronation	LGA 1972 s.111
Cheryl Andrews	52.90	Coronation drinks	LGA 1972 s.111
John Cross	57.95	SID toolkit	LGA 1972 s.111
D Tayler	146.72	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	97.60	PAYE	LGA 1972 s.112
Nicola Redman	6.99	K6 light bulb	LGA 1972 s.111

c) There were no receipts. Councillor Debenham had checked and signed the bank reconciliation for the months to 26 July 2023 when the balance was £31379.75.

d) The Annual Internal Audit Report for 2022/23 was discussed and approved.

e) Capital Projects. The list of suggestions is as follows:

Electricity to Butcher's Field

Refurbish maypole

Car parking area

Adult exercise equipment

Play equipment

Village sign/gates

Dog poo bins

Thanks to all those residents who made suggestions. A summary will be forwarded to councillors to take forward as appropriate.

## 8 Community issues

a) *Suffolk Highways, Speeding and Road Related Issues*

It would be interesting to know how Easton PC's traffic calming measures have worked. Clerk to write.

b) *Butchers Field (Cllr Benson)*

Ed reported he is a bit behind with work on the Field but someone has been strimming around the play equipment which is really helpful.

c) *Plastic Champions (Cllr Cross)*

The Village Hall has agreed to a receptacle for tetrapaks, light bulbs and batteries to be installed with storage.

*d) Community Partnerships and chat bench in particular*

Councillor Cross attended a meeting last month and there was an increase in parish attendance. New district councillors are providing more impetus. Engagement has improved and funding is available. Men's Sheds is a good initiative, there is one at Wickham Market.

*e) Footpaths (Cllr Debenham)*

*f) Vehicle Charging Point (Cllr Cross)*

There are several fast charging points being installed at Friday Street.

*g) Climate initiative (Cllr Mercer)*

Training took place today. Cameras can be loaned for a minimum of two weeks, maximum of four.

Operators can't advise on remediation but a list of suppliers for insulation etc is being put together by Councillor Mercer. We have twelve properties on the list from last time and a note will go out in the village email and parish magazine.

*h) Wild East (Cllr Gathorne-Hardy)*

Councillor Gathorne-Hardy will follow up with the Linnean Society.

The meeting regarding the Low Carbon Solar Farm will take place this week.

It was agreed that the PC will pay for the upcoming First Aid training through the Solar Fund. There are places available.

**9 Next meetings**

The next meeting will be on 12 December at 6.30pm.