

# GREAT GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2023/13

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 16 May 2023

Present: Councillors Argus Gathorne-Hardy, Mark Lissaman, John Cross, Sasha French, Karen Debenham, John Mercer and Jenny Beaumont

Apologies: Councillor Ed Benson, Stephen Burroughs, SCC

In attendance: Debbi Tayler, clerk, one member of the public

### 1 **Election of Chair**

Councillor Lissaman nominated Councillor Gathorne-Hardy, this was seconded by Councillor Mercer and unanimously approved.

### 2 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor Benson.

### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4 **Election of Deputy Chair**

Councillor Beaumont nominated Councillor Cross, this was seconded by Councillor Wright and unanimously approved.

### 5 **Minutes 21 March 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed.

### 6 **Matters arising**

The clerk advised there had been no further correspondence from Councillor Cook (ESC) who was going to broker a meeting between the three parish councils to finalise details about funding for the Low Carbon Solar Farm. It was suggested that the clerk send an email to our new district councillors voicing concerns that the situation regarding the Low Carbon Solar Farm, in particular the landscaping provisions, have not been resolved and copy in Ben Woolnough, Chief Planning Officer.

### 7 **Public Forum**

Bill Philpot attended to ask if the rusting pole next to the bottle bank, which he thinks is a maypole, could be refurbished and erected on Butchers Field. There was some discussion about whether the pole was actually a maypole and it was suggested that a working party may take a look at it. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the chair offered to follow this up.

### 8 **Churchwarden's Report**

Jill Pascoe had provided an annual report. In addition to this there will be Churchyard Teas on 10 June and a Bird Walk on 11 June.

### 9 **Planning**

a) There had been one planning application for a single storey extension on the Old Post Office. There were no objections.

b) There were no other planning matters for discussion.

Signed.....

Date.....

## 10 Finance

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

Payee	Amount	Reason	Legal power
Village hall	266.32	Hire charge	LGA 1972 s.111
D Tayler	135.84	Clerk's salary April	LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	90.40	PAYE months 1	LGA 1972 s.112
<b>Payments made by delegated authority</b>			
Karen Debenham	338.68	Coronation invoices	LGA 1972 s.111
Stephanie Evans	220.00	Coronation entertainment	LGA 1972 s.111
Deborah Brame	302.00	Coronation catering	LGA 1972 s.111
Clownaround Castles	235.00	Bouncy Castle	LGA 1972 s.111
Cheryl Andrews	155.10	Coronation tableware	LGA 1972 s.111
Karen Debenham	323.38	Pressure washer etc Butchers Field	LGA 1972 s.111
SALC	143.60	Annual subscription	LGA 1972 s.111
Westcotec	3690.00	Speed Indicator Device	LGA 1972 s.111

c) There was one receipt on 31 March of £1570.00 from the Lottery Fund for the Coronation expenditure. There was a receipt of £309.75 from ESC for a CIL payment and £6345.00 for the precept payment paid on 28 April.

d) Councillor Debenham had checked and signed the bank reconciliation for the months to 31 March 2023 and 2 May 2023. The balance on that date was £40303.18.

e) The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed.

It was suggested that the clerk send an article to the parish magazine asking for ideas for projects that the PC can fund. Councillor Debenham would like to get power and water to Butchers Field, Councillor French will ask her electrician/plumber to provide a quote. A project plan is needed.

## 11 Community issues

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

Councillor Debenham will make arrangements to move the SID on 10 June.

*b) Butchers Field (Cllr Benson)*

It has been agreed to pay Ed Benson for the work he does on Butchers Field. The clerk will write to him for an invoice.

*c) Plastic Champions (Cllr Cross)*

Councillors Cross and Benson are discussing the provision of a box/cover for the new bins.

*d) Community Partnerships and chat bench in particular*

The chat bench has now been resited and is in a much improved position.

*e) Footpaths (Cllr Debenham)*

There was a complaint about a horse rider using a public footpath but the owner has not been identified.

*f) Vehicle Charging Point (Cllr Cross)*

Councillor Cross has written to Stephen Burroughs who is supposed to be asking someone from SCC to get in touch. It appears that the PC does own the equipment as we applied for the grant through the Plug In Suffolk Community Grant Scheme.

*g) Climate initiative (Cllr Mercer)*

Councillor Mercer advised the thermal imaging will take place in November.

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

Councillor Gathorne-Hardy advised that following Community Mapping it was discovered there are over

100 species of flora in Chapel Lane.

i) *Grit bins*

It was agreed the PC should purchase a new grit bin for Chapel Lane as ESC have advised the existing one cannot be mended.

**12 Next meetings**

The next meetings will be on 12 September and 12 December at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 20.40.