

## **Minutes of the 226th meeting of Great Glemham Parish Council held in the village hall on 2 March 2018**

**Present:** Jennifer Beaumont; Edward Benson; John Cross; Karen Debenham; Sasha French; Argus Gathorne-Hardy (Chairman); Diane Minns; Duncan McIver; Nicholas Redman (Honorary Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mark Runnacles (family commitment); Elaine Lewis (holiday). In addition, John McNamara, Community Relations Manager for Sizewell C, had cancelled his planned trip to join the meeting on account of the severe weather. County Councillor Stephen Burroughes cancelled his trip to Great Glemham for the same reason.

**In attendance:** two electors; Jason Gathorne-Hardy, partner in Great Glemham Farms.

**Vacancy and co-option:** The meeting unanimously supported the co-option of Sasha French.

**Planning:** There was a proposed listing of the war memorial. After discussion, it was agreed to support the listing.

**Great Glemham Farms report:** Jason Gathorne-Hardy, a partner in Great Glemham Farms, reported how Great Glemham Farms personnel had recently met the highway authority's request to assist with clearing roads blocked by heavy snow falls.

He had also undertaken a footpath review and reported his findings to the county council.

The higher level stewardship programme will come to an end in February 2019. However, the Farms would still seek to use sustainable methods of farming and were considering various ideas under a working title of "Vale of Great Glemham".

Jason Gathorne-Hardy would follow up issues as follows:

- reiterate to the farming contractors the need to drive heavy vehicles at appropriate speeds on local roads;
- look into with a view to resolving "over-spraying" of crops; and
- set gas-powered bird scarers appropriately for those living or walking in the parish.

In addition, Jason Gathorne-Hardy kindly agreed to ask Great Glemham Farms personnel to patch the hard standing for cars near the church: this would encourage neighbouring householders to use this area for parking as the road at that point. **ACTION: Jason Gathorne-Hardy.**

**Highways:** Jeni Beaumont reported some successes, notably the repair of a dangerous pothole in Low Road close to the track to Hall Farm. She is keeping a close watch on other damage to the road surfaces in the parish. There were also reports of numerous **ACTION: Jennifer Beaumont.**

**Data protection:** The Honorary Clerk would work up a statement for discussion at the next meeting. **ACTION: Honorary Clerk.**

**Any other business:** The Honorary Clerk reported that he had been sent by one of the children in the village a design for a village sign. The parish council agreed to discuss this proposal at a later meeting.

**Finance:** The Honorary Clerk reported that there were no pressing issues in relation to the Precepted funds; the budgeting process had been sound. He was now starting to deal with the up-coming audit. He had also agreed with the owner of the solar power generation business on Parham Airfield, Bay-va, the amount of the latest instalment of the funds due to the parish council under a 2013 planning agreement. This was £5375. It was agreed that this would be discussed fully at the annual meeting in May. However, it would be useful to list ideas already put forward:

- support for the 121 bus (the only scheduled bus serving the parish);
- support for the proposed window in memory of the late Marian Heffer and her tireless work for the good of the parish;
- support for the Ladies Club to pay speakers;
- means of discouraging speeding in the parish;
- support for new heaters and new chairs for the village hall; and
- a longer term fund for services and assets for the parish and the community.

**Defibrillator:** The Honorary Clerk had prepared some laminated versions of the instructions.

**SUMA:** This is a co-operative business which delivered food, foodstuffs and household goods. It was agreed that the discussion would be postponed till the annual meeting in May.

**Transparency code:** The draft of these minutes should be circulated between members for a short while. Then that draft (marked as such) should be posted on the parish site and the minutes for the meeting on 1 December should no longer be marked as "draft".

**Butchers Field:** Edward Benson outlined that the equipment was in good order and that the space was kept tidy thanks to the tireless work by Simon Beaumont.

**Trees:** The Chairman reported that he had taken delivery of a significant number of trees (which were still small) for planting in the parish by means of a community effort. **ACTION:** Chairman to give notice of roughly when the planting could take place.

**Refuse and litter:** Diane Minns had kindly worked with the district council on working up a community litter pick. The same child who had prepared the design for a village sign had prepared a poster/leaflet setting out all relevant facts: start at the village hall at 10:30am on Sunday 15 April; gloves are provided by the district council; children and dogs are welcome if they are supervised; pickers should wear boots; and each group should have at least one member wearing a luminous jacket. Refreshments available afterwards in the village hall.

*NA Redman, Honorary Clerk*

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