

GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Great Livermere Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 7:30pm in Great Livermere Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: P Johnson, B Clay J Hartley & B. Cllr S Brown.

1. Apologies for absence Cllr: A Hudson, J Coates & Cllr Hopfensperger.

In the absence of Cllr Hudson Cllr Hartley chaired the meeting.

2. Co-option of new Councillor

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk at Greatlivermerepc@hotmail.com

3. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

3.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

3.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.

3.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None.

4. Minutes Minutes of the Wednesday 12th September 2018 meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. Meeting open to the public None present.

6. Report from County Councillor: R Hopfensperger

Cllr Hopfensperger was unable to attend the meeting and made no report.

7. Report from B. Councillor: S. Brown

As we have been made aware the Boundary Commission are not proposing any changes to the ward boundary in which Gt Livermere sits. There is going to be a vote, on the 20th November, to see if the new West Suffolk Council should be a District or Borough Council. This would mean either a Mayor, with a Borough Council or a Chairman with a District Council. The Parish Council would like to see it remain as a Borough Council and retain the Mayor. There is likely to be an increase in the fee for the brown bin, from £40 PA to £43 PA. The Parish Council support this increase.

8.1 Chairman's Report

No report.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Boundary Commission review, final recommendations, for information.

See under Cllr Browns report.

8.2.2 Questionnaire, collection of questionnaires.

The questionnaires have now all been received back and the clerk will continue to input them so the results can be analysed.

Action Clerk

8.2.3 Relocation of litter bin, bench purchase/installation and other works in the village.

The Clerk is meeting with a contractor on Friday at 10.30 to discuss a number of issues in the village. These include: Bench installation, bin relocation, no parking sign installation, phone box refurbishment and works to the war memorial.

Action Clerk



8.2.4 Purchase of SID (Speed Indicator Device) and rota for moving/charging.

The device should now have been received back from Troston. A Bi monthly rota was agreed. The Clerk will prepare this and send it out to all. **Action Clerk**

8.2.5 Feral Chickens, plan for ongoing control.

Cllr Hartley has been working, with some local residents, to address the problem. However this is only in one area. The problem is much more widespread and still needs a longer term solution. Cllr Hartley will make some further enquires, as will the Clerk with a rehoming charity.

Action Cllr Hartley/Clerk

8.2.6 Report from Parish Conference

The Clerk attended the recent Town and Parish Conference on the 15 October in Mildenhall and provided the brief report below:

Introduction and welcome by Councillor Robert Everitt who is responsible for Families and Communities in St Edmundsbury. Jill Korwin – gave an update on St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Single Council changes after the elections. New West Suffolk Council will be the 7th largest District Council in the UK. Focus is on delivering services/ stabilising finances/ opportunities for savings. It is a complex project plan involving policy alignment.

Boundary review – 23 October the Boundary Commission will be made public. Fewer councillors - from 72 to 64. Wards sizes are approximately 2,000.

Civic Leadership review – Mayor or Chairman? 20 November it will go to the shadow council.

Budget – needs to be balanced and sustainable. Key principles are strategic for growth/ housing/farming and communities/ savings to be achieved. £4 million has been saved already by joining together.

County lines – national/ local/press coverage/ serious safeguarding (e.g. drug lines from London to recruit youngsters in our area)

West Suffolk Community Partnership – working to take action to reduce violence/ harm to individuals/ keep alert/ feedback regarding concerns. Report using 101/ training later to look out for signs.

Overall it is a positive time for West Suffolk and St Edmundsbury Council. Connectivity leads to strong communities.

Civil parking enforcement was raised. There is not enough Parliament time at present. The legal process has been pushed back. Response due by 19 November.

Andy Oswald - Community Energy, Warm homes/ healthy people. Leaflet available.

£1,000 grants available for community buildings e.g. village halls re- heating, lighting

Green Business Grant – adviser can come to do an audit and a report free - looks at energy use/ efficiency/ reusable energy looks at the Carbon Footprint of the village. There is a Rural Community Energy Fund.

Sally Connick - Good Neighbourhood Planning – Loneliness. The Government Loneliness

Strategy was launched today, discussions around ways of setting up groups to combat loneliness in rural communities as well as towns. Encouraging a mix of people, elderly and younger.

9. Finance.

9.1 Payments. The following payments were approved:

Admin		£4,998.37 (4998.37)
CAS Website hosting	100151	£60.00

9.2 Budget

The Clerk prepared some figures for consideration. The budget, and precept amount was agreed, with a zero percent increase at £5310. The Clerk will submit the relevant paperwork to St Edmundsbury Borough Council. **Action Clerk**

10. Bus Shelter

No report.

11. Footpath leaflet

The Clerk has contacted SCC and Cllr Hopfensperger to see if SCC are still producing walking leaflets. She is still awaiting a response.

Action Clerk

12. Welcome Pack.

This is still a work in progress.

13. Highway/village matters

13.1 Streetlights, Troston Road.

The Clerk has contacted SCC and Cllr Hopfensperger and is still awaiting a response

14. Village Hall

No report made.

15 Play Area to include:

15.1 Play area report.

The results of the questionnaire will be taken into consideration before any decisions about new equipment is made.

15.2 Parking/driving play area.

The parked car appears to have been moved. The new no parking sign will go up soon.

16. Phone box, book exchange

See under Clerks report.

17. War Memorial Update on refurbishment

See under Clerks report.

18. Planning Matters

No applications received.

19. Councillors reports and items for future agendas.

No requests made.

20. Data Protection Act

The Clerk is arranging a compliance meeting for next year.

21. Correspondence for information

21.1 Final recommendations for new council ward boundaries in West Suffolk published. Circulated.

21. 2 Enforcement Policy Consultation. Circulated.

21. 3 Member development county lines, awareness session. The Clerk will be attending this.

21.4 West Suffolk, information session given by the Development Management Team. The Clerk will be attending this

21.5 Polling District Review for West Suffolk Council, circulated.

22. Date for next meetings: January 29th 2019. March 26th 2019. May 21st 2019

23. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: 23.1 Personnel Issues. None. 23.2 Legal Issues. None.