

## GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Livermere Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 7:30pm in Great Livermere Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: A Hudson, P Johnson, B Clay & Cllr Hopfensperger,

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr: J Hartley, J Coates & B. Cllr S Brown

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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. **Meeting open to the public** 1-member present.

Concerns have been raised about a car parked at the entrance to the play area. Parking here blocks access for emergency vehicles and makes getting in to the park difficult, especially if you have a pushchair. Further concerns were raised about the speed at which some drivers drive on the access road to the park. The Clerk will organise for a no parking sign to be installed, on the bollard at the front of the park. She will also contact Havebury and ask that they contact all their tenants in that area to ask that they be considerate with both their parking and driving.

**Action Clerk**

6. **Report from County Councillor:** R Hopfensperger

Cllr Hopfensperger reported that the sink hole in The Street has been repaired. The road is still depressed, and this will continue to be monitored. There was some confusion over the streetlight issue, Cllr Hopfensperger will make some further enquiries. SCC Highways should now fill adjacent potholes, to those reported in a bid to reduce the need to re-visit sites. It was noted that SCC have withdrawn from the Barley Homes project, they felt there were more strategic ways to provide affordable housing in Suffolk.

7. **Report from B. Councillor:** S. Brown

Cllr Brown was unable to attend the meeting.

8.1 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had no report to make.

8.2 **Clerk:**

8.2.1 **Boundary Commission review**

The Clerk submitted a response to the Boundary Commission, supporting their recommendations.

8.2.2 **Questionnaire, distribution of questionnaire**

The questionnaires are still being collected back in. Once all are received back the Clerk will input the responses and report the findings back.

8.2.3 **Relocation of dog waste bin**

St Edmundsbury Borough Council have confirmed that as long as the re-location point is adjacent to a tarmacked road, as is the case for the location identified at the bottom of Callowhill Lane, that they will be able to empty in. We just need to inform them once it has been done.

#### 8.2.4 Possible purchase of new SID (Speed Indicator Device)

Troston Parish Council are happy for Gt Livermere to buy them out of the jointly owned VAS for £600.00. It was agreed to go ahead with this purchase. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements. It was further agreed that a rota for moving and charging the VAS needs to be made. The Clerk will include this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action Clerk**

#### 8.2.5 Purchase of new bench for footpath

The Clerk provided the Councillors with some options for the new bench. It was agreed to purchase the Ashwater seat, from Broxap for £375. We need to find someone to install this. Cllr Brown has agreed to fund this purchase. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

**Action Clerk**

#### 8.2.6 Feral Chickens, Environmental concerns

The residents affected by the feral chickens were told they would need to contact Environmental Health as individuals to report the problem. Following discussions with the owners of the chickens and other local residents the owners have agreed to the chickens being caught and dealt with. This is currently happening, and the situation is slowly coming under control.

Sadly, the problem with feral chickens is not just isolated to this area. There is a big problem with feral chickens all over the village. It was agreed that we need to come up with a plan to address this problem. To this end the Clerk will include this an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Action Clerk**

#### 9. Finance. The following accounts were approved and signed by two signatories

Admin	£524.68
Grass cutting	£210.00
Bus shelter, cleaning	£15.00
Troston PC, VAS purchase	£600.00

#### 9.2 Bank reconciliation

The Clerk prepared an up to date bank reconciliation for the Councillors consideration.

#### 9.3 Budget 2019/20

The Clerk prepared some figures for consideration for the budget. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

#### 10. Bus Shelter

This has been cleaned.

#### 11. Footpath leaflet

It was agreed to look again at the possibility of producing our own leaflet. The Clerk will contact SCC regarding this.

**Action Clerk**

#### 12. Welcome Pack.

This is still a work in progress.

#### 13. Highway/village matters

The Church Road report is now closed.

#### 14. Village Hall

There is a men's breakfast this Saturday. Unfortunately, the next quiz night has been cancelled.

**15 Play Area** to include: Play area report.

The replacement of the springy was discussed. It was decided that we would look at the results of the questionnaire before making a decision regarding any replacement equipment for the play area.

Play area inspections:

The approach to playground inspections across West Suffolk (covering the existing Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury areas) will be aligned from 1 April 2019. As a result, the playground inspection service will be offered to all parish and town councils at no cost for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21. Parish and Town councils will be required to 'opt in' to receive the service and the Parks Service will be contacting us in December 2018 to confirm these arrangements. The playground inspection service includes a monthly inspection by a qualified officer from the West Suffolk Parks Service and an annual inspection by an external organisation.

**16. Phone box, book exchange**

The Clerk contacted D Palmer but unfortunately, he was unable to help with the repair. It was agreed that we would continue to look for a work man who can carry out all the jobs in the village. Currently they are: Installation of new bench, once received. Refurbishment of the phone box, works to fence at war memorial & relocation of dog waste bin.

**Action All/Clerk**

**17. War Memorial** Update on refurbishment

Cllr Hudson will get in the materials for this job.

**Action Cllr Hudson**

**18. Planning Matters**

18.1 DC/18/1384/LB Removal of existing conservatory above plinth and re-construction of new Conservatory. The Cottage Barton Road Great Livermere. **No objection.**

**19. Councillors reports and items for future agendas.**

No reports received.

**20. Data Protection Act** To discuss future arrangements to comply with new Data Protection laws.

The Clerk continues to work towards compliance.

**21. Correspondence for information**

None received.

**22. Date for next meetings:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**23. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:** 23.1 Personnel Issues. 23.2 Legal Issues.