

GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Livermere Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2019
7:30pm in Great Livermere Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: P Johnson J Hartley Cllr: A Hudson,

1. **Apologies for absence**, B Clay, C. Cllr Hopfensperger & B. Cllr S Brown

2. **Co-option of new Councillor**

After the last meeting Jackie Coates stood down as Councillor. The vacancy has been advertised and a resident, Helen Johnston, applied for the position. Helen Johnston was co-opted on to and welcomed to the Parish Council. The relevant paperwork was completed, and the Clerk will inform St Edmundsbury Borough Council of the new appointment. **Action Clerk**

3. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

3.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. Cllr Hudson declared an interest in item 18.1 on the agenda, he left the meeting during the discussion.

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 14th November 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

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

8.1 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had no report to make.

8.2 **Clerk:**

8.2.1 Works in village to include: Relocation of litter bin, bench installation, Phone box repair, war memorial works and Sign erection.

Unfortunately, the Clerk was unable to meet with the contractor to discuss the works in the village, but Cllr Hartley was able to meet with him instead. They discussed all the works above for a total price of £870. It was agreed as the costs of the phone box repairs were relatively small that we would not pursue reimbursement through the insurance company. The bench has been ordered and will be delivered directly to the contractor. The Chairman and Clerk will prepare and send off a contracted works document to the contractor prior to the commencement of the works.

Action Chairman/Clerk

8.2.2 Feral Chickens, plan for ongoing control.

Cllr Hartley has been working with Tony Redman to address the problem with the chickens, with some success. The Clerk has been in touch with both Watton Norfolk Fresh Start for Hens and PACT Animal Sanctuary, both of whom may be able to help with rehoming some hens but possibly not the cockerels. The Clerk will pass the contact details for these organisations on to Cllr Hartley and Cllr Hartley will continue to work with Tony Redman. **Action Clerk**

8.2.3 County Lines, information following presentation

County lines is when criminals from major cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, London and Birmingham expand their drug networks to other areas of the country. This activity brings violence, exploitation and abuse to rural communities.

The crime is called county lines because a single telephone number is used to order drugs, operated from outside the area.

County line networks are having a massive impact on rural counties. Vulnerable children and adults are being recruited to transport cash and drugs all over the country. This keeps the true criminals behind it detached from the act and less likely to be detected or caught.

There are several signs to look out for when someone has been lured into this activity, these include:

Change in behaviour

Signs of assault and/or malnutrition

Access to numerous phones

Use of unusual terms e.g. going country

Associating with gangs

Unexplained bus or train tickets

School truancy or going missing

Unexplained gifts (clothes, trainers) and cash

Something else associated with County Lines is 'Cuckooing' This is a form of crime in which drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for drug dealing or for the storage of weapons. No Town or Village is immune, and communities need to know the facts.

Facts

There is a rise in violence which is mostly between offenders.

The majority coming here are between 18 and 20 years old but be broadminded regarding age.

It is a priority in Suffolk and the West, so what is being done?

Monthly meetings

19 County Lines are known (tip of the iceberg) – medium risk. Each line is prioritised based on threat type. Every quarter there is liaison over the weeks of action. Multi-agency response > details to each section > tactical actions. Hotspots change daily/ weekly.

The Police are not solving this problem but they their aims are to disgrace and disrupt so we are no longer a soft target. Liaison takes place with the Metropolitan Police, London – (the Police Gangs Unit) In the last 6 months there has been zero high risk and some medium risk issues.

Some local youths are going to London to collect drugs and return. Suffolk is becoming very hostile to the County Lines process. This is the main aim. There are fewer young people turning to drugs than 10 years ago. If you have any information on county lines drugs networks, you can contact us anonymously on 0800 555 111

9. **Finance.**

9.1 Payments. The following payments were approved:

Admin			£518.77
SEBC	Grass cutting	100065	£1113.55

The quote for next years grass cutting from SEBC was received. It is for £937.50, just under a £10 increase on last year

10. **Bus Shelter**

No report.

11. Footpath leaflet

SCC still produce walk leaflets and share the costs of producing the leaflets with the Parish Councils. Leaflets are distributed around Tourist Information Centres, local shops, pubs etc as well as being available on their Discover Suffolk website. The cost of designing and printing the leaflets is currently split 50/50. For 2,000 leaflets the costs of designing and printing are around £795, which the Parish Council would be expected to contribute 50% towards. Then the leaflets are shared out between the Parish Council and Suffolk County Council i.e.: 1,000 leaflets each. The Councillors agreed they would like to go ahead with this project, the Clerk will contact SCC to make the necessary arrangements.

Action Clerk

12. Welcome Pack.

The Clerk has been working on the welcome pack and passed a hard copy to the new Councillor, Cllr Johnston, as a new resident, for her input. A PDF copy will be sent to the other councillors for their consideration also.

Action Cllr H Johnston & Clerk

13. Highway/village matters

13.1 Streetlights, Troston Road.

Unfortunately, SCC cannot carry out the work until UK Power Networks have attended to remove the existing service cable and install a new supply cable. The delay is because the underground cable is one that cannot be worked on safely and requires the cable to be removed back to the main supply cable with a new service cable installed; this is at UK Power Networks cost and can only be carried out then; it may involve considerable trenching works depending where the nearest suitable cable is. The Clerk will continue to chase this with SCC and see if she is able to contact UK Power Network directly to try to expedite the works.

Action Clerk

A date for the next litter pick was agreed for Saturday 9th March, 10.30 start, meeting at the War memorial. The Clerk will contact SEBC about the equipment, to be delivered to Cllr P Johnsons house and put up a poster to advertise the event. Cllr P Johnson will let Mathew Elliston know the date and details.

Action Cllr Johnson/Clerk

14. Village Hall

There was no report this month, although it was noted that the door code has been changed.

15. Questionnaire, analyses of responses

The Clerk has collated the responses received so far but there are still some questionnaires, received that night, that still need to be input and analysed. The Clerk will do this and prepare a report for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

16 Play Area to include:

16.1 Play area report.

The purchase/repair of equipment will be discussed at the next meeting once the questionnaire results have been analysed.

17. VAS

It would appear that the batteries are not holding their charge. The Clerk will find out how much 2 replacement would be.

Action Clerk

18. Planning Matters

18.1 DC/18/0902/LB RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL

Application for Listed Building Consent - (i) First floor rear extension with balcony (ii) Single storey rear extension (partial demolition of existing rear extension) (iii) Alterations to roof structure (iv) Replacement staircase (v) Replacement windows (vi) Internal and external alteration works as listed in Heritage Statement. Church Close, Church Road, Great Livermere, Mr & Mrs Adam Hudson.

Objection

18.2 Approved Application DC/18/2320/HH construction of greenhouse, The Cottage Barton Road Great Livermere IP31 1JG. **Noted**

19. Councillors reports and items for future agendas.

The dog waste bin, next to the village hall, has lost its lid. The Clerk will look in to replacement costs.

Action Clerk

The right of way sign, adjacent to the village hall is rotten. The Clerk will report this. **Action Clerk**

It would appear that the resident, who had concerns about cars at the play area, has not been updated by Havebury as we had hoped. The Clerk will contact him to discuss this further.

Action Clerk**20. Data Protection Act**

Ongoing.

21. Correspondence for information

None received.

22. Date for next meetings: 26th March 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. New pay scale and contract of employment. Cllr H Johnston will look at these.

23.2 Legal Issues. None.