

MINUTES OF GREAT LIVERMERE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 9TH MAY 2017 7.00 AT GREAT LIVERMERE VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr J Coates

2. Minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting 3rd May 2016 as a correct record. Unfortunately, the minutes from this meeting were not available.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. None

Followed by:

4. Report from Parish Council Chairman: Jim Hartley

I would like to welcome everyone to the annual parish meeting. Thank you for all your support during the Year which has been much appreciated. Thanks especially to Vicki who has been with us for a year and has fitted in so well and worked with enthusiasm and good humour.

I would also like to express my thanks to Councillor Philip Johnson for his work as internal auditor.

We are grateful for Tanya's contribution during the year and are sad to lose her but wish her well. Thanks, she has left us a proof copy of the welcome pack which now needs more work done on it

We have had a fairly uneventful year at but did enjoy a very successful Queen's birthday tea put on by the village hall committee. We have also had a new kitchen in the village hall and I would like to express thanks to councillor Brown for his support and contribution and to Councillor Clay

We have planted some daffodils and together with those already planted meant the Village looked splendid this spring

After three or four years petitioning the council we had work done to solve the flooding outside Joan Pettit's house in Mere View the work has been done but we don't know yet how successful it has been as we haven't had any rain since

The bus shelter has been repaired but we are still waiting for the erection of the notice board

The play area has been checked, maintained and repaired as required and thanks go to Councillor Johnson. The footpaths and pavements are in good order and the village on the whole looks pretty good at the moment. The litter pick was very successful and our thanks to Matthew Ellison for organising that.

We did investigate the possibility of some grants to prevent a recurrence of flooding in the village but progress has stalled on that. The VAS was deployed for part of last year and is due to return from Troston soon.

As this is my last time as Chairman I would like to express my thanks to all the councillors and members of the public who have supported me over the last 4 years. I wish my successor all the best.

5. Report from County Councillor: No report received.

6. Report from Borough Councillor: Simon Brown

Cllr Brown reported that St Edmundsbury had spent a lot of the previous year working towards Devolution and looking at various schemes that the extra funding from this would support. These include a new waste hub and the Bury Masterplan. Unfortunately, due to Norfolk County Council pulling out of the devolution deal, Suffolk County Council had no option but not to proceed. This means that funding for the Waste Hub and Masterplan will need to be found elsewhere. This could be revenue from extra housing or other, more commercial, planning applications. It is likely that St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath will formally merge. They have been sharing services, and saving money, for some time, but this move will formalise the arrangement.

7. Report from Community Police Officer: No report received.

8. To receive a report from the Calthorpe & Edwards Educational Trust

The Trust is a charity set up to help local young people who are attending college or university with the purchase of books or equipment for their courses.

This takes the form of an annual grant which is paid termly. It is usually limited to 3 years, however can be extended at the Trustees' discretion but not over 25 years of age. This year the Trust has made payments to individuals of £300 (annual total).

There were 3 recipients in Great Livermere, young people who are studying Zoology, Construction and Forensic Science. (13 in Ingham, and others in outlying villages) New applications for grants are invited each year and should be submitted to the clerk (Mrs R Boswell) by 15th September

9 To receive a report from the Great and Little Livermere Feoffment Fund from Margaret Hartley

The Great and Little Feoffment Fund is comprised of a group of Charities set up from the Middle Ages onwards to give aid to elderly people in Great and Little Livermere. The Trustees are able to use interest from the invested Charity money to give a sum of money each year to qualifying households.

To qualify people must have lived in the village for over a year and be over 65, with one grant per household. The Revd. Tony Redman is Chairman and the Trustees are: Margret Hartley (secretary) Jacky Coates, Heather Hibberd and Mathew Elliston – all from this village.

In December 2016 21 households in Great Livermere and 1 household in Little Livermere received the sum of £45.00

10. To receive a report from Great Livermere Village Hall

In the last year, the kitchen has been re-furbished, mainly due to the hard work of Cllr Clay and with financial help from Simon Brown at St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The Auction and Coffee mornings are still going strong. The recent quiz night was great fun, with about 12 in attendance. The annual fun day will be held on September the 3rd. All welcome

11. Good neighbours scheme

The good neighbours scheme has been running now for nearly twelve months. We have about thirty volunteers and a team of twelve manning the telephone on a rota basis. We receive about three calls a week, often less. For details of what the scheme can provide please see the publicity materials and parish magazine. The scheme is linked to the Suffolk community partnership, and all volunteers are now DBS checked through them. It is early days for the project but many say they feel safer in the villages knowing the scheme exists, even if they don't use it.

12. Any other Business the Chairman may allow.

None received.

Meeting closed 7.25 pm