

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

	<p>Members present: Councillor Hartley in the chair, Councillors Johnson, King, Waterson and Williams along with County Councillor R Hopfensperger, PCSO J Morton and Mrs. Waples (Clerk).</p>	
1.0	<p><u>Opening Public Session:</u> There were no members of the public present</p>	
2.0	<p><u>County Councillor's Report:</u> County Cllr. Hopfensperger was invited to submit her report in which she brought the Council's attention to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judicial review had upheld SCC's decision regarding the Rougham Hill Waste Transfer Station. Although it had been agreed that the site was suitable, SCC was looking at alternative sites with a mind to move the depot from West Suffolk House and combine it with a possible transfer site.</li> <li>• Suffolk County Council and all the seven District and Borough Councils in Suffolk have joined forces under a new initiative entitled Suffolk Energy Action which was a scheme designed to help all Suffolk residents save money on their energy bills and encourage the reduction of carbon emissions through energy efficiency improvements. Suffolk Energy Action had funds available for energy improvements.</li> <li>• Rural Coffee Caravan Club - this would be visiting Great Livermere soon and would be holding information sessions and leaflets as to how these grants would help individual residents. Further information could be obtained via the website <a href="http://www.suffolkenergyaction.org">www.suffolkenergyaction.org</a> or by phone – 0800 840 9090.</li> <li>• Suffolk Waste Partnership - as reported a deal had been struck with Norfolk County Council, subject to Defra approval, that 40K tonnes of Norfolk's Residual Household Waste would be sent to the new Energy from Waste Plant at Great Blakenham. This would result in savings of £1m with regards to waste. It was confirmed that only dedicated HGV routes would be used.</li> <li>• Future of Suffolk's Children's Centres - it was confirmed that the consultation was ongoing as to the proposed changes to children's centre services across Suffolk. In some areas this might mean relocating some or all of the services currently provided by a local centre to another venue. The centres offered a wide range of services to families with children between 0 and 5 years of age. Some of the centre had high running costs and were not effective at targeting those families in most need. The consultation was accessible from the County's website.</li> </ul>	<p>JC PJ</p>
3.0	<p><u>Borough Councillor's Report:</u> Borough Cllr. Spicer had previously sent his apologies as the meeting clashed with a Diocese meeting he was attending in Ipswich. His only announcement concerned his offer of £500 to the Village Hall from his Locality Budget. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee were currently in contact with Cllr. Spicer.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Bury Rural SNT Police Report:</u> PCSO Jade Morton was invited to submit her report in which she confirmed that there had been 2 crimes since the last meeting: burglary other building in which a padlock had been forced and entry gained to an outbuilding on a large country estate and an industrial pressure washer and attachment had been removed and theft other in which an old metal milking churn had been stolen from outside the village church with the chain and padlock being cut/forced. It was confirmed that the current SNT priorities were speeding and to detect, prevent and deter offences of burglary. It was also noted that the window of a car had also been smashed in a recent attempt at burglary. The Chairman asked that the Church Wardens' thanks be offered for the effort made by the Police in reporting back on the theft from the Church.</p>	

5.0	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome:</u> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Benson and Coates.</li> <li>ii. Council consented to accept these apologies.</li> </ul>	
6.0	<p><u>Review and Adoption of the Revised Suffolk Local Code of Conduct:</u> Following further advice from SALC due to published Government guidance, Council was made aware of three issues that had now been clarified: granting of dispensations; councillor interests and precept setting and a restriction upon councillors if they have Council Tax arrears. In light of these clarifications, Council agreed, as advised, to adopt the revised Suffolk Code of Conduct, aif.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and local non-Pecuniary Interests for the agenda under discussion.</li> <li>ii. There were no requests for dispensation for the agenda under discussion.</li> </ul>	
8.0	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting:</u> Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. It was noted that Cllr. Coates had agreed to speak to the Scout concerned with regards to work to be carried out on the area close to the Phonebox. Until this had been agreed, Cllr. Johnson offered to maintain the area, all were in agreement, aif.</p>	Clerk/SCC
9.0	<p><u>Chairman's Report:</u> The Chairman stated that he felt the village was in good shape. The Paddock had been trimmed and the War Memorial had been transformed. A parishioner had come forward offering to paint the posts around the War Memorial which had been accepted and thanks were given for their assistance.</p>	
10.0	<p><u>Clerk's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Council's Finances stood at £16,813.04 as of July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. Council was aware that it was currently operating at an under-spend for the year to date.</li> <li>ii. Income in the sum of £512.11 from HMRC as a refund of Vat and £116.37 from St Edmundsbury as Recycling Credits had been received and banked since the last meeting.</li> <li>iii. Payment of verified invoices was proposed by Cllr. Johnson and agreed by all: D Thrower £400.00 cheque 367 (Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&amp;10) and V Waples £224.48 cheque 368 (LGA 1972 s111 &amp; 112).</li> <li>iv. To review and adopt the financial orders with reference to the Model 2014 Financial Regulations as produced by NALC - approval of the Financial Regulations as produced by NALC following changes in legislation and adapted to the needs of Great Livermere Parish Council was approved and agreed by all present.</li> <li>v. To receive the External Audit for the Accounts for year ending 31 March 2014 - the external audit for the year 2013/14 was presented to the Council for approval. It was noted that there was a minor issue arising that had come to the Auditor's attention which dealt with the placement of the LCTS grant. The Auditors had requested that in future years this should be in Box 3 and not Box 2. Acceptance of the audit opinion was proposed and approved by all Councillors present. Copies of the conclusion of the audit and the annual return were confirmed as having been placed on the noticeboard.</li> <li>vi. To receive an update on works to the Bus Shelter &amp; costs associated with its installation: Council was advised that an agreement had been reached with Ampton Estates for the hard standing on their side of the road. A price had been received from Highways for removing the shelter/base and bringing that up to DDA standards ready for the new one. Council was asked whether and how much the Parish Council was able to contribute financially to the project -</li> </ul>	<p>JH</p> <p>VW</p> <p>VW</p>

	<p>costs were quotes as £3837.68 for the groundworks and approx. £4220 for the shelter dependent upon the case size. It was proposed and agreed that, with reference to the reserves currently held by the Parish Council, it would be prepared to fund 50% of the final cost assuming that the figures given were fair estimates.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council should consider leaving some spare monies for the possible share purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign with Troston. Council was in agreement however that this would only work if there were volunteers to move the sign from site to site.</p> <p>vii. To consider further the commemoration of the Centenary of the outbreak of WW1 - it was noted that the railings around the War Memorial were to be painted and that the rambling rose bush (after discussions with another parishioner) would be replanted by the Phone-box. It was agreed that the Chairman would discuss a simple ceremony with the Rev. Redman to be held on 4th August between 6 and 7pm.</p> <p>viii. To receive an update on works to the Car Parking Area in Mere View - Council was aware that no further communication had been received from Havebury on this matter and the Clerk was asked to continue to chase.</p> <p>ix. Play Area Inspection Report - Council was made aware that there were no issues arising from the recent play inspection report.</p> <p>11.00 <u>Councillors' reports:</u></p> <p>i. Cllr. King asked that the trees relating to Nos. 1-5, 7-12 and 13-19 Mere View be reassessed by Havebury with regards to growth and impact on BT and Broadband lines.</p> <p>12.00 <u>Planning Issues:</u></p> <p>i. DC/14/0762/TCA - Trees in a Conservation Area - fell 1 Bird Cherry and reduce crown by 30% to 1 Bird Cherry @ The Lodge, Church Road. Council had no objections.</p> <p>ii. DC/14/0803/FUL - remove of existing silage clamp and construction of a new silage clamp to comply with environmental requirements @ Street Farm. Council had no objections.</p> <p>13.00 <u>Correspondence:</u> the following items were brought to the Council's attention:</p> <p>i. Havebury - invitation to attend one of two events being held on Inspiring Confident Communities - 21 October in Bury St Edmunds and 22 October in Haverhill.</p> <p>ii. West Suffolk - Vision 2031 - Notification of the publication of the Inspector's Report - this had been received by the Borough on 14 July 2014. The main modifications would be incorporated into the Vision 2031 Local Plans and go before Full Council on 23rd September 2014.</p> <p>iii. St Edmundsbury Borough Council - a request issued from the Mayor of St Edmundsbury, as a continuation of his encouragement of Family and Community to allow him to join the Parish Council at a meeting to thank Councillors for their continuing work, time and effort in making their villages the welcoming and friendly place it is. It was agreed that the Mayor should be thanked for his letter and kind wishes but that Great Livermere being a very small community would not wish to impose upon his time in such a manner.</p> <p>14.00 There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.</p> <p>Dates of future meeting: Parish Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 all commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	
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