

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL
held on 30th September
2014

	<p>Members present: Councillor Hartley in the chair, Councillors Benson, Coates, Johnson, King, Waterson and Williams along with Borough Councillor C Spicer (latterly), PCSO H Cogman, Mrs. Waples (Clerk) and six members of the public.</p>
1.0	<p><u>Opening Public Session:</u> the following issues were brought to the Council's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flooding that had occurred the previous Friday and in particular in the properties opposite The Paddock along The Street - drains within the village had been unable to cope and water had flooded gardens as it came off the road • grips/drains on Troston Road had been unable to cope and a break-through had been effected into the fields at the back of the properties on The Street which had resulted in run-off from the fields into the back gardens. • a local farmer had begun to dredge his fields and would be rebuilding the banks of the field. <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would pass on these concerns to Highways for a resolution.</p>
2.0	<p><u>County Councillor's Report:</u> no report had been received from County Cllr. Hopfensperger. It was agreed that should one be forthcoming this would be passed onto the Parish Councillors.</p>
3.0	<p><u>Borough Councillor's Report:</u> Borough Cllr. Spicer was invited to submit his report in which he brought the meeting's attention to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision 2031 - now fully adopted, signed and sealed. • Relief Road - direct link from Morteon Hall to the A14 - all agreed and funding had now been sourced. • Great Livermere Village Hall - pleased to have been able to confirm his offer of £500 for flooring repairs from his Locality Budget.
4.0	<p><u>Bury Rural SNT Police Report:</u> PCSO Hollie Cogman was invited to submit her report in which she confirmed that there had been no crimes of note since the last meeting. A speed check had been carried out on the Troston Road on 25th September which had resulted in 1 verbal warning being given during a 30 minute period in the mid morning. It was confirmed that the current SNT priorities were still speeding and to detect, prevent and deter offences of burglary and that hare coursing had been added. There had already been a couple or reports of hare coursing and residents were asked to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. It was also confirmed that there had been an increase in the theft of catalytic converters and that Suffolk Constabulary had been holding free marking sessions across the county.</p>
5.0	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome:</u> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that there were no applicable apologies.</p>
6.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> <i>Standing Order 3m was suspended due to changes in legislation</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and local non-Pecuniary Interests for the agenda under discussion. ii. There were no requests for dispensation for the agenda under discussion.
7.0	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting:</u> Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of July 22nd 2014 were approved and signed</p>

	<p>by the Chairman as a true and accurate record, aif.</p> <p>8.0 <u>Chairman's Report:</u> The Chairman reported that the WW1 Commemorative event held on 4th August had been well attended and was a very pleasant occasion with refreshments and a dedication by the Revd. Tony Redman. It was agreed that it would be good to have another occasion for the village to come together and celebrate - possible the unveiling of the new Bus Shelter. It was noted that the footpath through the Paddock had been trimmed and that the village looked good. It was mentioned and agreed that the benches within the village still needed works carried out to them and the Clerk was asked to chase up the contractor for a date. It was also confirmed that the Village Fun Day had been well attended and shown a 3% increase in profits with a large number of children attending.</p> <p>9.0 <u>Clerk's Report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. To amend Standing Order 3m with regards to the Government's Amendments to the 1960 Act under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation Act 2014 (2014 Regulations) - following the receipt of the Clerk's report on the changes brought about by the 2014 Regulations, Council was in agreement to amend the wording of Standing Order 3m to incorporate the new provisions in the act which now allows a person to use modern communication methods at a parish council meeting. It was noted that further revisions may be provided by the Legal Department at NALC and that the Council would revisit this matter if so required. ii. To note changes to Council's Powers to Discharge Functions as per amendments under the 2014 Regulations - the Clerk tabled a paper which made reference to the changes under the 2014 Regulations in access to records with regards to decisions made by officers of the Council. Council noted the report. iii. Council's Finances stood at £14,811.31 as of September 30th 2014. Council was aware that it was currently operating at a slight under-spend for the year to date. iv. No income had been received since the last meeting. v. Payment of verified invoices was proposed by Cllr. Johnson and agreed by all: V Waples £138.73 cheque 370 (LGA 1972 s111 & 112); Information Commissioner £35.00 cheque 371 (Data Protection Act) & HMRC £76.00 cheque 372 (Income & Taxes Acts). vi. To receive an update on works to the Bus Shelter & costs associated with its installation: Council was advised that the Council's contribution had been accepted and that the order was still to be placed for ground works and the new bus shelter. It was confirmed that there would be 3 noticeboards: one for the Parish Council; one for the village and one for SCC/Bus Timetables. vii. To receive an update on works to the Car Parking Area in Mere View - Council was made aware that, despite chasing, there had still been no further communication from Havebury on this matter and the Clerk was asked to continue to chase. viii. To receive an update on the issues relating to trees in Mere View - Havebury had confirmed that the upkeep of the trees was the responsibility of the tenants and an agreement would have been signed to that effect by the tenant. It had been agreed that the Tree Contractor would be asked to reassess the trees and advise the tenants accordingly. Residents were advised to check their tenancy agreement for such a clause. ix. Clerk's report - Council was made aware that the Clerk had attended an Information Day during which the following had been covered: Behaviour of members of the public and standing orders; complaints against councils, councillors and clerks; filming and social media; delegated decisions and FOI and data protection. 	<p>Clerk/SCC</p> <p>Clerk/ Havebury</p> <p>Havebury</p>
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10.0	<p><u>Councillors' reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr. Williams made the meeting aware that she would be resigning from the Parish Council with immediate effect due to an imminent move out of the village. She also confirmed that she had resigned her role as SALC Representative. It was confirmed that as soon as the resignation was received in writing by the Chairman the Clerk would be able to advertise the vacancy. ii. Cllr. Waterson enquired as to whether the Parish Council could progress the sharing of a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign with Troston and whether additional posts may be needed upon which the sign would be fixed. iii. Cllr. Waterson enquired as to whether the village should consider installing a defibrillator in the Village Hall. It was agreed that, in the first instance, the Clerk would liaise with the Parish Clerk to Troston who were considering such a device. 	
11.00	<p><u>Planning Issues:</u></p> <p>St Edmundsbury had advised the Parish Council of the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Permission to fell 1 Bird Cherry and reduce crown by 30% to 1 Bird Cherry @ The Lodge, Church Road. Council had no objections. ii. Planning Permission for the removal of existing silage clamp and construction of a new silage clamp to comply with environmental requirements @ Street Farm. 	
12.00	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> the following items were brought to the Council's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SCC - Natural Environment Team - cuts to be made to the roadside nature reserve No. 180 at Great Livermere. 	
13.00	<p><u>Closing Comments from the Public:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Brambles overhanging the wall of The Paddock - it was noted that these would be cut back within the next week or two. ii. Borough Cllr. Spicer made the meeting aware that the Area Manager for Western Highways would be attending a meeting in Pakenham to discuss ongoing Highways issues. He recommended that the Parish Council ask for a meeting to include a 'Village Tour' to ensure all issues were covered. 	
14.00	<p>There being no other business the Chairman ask that the Council's thanks be given to Cllr. Williams for her dedication and service to the Parish. Cllr. Williams was presented with a gift for her new abode.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.</p> <p>Dates of future meeting: 25th November 2014 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	