

GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Great Livermere Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017
7:30pm in Great Livermere Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: J Hartley, P Johnson, B Clay, J Coates, a Hudson, & B. Cllr S Brown

1. **Cllr Clark.** To note Tanya Clarks resignation. Due to moving away Cllr Clark has resigned from the Parish Council.

2. **Apologies for absence** C. Cllr R Hopfensperger

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 31st January 2017 meeting agreed and signed as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

5. **Meeting open to the public**

None present.

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

Report received after the meeting:

WSOH

The planning application for the West Suffolk Operational Hub has now gone live and can be viewed here <http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/wsoperationalhub.cfm>, the community liaison group has organised a public drop in session which will be held at Fornham St Martin village hall on 1st April between 10 and 2. There are 21 days from the date of publication for people to make a comment.

Budget

Since our last meeting, the SCC budget was approved which included £31.5m saving proposals which still left a budget shortfall therefore £8.5m was taken out of reserves. The adult social care precept was continued for a second year at 3% this will raise £8.5m and will be ring fenced for adult social care only, for an average band d property it will equate to £56 a year on your council tax bill. Your general council tax was frozen for another year.

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

Report not yet received.

8. **Police Newsletter**

The Clerk has circulated the latest newsletter to the Councillors

Meeting reconvened

9. **Progress reports.** For information, from:

9.1. Chairman

The post box needs to be re-painted. The Clerk will contact Royal Mail regarding this

Action Clerk

9.2 Clerk:

9.2.1 General Power of Competence. (GPC)

GPC is the power to do anything a person may generally do. Adopting the GPC, allows a council to widen its powers of expenditure and is an extra protection against acting outside of its powers. It is also the power of first resort, which means for almost everything the council undertakes, it will do so by virtue of GPC. The Council would still have to rely on its powers to precept, put in place byelaws etc. as a person could not do that. The Council would no longer use s137 to issue grants, which means you are not bound to the statutory restrictions of it. The adoption of the power is still under consideration.

Action Clerk

9.2.2 Procurement Contract. Adoption of document.

The Clerk made the changes, discussed at the last meeting, to the document and has circulated this to the Councillors. Cllr Hudson, who was absent from the last meeting, would like to have the opportunity to look at the document prior to its adoption.

Action Clerk

9.2.3 Beacon for WW1

As requested the Clerk provided the Councillors with further information regarding the above. It was agreed that Livermere will not have their own beacon but would be happy to join Troston with their celebrations.

10 Finance. Payments The following payments were approved and the cheques signed by two signatories.

10.1.1 V Gay, Clerks wages for Feb/Mar	000431	£301.94
10.1.2 HMR&C Tax	000432	£75.40
10.1.3 V Gay, expenses	000433	£13.52
10.1.4 Suffolk Preservation Society	000434	£30.00
10.1.5 XL Display, noticeboard	000435	£249.60

10.2 Transparency Code Fund

The Clerk has submitted the application for funding.

10.3 Landscape maintenance quotation 2017

The quotation for landscape maintenance has been received from SEBC for a total cost of £900.93 plus vat. It was agreed to accept this.

Action Clerk

10.4 Barclays Bank, further request for information

The Clerk has prepared a letter providing further details as requested by Barclays. The nominated Councillors signed it the Clerk will send it off.

Action Clerk

10.5 Arrangements for external audit

It was agreed that we will use LCPAS Local Council Public Advice Service for this year's internal audit.

Action Clerk

11. **Bus Shelter** New noticeboards

The Clerk has been working with XK Displays and they are making a bespoke board that will fit the existing struts in the bus shelter. She is arranging for the noticeboard to be sent directly to Urban Forestry who will fit it, for £95, as previously agreed.

12. **Welcome Pack.** Update from Cllr Clark.

Following the resignation of Cllr Clark, Margret Hartley has kindly offered to work on the welcome pack. Cllr Hartley will work with her and has requested that any photos, that were deemed suitable, should be submitted for inclusion.

Action Clerk

13. Highway/village matters to include:

13.1 Feedback on Litter-pick

The litter-pick was deemed a success with approximately 12 sacks of rubbish collected. Grateful thanks were extended to Matthew Elliston who helped to organise the event as well as those who turned up on the day to help.

14. Village Hall to include:

14.1 Confirmation of Non-domestic rates.

Confirmation of the non-domestic rates has been received and will be passed on to the treasurer of the village hall.

The bi monthly quiz is still going strong, the next one will be held on 25th April. The Auction, Scottish Dancing and Coffee mornings are all still regular events. The secretary has had an inquiry about a private booking.

15. Play Area to include:

15.1 Update from Cllr Johnson.

Following inspection Cllr Johnson has raised concerns over the safety of the rope bridge. He feels the screw needs to be replaced but is unsure how to do this, due to the nature of the fitting. The clerk will make inquiries regarding this. **Action Clerk**

15.2 To discuss adoption of Public Spaces Protection Order.

It was agreed not to pursue this for Great Livermere.

16. Planning Matters

None received.

17. Councillors reports and items for future agendas. To include:

17.1 update on Bus Shelter Cleaning.

The clerk has asked for a price for a bi annual clean, she is awaiting a reply. Cllr Clay will ask his window cleaner for a price as well. **Action Cllr Clay/Clerk**

The book exchange - phone box, has a broken pane of glass. Cllr Hudson will arrange to replace it. **Action Clerk**

18. Correspondence for information was noted and included the following:

18.1 Report on Government inquiry into public Parks.

18.2 New white paper on planning

18.3 CAS membership renewal, free.

18.4 SALC, Local Councillor.

19. Date for next meetings: 9th May 2017

20. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

20.1 Personnel Issues. None.

20.2 Legal Issues. None.