

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17th February 2015

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Miss N Booth, Mr B Eaton, Mrs J Mason, Mr J Tierney

Apologies: Mr M Bransby, Mr N Daniels, Cllr A Erskine

Chairman opened meeting at 7.40pm.

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

Public Participation: There were four members of the public present.

Miss Lisle from the Sparrows Corner end of Great Oakley commented on the new ‘gateways’ which have been installed that end of the village, saying that while they are a great idea, they are positioned in the wrong place. They are outside residential properties making visibility difficult whilst coming out of their driveways. Clerk will pass on Cllr Erskine’s details to Miss Lisle and we will contact him also, requesting Highways are asked for them to be moved.

Chairman informed everyone of the successful funding application for the Village Hall flooring which will be added to the amount raised by Mrs Ling and her fundraising. A big thank you to all who helped.

Mr Thompson attended as some preliminary plans have been drawn up of his proposed development next to the school. It shows 59 homes, a Village Hall, car parking and direct access to the school. Mr Thompson will visit the school directly with the proposed plans and following the statutory land surveys, he proposes to hold an exhibition of the plans in the Village Hall where he can be approached for questions, hopefully in April or May.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2015, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Police Report: As we no longer have direct reports from the Police now with information being available on the internet via the Essex Police Website, it was agreed to not include a police report in the future.

Mr Tierney reported that there will be a “street meet” at the Village Hall on 4th March 10 – 11am.

Progress Report:

Helicopters

We previously contacted the commanding officer of RAF Wattisham to report low level hovering of their helicopters for protracted periods of time. He has been in touch to say that type of training has now ceased but can’t promise it won’t start again in the future. They try to train in different areas so as not to disturb the same people each time. He also pointed out that while civilian aircraft cannot fly below 500 feet, military aircraft can and due to the nature of their training this is inevitable.

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping has been reported to Tendring District Council at Honeypot Lane and The Avenue.

Churchyard Water Costs

The PCC contacted us to advise that we used to contribute towards the water costs at the churchyard. We agreed to reinstate this agreement and their treasurer has been contacted.

Pavement – Beaumont Road

It was brought to our attention that a section of the pavement was muddy and flooded so we passed this on to the Rangers team at Tendring District Council.

Searchlight Sites

We received a letter asking if we could assist with the location of searchlight sites. We will respond when we have all the information we need.

Highways: Cllr Erskine sent us an e-mail regarding Quieter Lanes for Rural Essex which is a scheme being adopted by Essex County Council. Chairman read out the email and it was agreed we would take no further action at this time.

Sparrows Corner Lease: We have been in communication with Aileen Middleton from Tendring District Council with regards to securing a new lease of the field at Sparrows Corner but have been unable to find a mutually acceptable agreement. As this area is designated open amenity green space within the emerging Local Plan and should therefore be protected from development, all Councillors agreed to serve a Section 27 Notice, terminating our agreement with TDC. Proposed Mr Spurge, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

Village Sign: Mr Daniels had some sketches drawn up of possible designs, one including the Church was preferred by all. The next stage is to find someone who may be able to forge this out of steel and get some prices.

Payroll Services – Pension Advice: The primary contact to the pension regulator needs to be the Chairman so his details will be passed on to the relevant authority.

EALC – Meeting Legislation: We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that should they not attend a meeting in 6 months they will automatically lose their seat on the Parish Council. If however they are aware they can't attend and it is previously agreed by Council, this will be allowed.

Village Hall/New Village Hall: Chairman reiterated that all information for the proposed development will be available when the display is put up in the Hall. As part of the documentation provided by Mr Thompson were his initial proposals for the funding and future ownership of the New Village Hall. After a brief discussion it was agreed to consider the proposal ahead of further discussion.

Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report.

Planning: We have three applications this month as follows:

Application No: 15/00101/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of storage shed and log cabin and erection of detached 1 bedroom dwelling with associated access, parking, landscaping and ancillary works

Location: Land adjacent Chapel Cottage Stones Green Road Great Oakley

Great Oakley Parish Council had no comments to make.

Application No: 15/00063/LBC

Proposal: Rebuild of unsafe and demolished garden wall with new gates (current work stopped).
Provision of window to 2nd floor bedroom (completed 3 years ago)

Location: Larch House Queen Street Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections to make.

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Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

Nick Daniels	Paint	722257	£ 18.00
Jobsihate	Empty Bins at Burial Ground	722258	£ 50.00
Jobsihate	Hedge at Burial Ground	722259	£ 354.17
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 84.15
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722260	£ 46.08
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722261	£ 242.73
TOTAL			£ 795.13

Village Hall Income

Football Club	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire		£ 102.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Books	Donations		£ 8.34
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Party	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Hall Hire	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Post Office	Hall Hire X 4 months		£ 400.00
TOTAL			£ 676.34

Village Hall Expenditure

Calor	Standing Charge	400702	£ 19.25
Affinity Water	Water	400703	£ 85.50
Mrs Turner	Wages	400704	£ 140.84
Mrs Turner	Village Hall Expenses	Cash	£ 11.21
TOTAL			£ 256.80

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Tendring District Council have offered to attend a meeting to promote recycling in our Parish. It was agreed to not pursue this at this time.

Essex County Council have sent us information regarding the launch of getting around in Essex consultation. Details will be put on our website.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed.....

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