

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr B Eaton, Miss N Booth, Mr J Tierney, Mr C Mayman, County Cllr A Erskine

Apologies: Mrs J Mason, Mr N Daniels, Mr M Bransby

Chairman opened meeting at 7.36pm.

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

Public Participation: Mrs Ling asked when the cheques were paid in from the Dog Club as they haven't cleared her account. Clerk had only just received the Village Hall income and would pay them in when the Post Office was next open in the village.

Mrs Ling also asked if we had a date for the Village Hall flooring to be replaced. We informed her that the contractor is liaising with Mrs Turner as to when the Hall is available.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th February 2015, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

Progress Report:

Sparrows Corner Lease

Having spent the past year attempting to renegotiate the lease for the Sparrows Corner field with Tendring District Council and finding their final position to withhold part of the field and still increase the cost unacceptable, it was reluctantly but unanimously agreed not to renew the lease and a Section 27 Notice has been sent to TDC.

Village Gateways

We previously received concerns from a resident as the new "Village Gateways" have been placed very near to properties and they are too large, creating some obstruction to visibility. We have passed this on to Cllr Erskine and given his details to the resident.

Village Sign

It was agreed to not pursue this project until after the elections which may take place in May.

Village Hall Floor

We are now ready to proceed with the new flooring and the Caretaker's details have been passed to the contractor so a date can be arranged.

Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed to discuss the contract after the May elections. Jobsihate have agreed to continue their cutting programme in the interim.

Highways: Cllr Erskine doesn't have any updates regarding the fly tipping at The Soils but he had provided TDC with the exact location.

Cllr Erskine said that if any pot holes have not been repaired we must inform him so he can look into it. He has reported the holes in Stones Green but these are not a priority to Highways.

Cllr Erskine confirmed the safety cameras on the A120 are now operational and are being enforced.

Pension Regulator: As part of the new Government Pension guidelines we have to choose a regulator. NEST were chosen and our Payroll company will be informed so they can register on our behalf with a one-off cost of £35.00. Proposed Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

SLCC – Wage Change: We have been informed of the update of wages by Society of Local Council Clerks. The hourly rate has changed from £8.428 per hour to £8.613 per hour. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

Village Hall/New Village Hall: Mr Thompson has reported that there may be a delay with the exhibition he plans to hold in the Village Hall. It was also agreed it would be appropriate to wait until after the election in May before entering into any detailed discussions over the hall.

Planning:

Application No: 15/00062/FUL and 15/00063/LBC

Proposal: Rebuild of unsafe and demolished garden wall with new gates. Provision of window to Second floor bedroom

Location: Larch House, Queen Street, Great Oakley

Tendring District Council refused the wall repairs and approved the window. Full information can be found on TDC's website.

Public Rights of Way: There is nothing to report.

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 76.01
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722262	£ 46.08
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722263	£ 275.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722264	£ 242.73
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses	722265	£ 20.28
All Saints Church	Water	722266	£ 17.72
TOTAL			£ 677.82

Village Hall Income

Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Art Club	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Party	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Toddlers	Hall Hire	£ 51.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Hire	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Art Club	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
TOTAL		£ 360.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Mrs Turner	Wages	£ 140.84
Mrs Turner	Cleaning Products	£ 20.49
TOTAL		£ 161.33

After being circulated, accounts were proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

RCCE – Village Halls & Community Buildings Membership

Our membership is now due at a cost of £48.00. Proposed Mr Spurge, seconded Miss Booth, carried unanimously.

Correspondence: There was no further correspondence to discuss.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 8.24pm.

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