

# **Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting**

## **Held at The Village Hall 7:30pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Miss N Booth, Mr J Tierney, Mrs J Mason, Mr B Eaton, County Cllr A Erskine, District Cllr T Howard

**Apologies:** Mr M Bransby, Mr N Daniels

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

**Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.

**Public Participation:** There were three members of the public present with nothing to raise.

**Co-Option of Councillor:** At our meeting in May, Mr M Keating submitted his request to be co-opted into the remaining vacancy on the Parish Council. Due to work commitments he couldn't attend this evening and sends his apologies.

In his absence, his co-option was proposed by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

### **Progress Report**

#### **Post Office Safety Screen**

We had been informed that the Post Office have funding available for a safety screen. Clerk has been in contact with Mr Mystery who suggested we obtain quotes. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Post Office should really pursue this project as they know their safety requirements.

#### **Village Hall Floor**

There is an area of floor in the entrance not covered by the new flooring so the contractor has been contacted to have this done. After discussion it was agreed the bare concrete in front of the urinals in the men's w.c. needs to be painted.

#### **Electric Comparison**

Due to the price of electricity for street lighting being increased, it was agreed we would look for a competitive price from other companies. After investigation, it appears that as the service is unmetered we are unable to do this.

#### **Contracts**

Our grass cutting contract was due for renewal after three years. Our current contractor's revised price was still more competitive than others received four years ago and as they also employ local people it was agreed to offer them the contract again. We have checked our procurement rules and our financial regulations allow us to do this if we have good reason to do so.

#### **Light Inventory**

Our light inventory has been sent to UK Power Networks.

#### **Audit**

The audit has been completed and sent to the External Auditors.

#### **Village Hall Fees**

At last month's meeting Mrs Mason noticed that the Yoga class were paying less than the amount stated on the price list. We asked our Caretaker why this was and we have been informed that it was an historical anomaly from before her time; they will now be paying the same as everyone else.

### **Telephone Box**

Miss Booth expressed concern about the weather turning before the work on the telephone box is completed. Mr Mayman has the parts and is still intending to help with this project.

**Highways:** Mrs Mason reported asbestos fly tipped in the layby at Honeypot Lane. Mrs Mason also brought to our attention a road closure that had occurred on 24<sup>th</sup> June between Beaumont and Stones Green with no apparent reason. Clerk to investigate and report back.

**Village Sign:** Mr Daniels has produced a further design for the village sign which was circulated to everyone. It was agreed to get alternative prices to have it manufactured either in timber or steel.

**Street Lights:** Mr Bransby has kindly worked out the long term cost of having both types of street lights installed and everyone agreed to defer to next month to give Mr Bransby and Mr Daniels the opportunity to have their say.

**Village Hall/New Village Hall:** There is nothing to report this month.

### **Public Rights of Way:**

#### **Sparrows Corner Playing Field**

Mr Bransby reported to TDC that the field hadn't been cut and has asked if permission has been granted for change of use to enable a horse to graze there.

TDC are going to arrange for the field to be cut on a regular basis and have passed the other issue on to their assets department for them to comment directly.

#### **Recreation Field Boundary**

The Bungalow on School Road experienced a fire recently leaving the property in a dangerous condition. We will find out who is responsible for making the site safe. We will also look into the condition of the fencing to the side.

**TDALC Report:** Mr Tierney has circulated information regarding a road closure on the A120 while resurfacing goes ahead. It was agreed to contact the CEO of the Highways England and copy in the local newspaper to object on the grounds of road safety as the by-roads in the area are entirely unsuitable for HGV's and the proposal will result in damage to the already poor infrastructure. Suggest a "convoy" system as an alternative.

### **Planning Applications**

Mr Tierney said that some Parishes are having trouble with the short timescales for "calling in" larger proposed developments.

### **Local Plan**

Public consultation is expected to be early 2016. Cllr Howard said there could/will be interim consultations.

### **Planning:**

Application No: 15/00470/FUL

Proposal: Erection of front porch and insulation and cladding to whole house

Location: Kimberleigh Back Lane Great Oakley Harwich

After discussion there were no objections made.

### **Accounts for Payment:**

#### **Parish Council Income**

HMRC

VAT

£1,393.01

### **Parish Council Expenditure**

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 113.42
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722282	£1,107.80
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722283	£ 46.08
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722284	£ 248.06
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses	722285	£ 28.95
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,544.31</b>

### **Village Hall Income**

Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 85.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 10.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 185.00</b>

### **Village Hall Expenditure**

Mrs Turner	Wages	400713	£ 140.84
Mrs Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 9.61
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 150.45</b>

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mrs Mason, seconded Miss Booth, carried unanimously.

### **Insurance**

We have received our Parish Council renewal but still waiting on the Village Hall one so we can pay them at the same time as we always do at this time of year.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Tendring District Council – Planning Training for Town and Parish Councillors**

We have been informed of training sessions which will be held at Weeley Council Offices on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September to discuss determining planning applications.

### **All Saints Church**

We have been informed of a meeting to discuss the planning application for the Church. Chairman will attend.

### **Website**

Mr Tierney expressed a concern regarding private information being displayed on the website as we have to publicise any pecuniary interests of Councillors. It was proposed by Chairman, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously for Mr Tierney to display the information required by law on our website.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.02pm.

Signed.....

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