

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 21st July 2015

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Miss N Booth, Mr J Tierney, Mr M Keating, Mrs J Mason, Mr B Eaton

Apologies: Mr M Bransby, Mr T Spurge, County Cllr A Erskine, District Cllr T Howard

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

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

Mrs Ling reported the path near the allotments is overgrown by brambles. Chairman said we are aware of the problem and can report it again as well as ask Mr Bransby to raise a P3 project.

Mrs Sewell commented that the road at The Soils is getting narrower and Mr Bush said that a post office van went into the ditch at Red Barn Lane.

Under Standing Order 16 and with Council's agreement, Chairman brought Planning forward to Public Participation as the majority of the public present were concerned about the current planning applications.

Application No: 15/00912/FUL

Proposal: Proposed open-fronted barn and access track and retention of parking area for agricultural purposes

Location: Land opposite Friths Farm Colchester Road Great Oakley Essex

There were no objections made.

Application No: 15/00975/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2 detached bungalows with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works

Location: Land North of Harwich Road Great Oakley Essex

After a lengthy discussion with members of the public it was agreed to object on the basis that this development, on top of Mr Thompson's already supported Village Hall/Housing Development, exceeds the need for new housing in Great Oakley and it was not included in the Emerging Local Plan.

Application No: 15/00987/FUL

Proposal: Erection of twenty dwellings comprising 10 x 3 bed houses, 3 x 4 bed houses and 7 x 3 bed bungalows with garages, parking and associated works

Location: Land to North of Break of Day and Newlands Beaumont Road Great Oakley Essex

After further lengthy discussion it was agreed to object on the basis that this development, on top of Mr Thompson's already supported Village Hall/Housing Development, far exceeds any possible estimate of the need for new housing in Great Oakley, was not included in the Emerging Local Plan and is likely to have a detrimental impact on the wider community.

The Proposed access splay, immediately adjacent to Mr Thompson's previously publicised, consulted on and already supported development, could compromise that development and the proposed new Village Hall.

The density of the proposed development is too high and not in keeping with the character of the village.

Additional traffic from this development would cause significant congestion and increase the risk of accident and injury in this part of the village.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2015, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

August Meeting: We usually have a break in August and it was agreed to do the same this year. Proposed Mr Eaton, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

Progress Report:

Road Closure

There was a road closure in Beaumont with no explanation. We have since found out it was so BT could replace a dangerous pole which was damaged in a road traffic accident.

The Bungalow

This property was left in a dangerous condition after the fire so Tendring District Council arranged to have a barrier put all around the building to protect the public.

Fly Tipping

We received a report of fly tipping in Honeypot Lane which was reported to Tendring District Council.

Village Hall Floor

The Village Hall needed new matting to finish the porch area, fit a reducing strip to Gents WC and re-stick the vinyl in the kitchen. The contractor is due this week to complete.

A120 Road Closure

In August we were advised about the proposed road closure of the A120 while resurfacing work was taking place so we contacted the CEO of Highways England, the newspaper and TDALC expressing our concerns and suggesting an alternative convoy system.

Highways: Miss Booth reported that the loose paving near the school has now been rectified.

Village Sign: After agreeing upon a proposed design we are in a position to get prices. Chairman has received one and we are still waiting for one other.

Street Lights: This has been deferred from last month as Mr Daniels and Mr Bransby were absent. Because they have worked out the calculations regarding new street lights we will defer again until both Councillors are present.

Village Hall/New Village Hall: Mr Thompson has informed us that he has submitted the planning application for the first phase of his development consisting of the proposed New Village Hall, Car Parking and a new Doctor's Surgery. A link has been provided and this is to be circulated to all members so they have an opportunity to review the documentation ahead of a public Planning meeting to be held once the application has been officially received. Chairman requested comments within 7 days so a collated response could be prepared.

Public Rights of Way: There is nothing new to report.

TDALC Report: The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

Business Services at CAS	Insurance	722286	£ 935.31
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 93.65
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722287	£ 46.08
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722288	£ 868.89
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722289	£ 248.06
Autela Payroll Services	Quarterly Invoice	722290	£ 35.25
TOTAL			£2227.24

Village Hall Income

Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Tendring District Council	Election	£ 250.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 51.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Art Club	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Table Hire	Donation	£ 10.00
Art Club	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
TOTAL		£ 527.00

Village Hall Expenditure

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 111.37
Calor	Standing Charge	400714	£ 19.25
Julia Turner	Outside Light and Cleaning	Cash	£ 30.50
Julia Turner	Wages	400715	£ 140.84
TOTAL			£ 301.96

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Miss Booth, carried unanimously.

RCCE for Parish Council: Our membership is due at a cost of £66. Proposed Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

RCCE for Village Hall: Our membership is due at a cost of £48. Proposed Miss Booth, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

Minute Book: We will soon need a new minute book at a cost of £124.74 + VAT. Proposed Mr Daniels, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Account Book: Our account book is also nearly full. A new one will cost £59 + VAT. Proposed Miss Booth, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Tree

Mrs Sewell informed us of a fallen branch from a tree at Partridge Close. This has now been removed and the tree has been checked and will be monitored.

Old Burial Ground

We have received reports that the old burial ground is overgrown with long brambles and the rubbish bins haven't been emptied.

We have contacted our contractor who advised as to when the bins will be emptied and will clear the walkways of the brambles, keeping in mind we are not responsible for keeping graves tidy.

Fly Tipping

We received a report of fly tipping at The Soils which was reported to Tendring District Council.

Grass Cutting

We received an email from a parishioner complaining we hadn't cut the verges at The Soils. Upon investigation it appears Highways are responsible for this area and the parishioner has been advised accordingly.

Pavements along the B1414

We have received a further letter informing us again of the overgrown pavement on the B1414. As previously, we reported to Tendring District Council who said they could not see a problem but would monitor the situation. Essex County Council have said they do not see any need for resurfacing.

TDALC

Mr Tierney brought to our attention that there has been a problem with debris on the A120 which Veolia are addressing.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.12pm.

Signed.....

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