

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

## **Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

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

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

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

**Public Participation:** Pat Ling asked if the Village Hall hire fee for November's Table Top & Quiz Night could be donated to Children In Need and all Councillors agreed.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

### **Progress Report:**

#### **Overgrown Hedge**

An overgrown hedge in Stones Green was brought to our attention and this has been reported to Highways.

#### **Footpath**

The footpath between the Church and the burial ground is becoming overgrown so we have contacted Tendring District Council to find out if this work can be carried out by the Rangers Service.

#### **Bench**

It has been agreed to place a bench on the Triangle at Stones Green and a suitable one has been chosen; we are awaiting for a quote to install it from a local Contractor.

#### **Street Lights**

Having agreed to replace the oldest street lights in the Parish, our Contractor has been informed.

#### **Village Hall Photos**

Mr Daniels has taken photos of the Village Hall in preparation for the advert which will be placed in Coast to Coast.

#### **Road Defects**

The flooding outside Appletree Cottage has been reported to Highways. A pot hole in Stones Green has also been reported.

#### **Road Gritting**

A concern over road safety was raised due to the lack of road gritting in the winter through Stones Green so we have contacted Highways and the Bus Company but have had no response to date.

#### **Telephone Box**

The glazing panels need to be replaced on the Telephone Box in the High Street so Chairman will contact Mr Mayman, who has offered to assist with this project.

### **Highways:**

#### **Partridge Close**

It has been reported to us that another branch has fallen from a tree at Partridge Close. This is a dead tree so we have asked our Contractor to take it down.

Mr Tierney brought to our attention a Public Meeting at Stanway Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the state of the roads and maintenance. He also mentioned the school sign on Wix Road is now upright.

Mrs Mason reported a pot hole opposite Myrtle Cottage and Mr Eaton reported the drain outside his property which is a source of considerable concern due to the high risk of flooding should it fail. These will be reported to Highways with a specific reference to the flooding risk and their liability should they fail to take action.

**Village Hall/New Village Hall:** There is no update regarding the New Village Hall. District Cllr Howard commented that both planning applications on Beaumont Road will have to go to the Planning Committee at Tendring District Council.

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

**TDALC Report:** The next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Tierney asked if there was anything of concern to us which he can raise at this meeting so we mentioned the condition of the roads and pot holes.

**Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Accounts for Payment:**

**Parish Council Expenditure**

Stowe Forge	Sign Deposit	722310	£ 741.00
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722311	£ 691.03
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722312	£ 46.08
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 96.78
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722313	£ 220.49
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,795.38</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Toddlers	Hall Hire		£ 68.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 85.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Books	Donations		£ 15.27
Oakstones	Hall Hire		£ 210.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 200.00
Exchem	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 68.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Football Club	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 816.27</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Calor	Standing Charge	400723	£ 19.25
Julia Turner	Wages	400724	£ 145.17
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 10.31
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 174.73</b>

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

**Correspondence:**

**Royal Mail – Post Box reinstatement**

Royal Mail have contacted us to ask if we know who owns the grass verge outside Kiln House, Colchester Road, Stones Green as they have received a request to re-instate the Post Box that was recently stolen from there. We can confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, Highways own the verge.

**Resident – Fallen branches**

We have received a letter from a resident offering to help with clearing fallen branches from trees, specifically at Partridge Close in the instance and other jobs which may be suitable for him to do.

**Maybush**

Chairman informed those present that he had received an e-mail from Mark Godfrey on behalf of the Great Oakley Community Hub Ltd announcing that their offer to purchase the Maybush on behalf of the community had been accepted.

All agreed it was good news and a fantastic effort and we wish them well.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

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