

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting **Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 15th March 2016**

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr B Eaton, Miss N Booth, Mr N Daniels, Mrs J Mason, District Cllr T Howard

Apologies: Mr J Tierney, Mr M Keating, Mr M Bransby, County Cllr A Erskine

Chairman opened meeting at 7.33pm.

Election of Officers: Chairman passed the running of the meeting to the Clerk who sought nominations for Chairman. Mr Huk was nominated by Mr Spurge, seconded Mr Daniels. There being no other nominations and Mr Huk having confirmed he was prepared to accept the nomination, he was elected unanimously.

Once again in the Chair, Chairman sought nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr Spurge was nominated by Mr Eaton, seconded Miss Booth and having confirmed his willingness to serve and with no other nominations, was elected unanimously.

Committees: As has been our practice in recent years, Chairman read out the previous membership of all the sub committees with a view to re-appointing members en-mass. All were content to carry on as previously and it was agreed to add Mr Keating to the Village Hall and Village Hall Admin. Sub- Committees as all other members were members. Proposed Mr Spurge, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously, as follows:

Planning: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mrs Mason
Mr Tierney
Miss Booth

Finance Committee: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Eaton
Mr Tierney
Mrs Mason
Clerk

Village Hall: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Eaton
Mrs Mason
Mr Daniels
Miss Booth
Mr Bransby
Mr Tierney
Mr Keating

Village Hall Admin Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Bransby
Mr Daniels
Mr Eaton
Mrs Mason
Mr Tierney
Mr Keating
Clerk

New Village Hall:	Mr Huk Mr Bransby Mr Daniels Miss Booth
Stones Green	Mrs Mason Mr Eaton
TDALC	Mr Tierney Mr Keating
Crime Prevention Panel	Mr Huk
Public Rights of Way	Mr Bransby Mr Keating
Recreation Field	Mr Huk Mr Bransby Miss Booth Mrs Mason Clerk

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

Public Participation: There was one member of the public present with nothing to raise.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2016, after being circulated, were proposed as a true record by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

New Village Hall: No new updates to report.

Progress Report:

Hedge

The hedge around the recreation field needs reducing in height and we are waiting for a price for this to be done; Clerk to chase up.

Public Rights of Way

Mr Keating has asked if information can be passed to him regarding the P3 programme. Mr Bransby has been requested to pass on any information he has; Clerk to reiterate request.

Village Signs

The new village sign/gates at the end of the village still haven't been relocated. Cllr Erskine is looking into raising a request for the Local Highway Panel to re-site and reduce the village signs.

Mr Daniels asked if we had received an update regarding the blue TDC village sign which recently went missing. Clerk to follow up with TDC.

Post Office

There are some outstanding payments due from the Post Office for use of the Village Hall. District Cllr Howard has also contacted us as Little Oakley Memorial Hall have had problems getting paid for the use of their facilities, and wondered if we have had the same problem.

We contacted Mr Mistry who responded to say that his situation changed last October when the Post Office stopped paying for satellite Post Offices in places such as Village Halls and he believed from his staff that the Clerk had been informed at that time. Our Clerk has no recollection of being informed.

After discussion, it was agreed to send Mr Mistry a holding letter whilst we seek advice from EALC. Also, we need to e-mail the Post Office to establish exactly what has happened; Cllr Howard has an address for them.

Stones Green Bench

The new bench for Stones Green arrived and our contractor met with Mrs Mason to agree the location on the Triangle. The fingerpost also needs moving so we will request a price for this.

School Railings

The school have agreed to support our request for railings to be installed on both sides of the road at the school to prevent parking around the corners. We are now waiting for a letter from the school which will then be forwarded to Essex County Council along with one from the Parish Council to show committed support.

School Parking

We received further complaints regarding the parking on the corner at the school so we raised the issue of the zig zag markings being enforced with the Parking Partnership scheme.

We have received a response from Matt Piper, Enforcement Team Leader, which confirms there is a problem in this location and they do their utmost to ensure they patrol as many roads as frequently as possible. The enforcement team have agreed that additional patrols of this area would be beneficial and that a high level of presence will help reduce the number of vehicles parking in contravention within these areas.

Mr Daniels has suggested we thank them and ask if they can keep us informed; Clerk to action.

Highways:

Mr Keating reported fly tipping in the layby on The Avenue which has been reported to TDC. Chairman reported asbestos in the layby near Wix which has also been reported.

Mrs Mason reported another pot hole in on Clacton Road, Stones Green outside the last cottage at the end of the village towards Beaumont.

Mr Eaton and Mrs Mason reported the condition of the road repairs on Colchester Road Stones Green and it was agreed to see how the re-surfacing turns out.

Miss Booth reported that the drain outside Appletree Cottage has been repaired.

Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Public Rights of Way: Mr Keating has raised some issues regarding public rights of way which will be passed on to ECC.

TDALC Report: No report this month.

Planning:

Application No: 160032/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the residential development of 0.2 ha of land to create four bungalows

Location: Land North of Stones Green Road Great Oakley Essex

We previously supported at least one dwelling, possibly more depending on design and scale, on this plot as part of the consultation on the draft Local Plan and see no reason to change this position.

Application No: 16/00188/FUL

Proposal: Repair of impact damaged front boundary wall and replacement of damaged timber close boarded fence

Location: Whispers High Street Great Oakley Harwich

No Objection.

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722334	£ 46.08
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 90.53
Jobsihate	Burial Ground Waste and hedge	722335	£ 162.13
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722336	£ 275.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722337	£ 248.06
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses x2 months	722338	£ 15.30
TOTAL			£ 837.10

Village Hall Income

Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 68.00
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Toddlers	Hall Hire		£ 85.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 68.00
Quiz Night & Table Top	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Books	Donations		£ 10.80
Yoga	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
TOTAL			£ 396.80

Village Hall Expenditure

Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 18.53
Julia Turner	Wages	400733	£ 145.17
TOTAL			£ 163.70

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

Church Donation

Last year it was brought to our attention that we used to contribute towards the water used in the churchyard by paying half of the water bill. This year's bill amount to £36.90 so on that basis, our contribution would be £18.45, proposed Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

RCCE Village Hall Membership

The RCCE membership for the Village Hall is due at a cost of £60. Agreed to continue our membership, proposed Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Magpas Air Ambulance have contacted us with a summary of the service they provide and requesting a donation. Councillors believed this service was not in our area as other services are so will have to decline at this time.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

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