

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17th May 2016

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

Apologies: Mr M Bransby, Mr M Keating, Mr B Eaton, Mrs J Mason, District Cllr T Howard

Chairman opened meeting at 7.31pm.

Declaration of Interest: Mr Tierney declared an interest in one of the planning applications, although not a pecuniary interest.

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

Mr Willis came to update us on the proposal of a storage container for the Recreation Field. He has said that if the container was allowed it would be placed onto sleepers so there would be no permanent base. He would also like to look into having a sign at Sparrows Corner end of the Village to inform people of the Maybush's location. Chairman commented that they would need to speak to Highways which Mr Willis is happy to do.

Mrs Sewell reported fly tipping at The Soils which is quite difficult to see from the road so we will report this to Tendring District Council advising them of the visual difficulty.

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

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Progress Report:

School Railings

While we were waiting for a letter of support from the school for extended railings around the school corner we have sent our letter to Highways. Cllr Erskine hasn't received any updates regarding the parking enforcement.

Allotment Field

Mr Keating had been approached by an allotment holder asking if the allotments will be affected when the development takes place. We contacted the Diocese of Chelmsford who confirmed that the allotment plot is a designated safeguarded local green space. This will be passed onto the person who originally enquired.

Public Rights of Way

Mr Keating as our PROW representative would like a survey carried out on our Public Rights of Way. We contacted Sarah Potter from Tendring District Council with this request, who is more than happy to meet with Mr Keating to discuss issues on our PROW network within Great Oakley and will arrange to meet with him directly.

Red Barn Lane

We received reports that the ditch at Red Barn Lane was blocked, causing flooding and erosion to the road edge. Highways along with the landowner were contacted. Mr Tierney reported that the ditch has now been cleared.

Beaumont Sign

The sign at Beaumont end of the village disappeared and Mr Daniels asked if Tendring District Council would replace it. TDC said that when the original signs were installed they were funded by Essex County Council but Tendring District Council don't maintain them. If we want any replaced we would have to purchase them ourselves and they would install them for us.

Allotment Development

Following a query raised at last months meeting, we contacted Peter Thompson to see what would happen to the space if the Surgery wasn't built. Peter Thompson commented that, "if the surgery can't be built (change of plan by NHS or similar although unlikely) it would revert to green space".

Stile – Pesthouse Lane

The stile in the field along Pesthouse Lane has not been installed properly. The landowner has been contacted.

Highways: Miss Booth reported a pot hole along Farm Road.

We haven't received any updates regarding parking enforcement for the zig zags at the school. Cllr Erskine said he will advise us when he meets with Nick Turner.

A question was raised about the 106 monies which will be available once the allotment development goes ahead. Cllr Erskine said it can't be used on roads or pavements and if there are no community assets the money will be allocated elsewhere; there is a strict boundary of what it can be used for.

Regarding the resurfacing which has taken place in the District recently, Cllr Erskine asked the Cabinet Member why the surfacing was not done right through the residential areas but as yet has received no reply. Mr Daniels would like to raise the question with Highways as to what their long term plan is and why are they not surfacing through the centre of Stones Green.

Post Office: The Post Office provider for Great Oakley Village Hall has had a change in their circumstances and have requested a significant reduction in the amount they pay to hire the hall. It is understood that others in the village may be interested in taking on the Post office. We will discuss at length when we have more information.

Burial Ground Fees: Periodically we review our charges to make sure we are generally in line with other facilities in the area. It was agreed to keep them the same for another year. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

Burial Ground Gates: We have received two prices for the replacement of the two sets of gates at the burial ground. We need to confirm the specification and design before a decision can be made.

Village Hall: Nothing new to report.

TDALC Report: The meeting will be held next week.

Planning:

Planning Applications

Application No: 16/00560/FUL

Proposal: Proposed 2 No. outbuildings in rear garden (following demolition of existing outbuilding)

Location: 3 Council Houses Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

No objection in principle, request a maximum height is set at 4.5 metres overall.

Application No: 16/00546/OUT

Proposal: Construction of 5 No. dwellings following the demolition of existing barns and outbuildings

Location: Red Barn Farm Red Barn Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Object because not included in the local plan consultation. Additional properties are in excess of requirements of the village with poor access, near a dangerous corner plus an overdevelopment of the site.

Planning Determinations

Erection of a single storey rear extension The Granary Farm Road Great Oakley was given Full Approval.

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

Whispers High Street Great Oakley was given Full Approval.

Hybrid application consisting of outline planning permission for 51 No. dwellings Allotment Field adjacent to Great Oakley Primary School was given Outline Approval

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Income

Precept	Tendring District Council	£9,877.00
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Parish Council Expenditure

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 93.65
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722343	£ 46.08
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting (Feb, March)	722344	£ 781.76
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting (March, April)	722345	£ 578.90
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722346	£ 248.06
TOTAL			£1,748.45

Village Hall Income

Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
W.E.A	Hall Hire	£ 170.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 85.00
Table Top & Quiz Night	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
TOTAL		£ 310.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Calor	Standing Charge	400736	£ 20.59
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 6.97
Julia Turner	Wages	400737	£ 164.23
TOTAL			£ 191.79

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

Living Wage: As of 1st April 2016 there was a new living wage implemented which affects our caretaker/cleaner. Our Payroll company has advised us of this increase. Chairman has asked if our Payroll company could provide more notice in future as to any changes which will arise. Proposed retrospectively Mr Daniels, seconded Miss Booth, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Grass Cutting

We have received correspondence from a resident who is not happy with the standard of maintenance at the old and new burial grounds. Chairman offered to meet with the contractor to confirm the requirements as stated in the contract.

Parking

We have received an email from Tendring District Council who have received a complaint from a resident who is having trouble parking near the war memorial and as more houses are having more drivers this problem can only get worse. Highways have denied they own this part of the Highway so we will contact Land Registry to try and clarify who does own it and who is responsible for it.

Mrs Sewell reported that there are ruts in the greensward at Partridge Close which may need filling in.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.20pm.

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