

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

## **Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr M Keating, Mrs J Mason, Mr B Eaton, Mr N Daniels, District Cllr T Howard

**Apologies:** Mr M Bransby, County Cllr A Erskine

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

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

**Public Participation:** There were three members of the public present.

Mrs Sewell reported 6 tyres which had been left at The Soils and builders rubbish near Exchem which will be reported to Tendring District Council.

Chairman also reported fly tipping in the layby between Wix and Stones Green which will also be reported.

Mrs Ling will be holding the table top and quiz night in aid of Children in Need and Councillors agreed to provide the hall free of charge.

Mrs Sewell asked if the new village hall was still going ahead. Chairman commented that we haven't received any updates recently. Mr Daniels will ask Mr Thompson for a progress report.

Mrs Read asked what had happened near Red Barn Lane and Mr Tierney reported that the water main on the B1414 needed repairing.

**New Village Hall:** There is nothing new to report.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 could not be signed as both Clerk and Chairman experienced technical issues which meant they could not be circulated.

### **Progress Report:**

#### **Councillor Vacancy**

Tendring District Council have been informed we have a vacancy and they have sent us an example notice which needs to be displayed.

#### **Wreath**

A wreath has been ordered for Remembrance Sunday.

#### **Letter to Miss Booth**

Following Miss Booths resignation of Parish Councillor we have sent a formal letter thanking her for her support and hard work.

#### **School Railings and Parking**

Following the ongoing issues regarding the railings and parking outside the Primary School it was agreed to contact Ofsted to find out if they have any power with Highways to have the problems rectified. Our correspondence has been passed on to their complaints about schools team.

#### **Bulk Gas Tank**

We have been trying to get some prices for alternative propane gas and we have received a price which is lower than we are currently paying. We will ask for a site meeting to see if we can proceed with this supplier.

#### **Letter to Highways**

Highways have been attending to pot holes in the Parish that are not as dangerous as those that have been left unrepaired. A letter will be written to Highways.

### **Parking at War Memorial**

Mr Daniels asked for an update regarding the parking issue near the war memorial. Chairman reported there is no specific ownership of the surrounding area which means anyone can park there.

### **Highways:**

#### **Railings at School**

Cllr A Erskine received an email from Highways to say that the railing defect outside the school did not meet their criteria for immediate repair as laid out in their maintenance strategy so are unable to provide a timeframe for any repairs. Wix Road and Harwich Road will continue to be monitored on future ad hoc and routine inspections, where any new or existing defects will be assessed and prioritised inline with their maintenance strategy.

**Village Hall:** Mrs Mason has asked if the trees in the Village Hall Car Park could be trimmed as they are too low.

**Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating reported that one of Exchems markers were taken out by a tractor and No 8 footpath has been ploughed.

**TDALC Report:** Mr Tierney reported that various councils were being chaired by younger inexperienced members and many are not full councils.

The rules and regulations are changing at recycling centres which will include no hard core or heavy diy work and no trade waste.

Mr Tierney also reported that many councils have experienced trouble with travellers this year.

### **Planning:**

#### **Planning Determinations**

Application No: 16/01471/TPO

Proposal: 1 No. Horse Chestnut – Remove and replace with Sweet Chestnut

Location: Chestnut Cottage 14 School Road Great Oakley

This application was refused by Tendring District Council

Application No: 14/00631/FUL

Proposal: Raise existing chimney stack by approx 565mm to a new height of approx 1900mm and associated repairs

Location: Old Scantlings Farm Road Great Oakley

This application was given full approval by Tendring District Council.

### **Accounts for Payment:**

#### **Parish Council Income**

Precept	Tendring District Council	£ 9,878.00
Co-Op	Burial	£ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,378.00</b>

#### **Parish Council Expenditure**

Royal British Legion	Wreath	722374	£ 40.00
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722375	£ 452.12

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E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 108.76
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722377	£ 46.08
A & J Lighting Solutions	Call Out Charge and Repair	722378	£ 90.60
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722379	£ 267.61
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,406.21</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Football Club	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
Hall Hire	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Oakstones	Hall Hire		£ 210.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 298.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Julia Turner	Wages	400747	£ 156.00
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 26.23
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 182.23</b>

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

**Correspondence:**

We have received a letter from Mrs Tite expressing concerns over the old Post Office and Shop as the property needs repairing. The owners have approached English Heritage for help with none forthcoming as yet. We have been asked if we can help in any way.

Chairman suggested we contact the conservation officers at Essex County Council, and the enforcement team at Tendring District Council.

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