

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 20th December 2016

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, Mrs J Mason, Mr B Eaton

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

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

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

Mr Brown reported no changes to the current bus service, with a good information centre at Colchester.

Mrs Sewell reported the condition of the pavement near the School which we will report again.

Mr Tierney reported that the parking restriction markings and signs are now in place outside the Primary School.

New Village Hall: Mr Thompson has contacted us to say they have agreed a developer to work with after seeing their previous developments and will continue to stay involved with the project. He is working with them on drawing up a revised planning application to take into account some of the concerns raised by the Parish Council at planning and to provide detail for the 1st phase of 10 homes, the idea being to deliver this phase starting spring next year.

Mr Daniels expressed a concern that developers will choose other developments where they don't have to build a Village Hall and doctors surgery.

A question was raised about the Section 106 monies which will be generated from this development and Mr Spurge commented that we would need to have a suitable project to fit in with the funding criteria.

Mrs Sewell passed on a request from the Art Club who are asking if they could display paintings in the hall. Chairman advised that the Art Club should contact us directly so we can discuss the idea in more detail.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2016, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Daniels, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2016, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

Progress Report:

Fly Tipping

We received various reports of fly tipping in the Parish which were reported to Tendring District Council. Chairman reported more fly tipping in the lay by between Stones Green and Wix.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following Tendring District Council's advice we need to display a notice, provided by them for 10 days. The notices were displayed for the stated time which means we can now co-opt a Councillor. We will also display the notice in Coast to Coast.

Bulk Gas Tank

We received a competitive price for gas for the Village Hall tank and Clerk met their representative on site to discuss further. If we agree their price we will have one of their tanks installed and we will need to change the surrounding fencing to chain link which will allow further air flow around the tank. Accepting the proposed prices was proposed by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously, provided we can have the gas price fixed for 12 months.

Post Office

The Maybush has been put forward as a suggestion for a possible alternative location for the Post Office and Mark's details have been forwarded on to the Contracts Manager of the Post Office. Mr Daniels has offered to take on this project so the contact details will also be forwarded to him.

Outstanding work

We have asked Jobsihate for an update regarding work they have been asked to do. They have said that the gate post at the top of the burial ground is in place and the gate will be attached once the concrete is set. The hedges at the Recreation Field have now been cut and they commented that the crack in the concrete under the bench at Stones Green is in the part of the pad where it binds onto the surrounding ground so nothing serious and the bench remains secure.

They have also looked at the tiles around the village sign which need to be stripped off to a complete layer which is not damaged and then replace with new tiles to rebuild the base.

Village Hall Trees

We have asked Jobsihate to provide us with a price to trim the low hanging branches on the trees in the Village Hall car park.

Highways Maintenance Strategy

We have asked Cllr Erskine to request from Highways their Maintenance Strategy as they referred to is in their correspondence with him.

Highways: The zig zags and parking restriction signs have been installed outside the Primary School. Clerk to check with Cllr Erskine to see if he knows the date on which the restrictions become enforceable.

Precept: Chairman circulated a spreadsheet of income and expenditure since April 2016. We need to budget to replace the gates at the burial ground and for the continuation of hedge and tree maintenance within the Parish. Chairman suggested that the Precept remains the same for the next financial year at £19,755.00 which was proposed by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

Village Hall: Mr Tierney reported that there is water staining on the ceiling in the store room and Chairman agreed to inspect it.

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

TDALC Report: The next meeting is in January.

Planning: As there was no Parish Council meeting last month, a planning meeting was held instead where these comments were noted.

Application No: 16/0173/TPO

Proposal: 1 No. Horse Chestnut – reduce by 30%

Location: Chestnut Cottage School Road Great Oakley

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections to make regarding this application.

Application No: 16/01642/OUT
 Proposal: Erection of 30 dwellings, new access and landscaping
 Location: Great Oakley Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley

Great Oakley Parish Council object to the application on the basis that it was not supported by the previous Local Plan Consultation meetings held in the village and there is no demand for this additional housing stock within the Parish.

Application No: 16/1686/FUL
 Proposal: Proposed creation of vehicular access from Back Lane (following removal of an element of the existing wall) and erection of new wall and sliding gates
 Location: Larch House Queen Street Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council support this application on the basis that the proposed gates are appropriate to their location within a Conservation Area and on the condition that the rest of the wall should be reinstated using traditional materials to make it safe and preserve its historic character.

Planning Determinations

Application No: 15/00987/OUT
 Proposal: Erection of 17 dwellings comprising of 8x3 bed semi-detached houses, 3x4 bed detached Houses and 6x3 bed detached bungalows with garages, parking and associated works
 Location: Land to North of Break of Day and Newlands Beaumont Road Great Oakley

Determination – Approval – Outline

Accounts for Payment

Parish Council Income

R. Gwinnell & Sons	Burial	£ 500.00
Harwich Independent Funeral Services	Burial	£1,100.00
TOTAL		£1,600.00

Parish Council Expenditure

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 112.38
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722379	£ 46.08
PKF LittleJohn	Audit	722380	£ 276.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722381	£ 250.85
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses	722382	£ 22.60
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 108.76
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722383	£ 46.08
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	722384	£ 38.55
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722385	£ 275.00
Jobsihate	Recreation Field Hedge	722386	£1,118.02
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722387	£ 655.61
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722388	£ 250.85
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses (ink, postage)	722389	£ 65.87
TOTAL			£3,266.65

Village Hall Income

Hall Hire	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Hall Hire	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Football Club	Hall Hire	£ 51.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 51.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Books	Donations	£ 12.87
Art Club	Hall Hire	£ 391.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire	£ 187.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Hall Hire	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Hall Hire	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
TOTAL		£ 909.87

A question was raised regarding why Yoga were only paying £10.00 a session, rather than the usual £17.00; Clerk to check with Caretaker and report back.

Village Hall Expenditure

Julia Turner	Wages	400748	£ 156.00
Calor	Standing Charge	400749	£ 20.59
E & J Fire and Security Ltd	Inspections	400750	£ 144.89
Julia Turner	Wages	400751	£ 156.00
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 22.17
John's Gas & Oil Services Ltd	Service & Certificate	400752	£ 120.00
TOTAL			£ 619.65

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

Correspondence:

Electoral Review of Tendring

We received a letter from Tendring District Council advising us of an electoral review which will draw new council ward boundaries across Tendring. The Commission has announced that 48 Councillors should be elected to the Council in future: 12 fewer than the current arrangements.

After discussion, it was agreed we would comment as follows:

“We believe the structure in rural villages is about right as is. The larger conurbations seem disproportionately well represented and would suggest any reductions are applied there.”

Email from Parishioner

We have received an email from a Parishioner bringing to our attention a surface water flooding problem at their property following a change of use to the agricultural land behind their home.

After considering all the details provided to us, the issue would appear to be the responsibility of the adjacent landowner who should install/reinstate adequate land drains to control run-off from the land.

It was agreed to suggest to the Parishioner that they contact the Environment Agency who may be able to assist them in this matter..

Electricity Pole

UK Power Networks have contacted us asking if they can connect a new low voltage underground cable across part of our land at the Village Hall to an existing main cable. The land will be reinstated and there is no cost to ourselves. Councillors agreed for this to be done and a consent form will be sent.

A message from Community Policing

Mr Tierney reported that he had received a message from the Community Policing Team, warning that that anyone inspecting fly tipping should keep safe.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

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