

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 20th September 2017

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Keating, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, Mrs J Mason, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr A Erskine

Apologies: Mr B Eaton, Mr T Spurge, Mr M Bransby

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

Public Participation: There were 7 members of the public present.

Mrs Ling asked Councillors if the hire charge of the Village Hall could be waived for a quiz night and table top sale which will be in aid of Children in Need. Councillors agreed.

Mrs Ling asked if cheques could be paid into the Parish Council bank account more quickly, this will be done.

Mr Daniels commented that there is a motorcycle parked in the turning circle at Partridge Close and raised the subject of the parking idea at Farm Road. Parish Council are investigating funding routes for the surface of extra parking off Farm Road.

Mr Tierney suggested approaching EALC to see if there is any funding available for the suggested car park.

Mr Bush brought to Councils attention that The Maybush has secured the Red House.

A Parishioner asked Councillors about the parking situation at the New Village Hall development. Chairman said there should be a presentation soon with regards to the development. The application is pending full approval and parking will be available, details yet to be agreed.

New Village Hall: Great Oakley Parish Council are hoping the developer of the allotment field will hold a presentation at our next meeting but this is to be confirmed and advertised.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously. A courtesy copy of the minutes to be sent to the Chelmsford Motor Club who gave a presentation at our last meeting

Progress Report:

Road Rally

The proposal to hold a road rally through part of the parish came to light just before the last meeting and after considerable local opposition it was agreed to oppose the event due to the unsuitability of the roads and the impact on people and wildlife and the potential damage to property. Councillors agreed to send a letter regarding the road race to Tendring District Council, Essex County Council, our MP, The Essex Police & Crime Commissioner, The Chief Constable and Cllr Skells Snr, the TDC portfolio holder for Culture and Tourism, stating our objections. Chairman read out a draft of the proposed letter and Councillors agreed.

Post Office

The Postmaster from the Village Hall post office had ceased paying to hire the Village Hall so a meeting was held with him in August to discuss a way forward. The result of that meeting was £50 per month will be paid to the Village Hall to assist with heating and electric costs and the hire of the hall.

Low Flying Aeroplane

At last month's meeting, a Parishioner reported a low flying aeroplane over our village. Clerk asked Mr Spurge, the owner of the airfield if he knew anything about this. If more information is provided such as times, days, etc he may be able to help. Mr Keating advised the Parishioner that should they see this again they could contact the Civil Aviation Authority with the information and they should be able to help.

Calor

At a previous meeting we agreed to a reduced standing charge and gas price from Calor for the gas to the Village Hall. Paperwork has now been signed and sent to the company.

School Railings

The railings outside the school have still not been repaired and there is still no news when this will be done. Cllr Erskine requested to re-report and follow up on our behalf.

Farm Road Parking

Vehicles are parking on the yellow lines in Farm Road. Cllr Erskine said that the reinstatement of the Parking Enforcement Camera Car is being looked into by Highways which will have the power to issue tickets to drivers. Cllr Bush suggested "name and shame" on a Facebook page called "Illegal Dangerous and Stupid Parking in Clacton and Tendring".

Colchester Road Stones Green

Colchester Road Stones Green has recently been resurfaced and one of the bends on the road was brought to our attention because the edge falls away on to earth. This earth is falling away and causing a skid hazard when it is wet. Clerk contacted Highways to bring this to their attention, who have inspected this area. They do not consider that further works are necessary at this time but will be monitored during future routine inspections.

Highways:

Farm Road Proposed Car Park

Mr Thompson has suggested to The Community Hub that he would put forward a piece of land in Farm Road for extra car parking to alleviate the centre of the village. Before any decisions can be made the Parish Council need to find out expected costs should this project go ahead.

Clerk contacted Tendring District Council who has said there is some funding available via Section 106 monies but not enough for the project. Mr Daniels has obtained some prices which included £14,600 for kerbed road planings and an additional £9,400 for tarmac. Clerk and Mr Daniels will research funding options.

Mr Tierney reported the B1414 near Exchem is breaking up on the sharp corner so Clerk will report to Highways and Mr Keating reported the Playground sign at The Soils is obscured by vegetation which Clerk will report to Tendring District Council.

Burial Ground

The hedge between the old and new burial grounds need cutting and we have received a price of £300 which Councillors agreed to. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

We have also received a price to have the length of hedge cut between the church and our burial ground. Councillors agreed to have this work carried out, but not until the spring. Clerk to ask Contractor if he can hold his quoted price until then.

Grass Cutting

During August and September Clerk received numerous complaints about the standard of grass cutting. Clerk was informed by the Contractor that they had machinery breakdown which had caused them to get behind on their schedule. Clerk to send Contractor a copy of our Contract with the provisions for notification of cuts highlighted.

Public Rights of Way: Chairman has been asked for a dog bin in Stones Green and Mr Keating has contacted Tendring District Council to explore the options. He was advised that a litter bin can accept both general litter and wrapped dog waste at a cost of £50 ex VAT. If there is already a post, installation would be free of charge. The cost to empty the bin, based upon a twice weekly schedule is £61.16 ex VAT per annum. Proposed Mr Keating, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Village Hall: Our caretaker has brought to Councils attention that the pulley which works the kitchen hatch is broken. Mr Daniels knows a carpenter who may have some ideas for the hatch area with regards to the post office facility so the hatch won't be repaired at this stage.

TDALC Report: EALC have provided us with an updated Model Form Standing Orders so we will add this to our Agenda for next month.

Mr Tierney attended the TDALC meeting and reported that there is funding for website training along with possible funding for laptops. There is also a bursary for Clerks, to cover us up to 75% for training.

Mr Tierney also reported that many Parishes have experienced poor quality road repairs with many repairs needing doing twice.

Planning:

Planning Applications:

Application No: 17/01380/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning application for 4 no. detached dwellings

Location: Land to the East of Colchester Road Great Oakley Essex

Great Oakley Parish Council object to this development for the following reasons:

- The proposed development is not in keeping with this rural hamlet
- The proposed location is adjacent to a dangerous corner where numerous RTC's occur every year and the access to the development would aggravate this situation
- The proposed site has never been put forward at any stage during the extensive consultation on the emerging Local Plan
- The site is outside any current or past development boundary
- Tendring District Council have already met their requirements for housing for the next five years

Applications discussed in August:

Application No: 17/01194/FUL

Proposal: Proposed first floor rear extension

Location: 19 Hamford Drive Great Oakley Harwich Essex

Great Oakley planning committee have no objections regarding this application.

Application No: 17/01262/OUT

Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 no. dwellings

Location: Boomerang Harwich Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

- The majority of the proposed development site is outside of any past, current or proposed housing development boundary for the village.
- At no time during the extensive consultation on the Emerging Local Plan has this site been put forward.
- The development site is within the village conservation area and the application contains insufficient detail to establish the likely impact on the centre of the village.

- The proposal involves the removal of an established hedge and numerous large trees within the boundary of Harewood House which would have a significant and detrimental impact on the street scene.
- The proposed access is narrow and would have a detrimental impact on vehicle movements in the already busy centre of the village.
- These additional houses far exceed any possible measure of the housing requirements for Great Oakley for the foreseeable future.
- TDC have already met the housing allocation for the next five years and no further properties are needed or wanted.
- Due to the width of the proposed plot, the buildings would have to be behind the current building line constituting Back Plot Development.
- Two properties on the proposed site would be over development and would be detrimental to this part of the village
- The proposals would leave "Boomerang" with insufficient parking and amenity space.

Application No: 17/01109/OUT

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. four bedroom dwellings

Location: Land to The rear of Mill House High Street Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

- The proposed development site is outside of any past, current or proposed housing development boundary for the village.
- At no time during the extensive consultation on the Emerging Local Plan has this site been put forward.
- The site sits within the Coastal Protection Belt.
- The development would require the demolition of at least one existing building within the curtilage of a Grade 2 Listed Building which would have a significant impact on the listed building's setting and the wider street scene.
- The proposed access is narrow and would have a detrimental impact on vehicle movements in the already busy centre of the village.
- These additional houses far exceed any possible measure of the housing requirements for Great Oakley for the foreseeable future
- TDC have already met the housing allocation for the next five years and no further properties are needed or wanted.
- This application would be a Back Plot Development and would have a serious detrimental impact on existing properties and wildlife in the surrounding area.

Application No: 17/01128/FUL

Proposal: Extension, alterations and outbuildings

Location: Stonehall Farm Stonehall Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council planning committee had no comments to make about this application.

Planning Determinations:

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Location: Land to the rear of Mill House High Street Great Oakley Harwich

This application was refused by Tendring District Council

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Proposal: Extension, alterations and outbuildings

Location: Stonehall Farm Stonehall Lane Great Oakley Harwich

This application was approved by Tendring District Council

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Income

R Gwinnell & Sons	Memorial		£ 100.00
Hunnaball Funeral Group	Memorial		£ 100.00
Hunnaball Funeral Group	Burial		£1,100.00
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HMRC	VAT Repayment		£ 393.68
TOTAL			£2,793.68

Parish Council Expenditure

Tendring Signs	Signs	722433	£ 290.00
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722434	£ 578.90
E-On	Street Lighting	722435	£ 122.92
E-On	Street Lighting	722436	£ 122.92
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722437	£ 275.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722438	£ 46.08
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722439	£ 46.08
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722440	£ 250.85
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Autela	Payroll	722442	£ 40.80
RCCE	Membership	722443	£ 72.60
TOTAL			£2,097.00

Village Hall Income

Post Office	Hall Hire (July, August, September)		£ 150.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Childrens Party	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
10 O' Clock Club	Hall Hire		£ 187.00
WEA	Hall Hire		£ 153.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 68.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
TOTAL			£ 765.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Affinity Water	Water	400767	£ 42.49
Julia Turner	Wages	400768	£ 162.50
Julia Turner	Wages	400769	£ 162.50
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 8.98
Calor	Standing Charge	400770	£ 20.59
TOTAL			£ 397.06

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

Insurance

Last month, payment was issued from Great Oakley Parish Council account to the insurance company for Parish Council and Village Hall cover. The amount seemed too much of an increase so Clerk discussed this with the insurers. The company has provided us with a revised offer for one, three or five year terms. The five year term was the most competitive so Councillors agreed to accept this. A new payment will be sent and the previous one will be cancelled. Proposed Chairman, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

Council has received a letter from the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance thanking us for our previous support and asking if we would like to continue with this. Councillors agreed to donate £50. Proposed Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

Hamford Drive

Clerk has received an email from a resident of Hamford Drive asking if they could trim back the trees from the grass verge we maintain, from their boundary. All agreed this could go ahead provided all debris was cleared away and the trees were left in a tidy state.

Beaumont Road

Clerk has received an email regarding the condition of the pavement along B1414 near the allotments so this will be reported to the Rangers department at Tendring District Council.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

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