

# Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

**Apologies:** Mr M Keating, Mr M Bransby, Mr B Eaton

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

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

**Public Participation:** Mr Keating brought to Councils attention, via email, the recent increase in low flying aircraft passing directly overhead the village. As an aid to identification of these aircraft “<http://www.flightrader24.com/GIA650/5251116>” can be used in assisting with the identification and subsequent reporting of the incident to the Civil Aviation Authority, via their website.

Mrs Sewell asked when there will be a presentation regarding the Allotment Field development. Council have not received any new updates regarding this.

Mrs Sewell brought to our attention the poor condition of the fencing around the burnt out bungalow on School Road as children are getting in. This will be brought to the attention of Tendring District Council.

Mrs Mason brought to our attention a litter pick which will take place in Stones Green and Beaumont on 19<sup>th</sup> November; information to be posted on Notice Boards and our Website.

**New Village Hall:** Chairman apologised for no presentation from the developers, we will advertise when it has been arranged.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

## **Progress Report:**

### **Burial Ground Gates**

The gates near the road side on The Avenue were in a poor state of repair so Council had them removed.

### **Burial Ground Hedge**

The hedge between the old and new burial grounds needed trimming back, along with brambles around the rubbish area and a pile of brambles needed removing. Council approved a price from a local contractor and the work has now been completed.

### **Fly Tipping**

Fly tipping was reported to the Clerk who forwarded the information to Tendring District Council who have removed it.

### **Proposed Car Park**

Mr Thompson has offered a piece of land off Farm Road for additional parking for the centre of the village. Council agreed that Clerk and Mr Daniels would seek funding for surfacing works and any additional costs involved.

### **School Railings**

The railings outside the Primary School have still not been repaired so Cllr Erskine contacted Essex County Council for an update. Essex County Council previously stated that the damage was not meeting criteria for immediate repair but can now advise that this issue has now been escalated. Wix Road will be routinely inspected next month and it is anticipated that an interim assessment of the barrier will now be made at the earliest possible opportunity. Should this re-evaluation indicate that urgent intervention is required, this will be raised for appropriate prioritisation.

### **Road Race**

There has been strong opposition regarding the proposed road race, part of which is proposed to go through Stones Green. Following our meeting with the representatives from Chelmsford Motor Club, it was agreed to follow up with a letter sent to local authorities asking for their support. Letters will be sent to Tendring District Council, Essex County Council, our MP, Chelmsford Motor Club, The Motor Sport Association, Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. Council received a response from the Police & Crime Commissioner saying they understand our concerns but are unable to represent us on this matter. This is a Council matter and their advice would be for us to approach our elected representative on the Council.

**Highways:** Roads have been repaired up to Honeypot Lane which is good progress. There is no update regarding the issue on B1414 near Exchem. Mr Daniels reported that one of the street name signs at Partridge Close needs replacing. Clerk will bring this to Tendring District Councils attention. Mr Tierney reported that the sign at the end of The Avenue has apparently been hit and is bent and will require repair. This will be reported to Essex County Council.

**Standing Orders:** EALC have provided us with an up to date Model Form of Standing Orders. Chairman will circulate this to all Councillors with a view to adopting them next month.

**Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating advised Council by email that he is waiting for the realignment of the fingerpost to footpath 2 prior to the placement of the requested multipurpose litter bin.

**Village Hall:** A new screen is going to be put up for the Post Office and Council are waiting for a price to provide it.

**TDALC Report:** Mr Tierney reported that the Ms Bicknell, Head of Planning at Tendring District Council, attended the TDALC meeting, who said they hope the Local Plan will be approved next year. A question was raised about the development boundary for Stones Green, but Ms Bicknell stated it is too small.

**Planning:** The meeting was suspended at 8.10pm so the applicant of the first application could speak about the details. The meeting then resumed at 8.20pm.

Application No: 17/01633/FUL  
Proposal: Construction of 2 no. two storey dwellings and associated works including alterations to existing vehicular accesses  
Location: Ashleigh Cottage Harwich Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council have no objection to the application but would recommend the roof height is reduced by one meter so it is in line with adjacent properties and to use traditional materials, in keeping with the area.

Application No: 17/01686/FUL  
Proposal: Replacement dwelling  
Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Councillors object to this application as follows:

Concern over the potential impact on the health and welfare of the adjoining neighbour.

Concern over the impact the proposed partial demolition of half the semi detached period cottage will have on the structural integrity of the adjoining property.

Believe the proposed dwelling is inappropriate in design and scale for this rural location.

Significant detrimental impact on the existing street scene.

Site is in the Green Belt and not within any past, current or future proposed development boundary in the village.

If the applicant needs additional space, should consider sympathised renovation and extension of existing property.

### **Planning Determinations**

Application No: 17/01194/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed first floor rear extension  
Location: 19 Hamford Drive Great Oakley Harwich Essex

This application was given full approval by Tendring District Council

Application No: 17/01262/OUT  
Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 no. dwellings  
Location: Boomerang Harwich Road Great Oakley Harwich

This application was approved by Tendring District Council

### **Accounts for Payment:**

#### **Parish Council Income**

Tendring District Council	Precept	£9,877.00
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#### **Parish Council Expenditure**

Community Action Suffolk	Insurance	722442	£ 567.48
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722443	£ 46.08
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 118.95
Great Oaktree Land Services	Burial Ground Hedge	722444	£ 300.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Remove Gates	722445	£ 30.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit	722446	£ 120.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722447	£ 250.85
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses	722448	£ 28.15
Air Ambulance	Donation	722449	£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,511.51</b>

Please note – cheque number 722430 for amount £851.23 was cancelled due to cheque number 722442 replacing it

#### **Village Hall Income**

Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Table Tennis	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
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Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 207.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Julia Turner	Wages	400771	£ 162.50
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 11.52
E & J Fire and Security Ltd	Annual Check/Maintenance	400772	£ 84.52
British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 136.20
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 394.74</b>

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

**Wreath**

Remembrance Day is nearly here so Clerk will be ordering a wreath. Councillors agreed to donate £50 to the Royal British Legion. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

There was no separate correspondence this month.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 8.38pm.

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