

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

**Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

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

Apologies: Mr M Keating, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Bransby, Mr T Spurge, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr, A Erskine

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

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

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

Mrs Sewell brought to our attention that while the verges have been cut in our Parish, it has exposed all the litter. Clerk will bring this to the attention of Tendring District Council. She also mentioned that there is no recycling facility for rubble at Dovercourt recycling centre.

Mrs Sewell referred to a newspaper article which says the Road Rally has been given approval. Chairman took this opportunity to read out the press release we have received and present the route map we have been provided with. Chelmsford Motor Club have applied for a road closure to Essex County Council but no decision has been made public as yet. Mr Eaton is keen that every homeowner should be advising their insurance companies of a change of circumstances. Chairman suggests contacting the affected residents along the route and contact the other affected local councils.

Mrs Sewell expressed a concern about the blocked turning circle but unfortunately there is nothing we can do. Hopefully the owner of the vehicle parked there will realise that emergency, delivery and refuse vehicles need to turn around in a no through road.

**New Village Hall:** Mr Thompson has confirmed that there will be a short presentation from the developers at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Daniels, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

## **Progress Report:**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Clerk ordered a wreath on behalf of the village with Mr Keating laying it at the war memorial on our behalf. Chairman expressed our thanks.

### **The Bungalow**

The security fencing around the Bungalow on School Road is not secure or safe. The site is up for Auction in December so we will take no action at this time.

### **Partridge Close Sign**

Mr Daniels reported that one of the Partridge Close street name signs needs replacing as the writing is faded. Clerk contacted Tendring District Council who are going to replace both of the street names.

### **Burial Ground**

Clerk recently received an application for cremated remains to be buried at Great Oakley Cemetery. Keeping in mind the position of the plots and areas available, Clerk marked an appropriate area for this use.

### **Fly Tipping**

Mr Keating reported fly tipping at The Avenue and The Soils. Clerk passed this information on to Tendring District Council.

### **Street Light**

Clerk was informed of a street light which wasn't working opposite the village hall. This was reported to our contractor.

### **Road Race**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Clerk distributed letters regarding the road race stating our objections to Tendring District Council, Essex County Council, Bernard Jenkin, Police, Chelmsford Motor Club and Motor Spors Association. Chairman covered this under Public Participation.

### **Beaumont Road Ditch**

The condition of the ditch on Beaumont Road has been a matter of concern for some time for local residents and Great Oakley Parish Council. Essex County Council are aware of the problems and are seeking a resolution.

### **B1414 Road Defect**

Clerk reported a road defect on B1414 on the corner towards Little Oakley from Great Oakley, to Essex County Council. They have inspected the defect and recorded the issue in line with their maintenance strategy as not requiring immediate action at this time.

**Highways:** Clerk has received a public notice from Essex County Council for a temporary prohibition of traffic & clearway no.17 order 2017 for Queen Street, Back Lane and Farm Road. The order commences on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with work being undertaken within an 18 month period from that date.

Mr Eaton expressed a concern with the high level of the road outside his boundary, which is leaving water running into his property.

Mr Tierney reported that work has started on the new roundabout on the A120.

**Standing Orders:** Following last month's meeting, Chairman circulated an updated version of the Standing Orders for Councillors to read through and make any comments. Mr Tierney also requested permission to remove no longer needed reports from the website and to include the necessary documents required. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

**Grass Cutting Contract:** Clerk suggested bringing to Councils attention the conditions of the grass cutting contract ahead of the next financial year. Councillors agreed to discuss the final details nearer the expiration of the contract date.

**Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating sent Clerk some updates in his absence as follows:

#### **Waste Bin**

Mr Keating has been in contact with Essex County Council regarding the proposed bin for Stones Green, who are not happy to have it mounted on the existing fingerpost as first proposed. Tendring District Council have provided a price for a separate post to be installed for £25.00 + VAT. All Councillors agreed to go ahead with the extra post.

#### **Fly Tipping**

Two incidents of fly tipping has occurred since our last meeting, with one being witnessed and the details being passed on to Crimestoppers.

Mr Keating also raised the issue of the verges and hedges being cut, exposing the litter. Clerk will report to Tendring District Council as mentioned in Public Participation.

#### **Right of Way**

The broken bridge on FP26 has been reported

A verbal complaint was made to Mr Keating regarding the closure of FPs 11 and 29 in support of the recent firework display. He had no knowledge of these closures so could not comment to the complainant.

**Village Hall:** Mr Daniels has received a price for the new post office screen for the village hall. This will be forwarded on to the postmaster.

**TDALC Report:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Planning:**

Application No: 17/01873/DETAIL

Proposal: Reserved matters application of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to the construction of 4. No dwellings following the demolition of existing barns and outbuildings

Location: Red Barn Farm Red Barn Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council's comments were that the suitability of existing surface water ditches to receive additional flows and any detrimental impact down stream to be proven before construction begins.

**Planning Committee Site Visit**

Clerk has been notified that a site visit will take place by Tendring District Council's planning committee to 3 Skigaugh, Clacton Road Stones Green on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 12 noon. They have invited us to send a representative. Mr Eaton and Mr Tierney have offered to attend on Council's behalf.

**Accounts for Payment:**

**Parish Council Income**

R. Gwinnell & Sons	Interment of Ashes	£ 750.00
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**Parish Council Expenditure**

Royal British Legion	Wreath	722450	£ 50.00
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722451	£ 339.99
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E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 122.92
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722453	£ 46.08
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Annual Inspection	722454	£ 238.62
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722455	£ 250.85
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses (ink)	722456	£ 42.49
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1781.98</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Oakstones	Hall Hire	£ 210.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Football Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Embroidery Club	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Post Office	Hall Hire (October, November)	£ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 551.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Mrs Turner	Wages	400773	£ 162.50
Mrs Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 29.02
Calor	Standing Charge	400774	£ 20.59
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 212.11</b>

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

**Correspondence:** We have received a letter from a resident to say they are pleased that some of the path to the north of Break of Day has been cut. Meanwhile, they have commented that Farm Road and Pesthouse Lane

have not had their verges cut for two years with woody saplings taking root from the overhanging trees which could cause an issue in the future. Council agreed for Clerk to contact the landowner in the first instance.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.13pm.

Signed..... Dated.....