

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

**Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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

**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 two members of the public present.

Mr Dave Blackison, a representative from Harwich & District Community Speed watch addressed members of the Council to talk about the community speed watch initiative. It consists of community volunteers in groups of two or three members using Police “Speed Guns” at locations selected where speeding is an issue. Details of vehicles travelling above the speed limit are recorded on a log sheet and sent to Essex Police. Warning letters are then sent by the Police to the owner of the vehicle.

Mr Blackison is looking for the support of Great Oakley Parish Council for extending this initiative in our area. He received unanimous support from Councillors.

Julia Read reported the post of one of the cycle route signs at Partridge Close has rusted through. This will be reported.

**New Village Hall:** Chairman confirmed that a presentation regarding the Allotment Field development will take place at 19:00, before at our meeting in January.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

## **Progress Report:**

### **Fly Tipping**

Fly tipping at The Avenue was reported to Tendring District Council but it is still there so will report again. Mr Keating has asked for a further 6 months for the CCTV project and all Councillors were in support.

### **Litter**

Following the cutting of verges and hedges it has exposed lots of litter. This has been brought to TDC’s attention.

### **Road Rally**

Having received a press release and latest route of proposed road rally, Clerk contacted the affected Parish Councils to find out if they were aware.

Cllr Bush commented that there was no legal legislation to stop the event taking place and TDC support it. Mrs Mason expressed her concerns about the impact this will have on the farm animals.

### **The Avenue**

Mr Tierney reported the fingerpost at The Avenue was leaning to one side. Clerk reported this to TDC who said they will rectify this as soon as they can.

## **Village Hall**

The Post Office needs a new security hatch at the Village Hall. A price was obtained which has been approved by the Postmaster. There is a chance the locks on the kitchen doors will be repaired at the same time.

## **Pavement along B1414**

It was brought to our attention by a parishioner that the vegetation near the allotments needs cutting back once again. Clerk reported this to TDC Ranger Service.

**Highways:** Mr Daniels would like to advise residents in the immediate vicinity of the upcoming work in Farm Road. Council have agreed he can do this on Councils behalf.

Cllr Bush attended a Local Highways Panel meeting where they reported the budget has been reduced and they only have £395,000 for improvements and Safety in Tendring District.

Mr Spurge reported to Council a collapsed drain on B1414 on Beaumont side. Clerk will report. Mr Eaton reported that he still has issues with rainwater entering his property following changes in road level following recent road resurfacing.

Mr Daniels presented a letter from Mr Thompson regarding the extra parking area he has offered Great Oakley Parish Council. Chairman suggested a long lease for the area but has reservations about indemnity regarding fly tipping. This is an ongoing project which will be looked into further.

**Precept:** Chairman circulates spreadsheets to all Councillors with transactions so far for this financial year, with expected transactions for the remaining year. All Councillors agreed to maintain the precept at its current level of £19,755. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

**Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating asked Mr Daniels if a footpath map can be displayed at The Maybush and both he and Cllr Bush said agreed to raise it.

Mr Tierney brought to Councils attention that if any vehicle is obstructing resurfacing work they can be removed legally.

**Village Hall:** Updates were provided under Progress Report.

**TDALC Report:** Mr Tierney reported that the new Director of Planning, Ewen Green, will attend future TDALC Meetings. Mr Tierney also mentioned the Community Land Trust who assist local communities with providing affordable housing but might also be able to assist with the extra car park idea. Details were passed to Mr Daniels.

## **Planning:**

Application No: 17/01984/FUL

Proposal: Substitution of the consented wind sock with a free standing unit on a pole

Location: Great Oakley Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley Essex

Great Oakley Parish Council made no objections to this application as the proposal is approximately half the height of the original approved application.

## **Planning Determinations**

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

This application was given full approval by Tendring District Council. Full details of the determination can be found on their website.

Application No: 17/01686/FUL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling, extension to remaining building to provide ancillary cycle store and storage, and change of use of agricultural land to residential

Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

This application was refused by Tendring District Council. Chairman thanked Cllr Bush for speaking against the application at a planning meeting and to Mr Eaton and Mr Tierney for attending a site meeting on Councils behalf.

Full details of the determination can be found on TDC's website.

### **Accounts for Payment:**

#### **Parish Council Expenditure**

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 118.95
Jobsihate	Grass Cutting	722457	£ 578.90
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722458	£ 275.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722459	£ 46.08
A & J Lighting Solutions	Repair	722460	£ 163.92
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722461	£ 250.85
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1433.70</b>

#### **Village Hall Income**

Flower Workshop	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Pet First Aid	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Baby & Toddler Club	Hall Hire		£ 204.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire December		£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 362.00</b>

#### **Village Hall Expenditure**

Julia Turner	Wages	400775	£162.50
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 22.67
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 185.17</b>

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

A payment will be made from the Village Hall account into Great Oakley Parish Council current account for the sum of £2,400. The cheque number will be 400776 and this is to transfer funds which Clerk paid into the wrong bank account.

**Society of Local Council Clerks**

Membership to the SLCC is due in January 2018 at a cost of £72. Proposed to renew by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

**Data Protection Regulations**

Local Council Public Advisory Service is running courses for Officers and Councillors to get ready for the new data protection regulations. Clerk would like to attend one on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at a cost to Council of £40. Proposed Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** There were no further correspondence.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.36pm.

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