

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

**Held at the Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

- 18/001 Present:** Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr C Mayman, Mr B Eaton, Mrs J Mason, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr A Erskine
- 18/002 Apologies:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr N Daniels, Mr M Keating, Mr M Bransby.
- 18/003** Following a pre-meeting presentation from “Village Makers” regarding the Allotment Field Development, the Vice-Chairman opened meeting at 8pm.
- 18/004 Declaration of Interest:** Mr Spurge declared an interest under Planning.
- 18/005 Public Participation:** Mrs Sewell expressed a concern regarding the lack of parking spaces at the new Village Hall. Mr Spurge said this was a work in progress and adequate car parking was essential. We will keep representing the Parish to maintain the parking spaces we previously requested. Unfortunately the developers were not made aware of the previous car parking proposals.
- Mr Eaton commented that he is concerned about the size of the vehicle needed to transport the pre fab buildings for the allotment development and Cllr Bush is concerned about the time line involved in building/selling the first 20 homes prior to the New Village Hall being built. A member of the public is worried about buying the pre fab buildings from Poland because of our situation with the EU.
- Mrs Sewell thanked us for the signs to prevent fly tipping because there has been a reduction in this activity.
- 18/006 New Village Hall:** Nothing new to report.
- 18/007** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.
- Progress Report:**
- 18/008 Post Office.** A price has been agreed by the Postmaster for the new security hatch. Mr Daniels offered to get prices to have new locks on the kitchen door.
- 18/009 Farm Road/ Back Lane/ Queen Street.** Council were notified of works taking place in these roads by Essex County Council within the next 18 months. Mr Daniels informed immediate residents on Councils behalf so vehicles can be moved. Cllr. Erskine commented that Essex County Council will notify residents in good time.
- 18/010 Overflow Car Park.** At Councils previous meeting Mr Thompson had provided a letter proposing the conditions for an area of land to be used as an overflow car park in Farm Road. Chairman expressed concerns regarding fly tipping and the possibility of travellers. Mr Thompson is going to check with his insurers if these issues are covered.

- 18/011 Cycle Sign.** The cycle sign at Partridge Close has broken, leaving a rusty stump. Clerk has reported this to Essex County Council.
- 18/012 Road Rally.** Council had received a press release and an updated route for the proposed road rally which were emailed to all the impacted Parish Councils. Little Bromley responded to say they are in support of the event.
- Mr Huk has suggested writing to all every member of Essex County Council asking them to oppose the event and also to HRH Princess Michael of Kent (president of the MSA) and to HRH Prince Charles. Council discussed this and agreed to contact HRH Princess Michael of Kent and Prince Charles.
- Mrs Mason has suggested that Council ask for a commitment from the Chelmsford Motor Club, in writing, that any land that is damaged is restored/reinstated. Mr Eaton would like Tendring District Council to put up a bond.
- 18/013 Fingerpost – The Avenue.** Clerk reported the fingerpost at The Avenue to Tendring District Council because it was leaning to one side. The post has now been repaired.
- 18/014 Collapsed Drain B1414.** Mr Spurge reported a collapsed drain on B1414 near Beaumont. Clerk has reported this issue.
- 18/015 Precept.** At last months meeting Councillors agreed to maintain the precept at £19,755. Clerk submitted this figure to Tendring District Council.
- 18/016 Highways:** Mr Tierney reported that there is extra money for road repairs which is positive news.
- 18/017 Play Area Maintenance:** In December Clerk received notification from our play area maintenance contractor that they could no longer provide us this service. Clerk thanked them for their service over the years.
- Clerk will now seek a company who can carry out the maintenance of the play area and inspect the play equipment in line with health and safety regulations.
- 18/018 Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating has sent an update in his absence as follows:
- Mr Keating has spoken to the nearby landowner of footpath 11 with regards to the amount of surface water across the path from the overflow pipe running from the nearby reservoir, and has assured that remedial action will be taken.
  - The footbridge at the junction of footpath 8 and 26 has been reported to Highways again.
- 18/019 Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
- 18/020 TDALC Report:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## 18/021 Planning:

### Applications:

**Application No:** 17/02135/FUL

**Proposal:** Application for variation of condition 1 on approval 17/00587/FUL. It is requested that the commencement date of the 1st November 2017 be varied. The use of the facility for helicopter operations shall now commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**Location:** Great Oakley Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley Essex.

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

**Application No:** 18/00012/FUL

**Proposal:** Demolition of barn and replacement with agricultural workers dwelling

**Location:** Mill Pond Farm Hill Road Great Oakley Harwich.

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

### Determinations:

**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

Tendring District Council gave this application full approval.

## 18/022 Accounts for Payment:

### Parish Council Expenditure

A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722462	£ 46.08
Tendring District Council	Dog Bin, Post & Installation	722463	£ 166.26
SLCC	Membership	722464	£ 72.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 122.92
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722465	£ 250.85
Jobsihate	Burial Ground Waste - x 2 Mths	722466	£ 100.00
Bruce Landscapes	Play Area Maintenance 2017	722467	£ 748.80
TDALC	Affiliation Fee 2017/18	722468	£ 10.00
Local Council Public Advisory Service	Data Protection Course	722469	£ 40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,556.91</b>

### Village Hall Income

Meeting	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Painting Group	Hall Hire	£ 391.00
Book Money	Donations	£ 17.45
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Toddler Club	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire	<u>£ 50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 631.45</b>

### Village Hall Expenditure

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 195.76
Julia Turner	Wages	400777	£ 162.50
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	<u>£ 15.95</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 374.21</b>

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

Mrs Mason asked if the new bin in Stones Green could have a sticker to notify the public that it can be used for dog waste and litter. Clerk will look into this.

Mrs Mason also suggested that the Caretaker of the Village Hall buy cleaning products in bulk to try and keep costs to a minimum. Clerk will look into this.

**18/023** Correspondence: There was no further correspondence.

**18/024** There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman closed meeting at 9pm.

Signed.....

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