

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 20th February 2018

18/025 **Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Keating, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, County Cllr A Erskine.

18/026 **Apologies:** Mr B Eaton, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mrs J Mason, Mr M Bransby, District Cllr M Bush.

18/027 Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

18/028 **Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.

18/029 **Public Participation:** There were 9 members of the public present.

A Parishioner asked if we had received any more news regarding the new Village Hall because she had heard that the plans have been passed along with the Doctor's Surgery. Chairman responded that we haven't heard anything about it. A parishioner asked if we were happy with the current parking proposals, Chairman confirmed that Council have previously raised this as an issue and have not agreed with the proposed parking arrangements. Council were also asked who would own the hall when it is completed. Chairman said, based on previous discussions, it would be owned by the Parish Council on behalf of the village, not rented as some residents may have heard. Mr Daniels offered to ask Mr Thompson to clarify the information which is coming forward. A parishioner asked about management charges for the development and Chairman said we had not been party to those discussions but that would be up to the developers and purchasers to agree.

Mr Brown, our transport representative, reported that we have a good bus service compared to when he moved into the village in 1970. He has circulated bus timetables to the shop, pub, school and Doctors should anyone wish to have one.

18/030 **New Village Hall:** Mr Tierney reported that a trench has been dug along the development site. We will ask Mr Thompson about this.

18/031 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct after a small grammatical error by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

Progress Report:

18/032 **Post Office:** Mr Daniels obtained a revised price to have a service hatch installed and new kitchen door locks, with other minor remedial works, which has been sent to the Postmaster.

18/033 **Overflow Car Park:** Mr Thompson had offered a piece of land as extra parking in the village and sent a letter of terms to us. Council were concerned about the Parish Council's potential liability for damage caused by Travellers or fly tipping, so we have asked Mr Thompson to look into this.

18/034 **Road Rally:** At last month's meeting, Mrs Mason requested the Chelmsford Motor Club put in writing their commitment regarding rectification of damaged to land which may be caused by the road rally. We

have received no response to date. Chairman asked Clerk to reiterate our request for copies of the Risk Assessments CMC have relating to properties in the vicinity of the routes.

- 18/035 Collapsed Drain:** Clerk has reported a collapsed drain on B1414 to Highways who have inspected it but do not consider it as requiring action at this time.
- 18/036 Waste Bin – Stones Green:** The new bin in Stones Green can be used for litter and dog waste. Mr Keating has requested a sticker from Tendring District Council making people aware of this.
- 18/037 Village Hall Expenses:** Mrs Mason has suggested the Caretaker of the Village Hall buy cleaning materials in bulk to save money. Clerk has looked into the costs involved, and with the travel taken into consideration, it is cheaper to buy from the supermarkets locally.
- 18/038 Fly Tipping:** We have experienced a high amount of fly tipping at The Avenue and The Soils. These have been reported to Tendring District Council and it has been cleared. Chairman reported fly tipping in the lay by between Stones Green and Wix.
- 18/039 Grass Cutting Contract:** Council's grass cutting contract is due for renewal. Clerk has sent out Tenders to 3 Contractors.
- 18/040 Burial Ground Hedge:** Council previously accepted a price to have the hedge trimmed between the old burial ground and the church. Council agreed the Contractor can start when the ground is firm enough.
- 18/041 CCTV Signs:** Mr Keating would like to name and shame fly tippers in the area. We will seek advice regarding this request. Cllr Erskine to identify who is responsible for enforcement and prosecution of Fly-Tippers.
- 18/042 Highways:** Mr Tierney reported a gully by Break of Day which is flooded and dangerous. Clerk will report this to Highways. Chairman reported that residents in Stones Green are using sand bags on a permanent basis to protect their properties from flooding since road levels were raised after recent resurfacing, Clerk to report issues to Highways again. Mr Keating reported the school sign and 30 limit sign on Wix Road are leaning over into the hedge.
- 18/043 Play Area Maintenance:** Clerk has asked local contractors to provide prices for cutting the grass at the play area on a weekly basis, empty the litter bin and treat the weeds when necessary around the fencing. We have also requested the brambles be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.

Inspections: Clerk has been looking into our legal obligations for having the play equipment inspected. Weekly visual checks can be carried out, with thorough inspections carried out yearly, sometimes more frequently depending on the popularity of the play area and Council's requirements.

EALC are running a whole day course to enable Councils to carry out thorough checks of play areas or a half day course to enable them to do visual checks weekly. The price is to be confirmed. Mr Mayman expressed an interest in the whole day course.

18/044 **Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating reported that machinery cannot get to Footpath 26 as the ground is not firm enough, also, Footpath 11 has become something of a “swamp” due to prolonged operation of the overflow from Mr Thompson’s irrigation reservoir. Mr Thompson to resolve.

18/045 **Village Hall:** Mr Daniels has passed on the quote to the Postmaster for the hatch and door locks.

18/046 **TDALC Report:** Mr Tierney reported our requirement to have a Data Protection Officer. Chairman agreed to wait until Clerk has been on the Data Protection Course before any decisions are made. Mr Tierney also mentioned that Parish Councillors will need to have Council e-mail addresses.

18/047 **Planning:** There is one determination as follows:

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 15th December 2017.

Location: Great Oakley Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley Essex CO12 5AE

Tendring District Council gave this application full approval.

18/048 **Accounts for Payment:**

Parish Council Income

Funeral Directors	Memorial		£ 100.00
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Parish Council Expenditure

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 122.92
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722470	£ 46.08
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	722471	£ 40.80
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722472	£ 250.85
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses	722473	£ 79.62
TOTAL			£ 540.27

Village Hall Income

10 ‘O Clock Club	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
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WEA	Hall Hire	£ 153.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children’s Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
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Football Club	Hall Hire	£ 100.00
Post Office	Hall Hire	£ 50.00
TOTAL		£ 442.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Calor	Standing Charge	400778	£ 10.30
Affinity Water	Water	400779	£ 37.35
Calor	Gas	400780	£ 426.89
Julia Turner	Wages	400781	£ 162.50
TOTAL			£ 637.04

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

18/049 Correspondence:

Waste Collection Consultation: District Cllr Bush sent us an e-mail informing us of Tendring District Council’s consultation on the proposed waste collection changes, which in short consist of reducing collections for fortnightly and issuing small wheelie-bins to residents.

The consultation starts on 16th February and runs until noon on 16th March. There is a dedicated consultation page at www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling-new-waste-service or email newwasteservice@tendringdc.gov.uk with your comments

Rubbish on Recreation Field: Clerk has received an e-mail from a Parishioner who has complained about the amount of litter on the Recreation Field and play area. Clerk could see that the litter on the field was from a previous football match so we have brought this to the attention of the football team.

Maybush Community Hub: Clerk has received an e-mail from the Community Hub informing us The Wiking Helicopter Service will be holding a meet and greet evening on 26th February at 7pm at The Maybush. Mr Keating expressed an interest in attending to request a fact finding visit to the Airfield which they are using.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.20pm.

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