

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

**Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**18/215 Present:** Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Keating, Mrs J Mason

**18/216 Apologies:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, Mr M Bransby, District Cllr M Bush,  
County Cllr A Erskine

**18/217** Vice Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

**18/218 Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.

**18/219 Public Participation:** There were nine members of the public present.

The dog bin at Partridge Close is out of the ground and has been reported to Tendring District Council who are sending out an inspector.

A parishioner requested the use of the village hall free of charge for the table top and quiz night so the hire fee can be donated to Children in Need. All agreed this was a worthwhile cause.

Parishioners raised concerns about next year's road rally as the route has been extended. Mr Spurge commented that the Parish Council have been asked for their views where the public will be well represented by the council.

A parishioner asked Councillors about the future of the Red House and further planning applications. Mr Spurge said that we are not party to any information until it goes public from Tendring District Council.

A query was made regarding the judicial review which has been mentioned at previous Council meetings. Mr Spurge believes the matter was handed to a judge by a previous councillor who was going to look into whether there was a case to answer.

**18/220 New Village Hall:** There are no updates this month.

**18/221** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously.

## **Progress Report**

**18/222 Mill House Appeal:** At previous Council meetings parishioners were talking about the Planning Appeal for Mill House, which Council had no knowledge of. Clerk contacted Tendring District Council who apologised that we didn't receive the information as it was sent to another address by mistake.

**18/223 Galloper Wind Farms:** Galloper have been using Great Oakley Airfield for some time while the facilities are being developed at Harwich. These have now been completed and Galloper are now using them. Clerk contacted Galloper to find out what their long term plans for Great Oakley are and they have suggested attending one of our meetings to provide an update.

**18/224 Parked Vehicles:** Parishioners previously reported parked vehicles on the pavement near the shop making access difficult with pushchairs and, mobility scooters. Clerk has informed the local paper and police.

**18/225 Litter Bins:** Clerk is liaising with Tendring District Council for a new litter bin to be placed at Red Barn Lane and to ask about a bin for the shop. Clerk will report when we have an update.

**18/226 Stones Green Speed Sign:** A few months ago Council agreed to pursue a speed sign for Stones Green and Clerk looked into funding. Clerk has received an update from Cllr A Erskine to say that Councils can't purchase their own signs and that Essex County Council are the only ones who can. He reported that a local Council had purchased one which led to Essex County Council taking it down.

**18/227 Horse Warning Sign:** A Councillor requested a horse warning sign for Stones Green. Clerk will ask Cllr A Erskine for an update.

**18/228 Fly Tipping:** This month there has been rubbish at The Avenue and The Soils. Clerk has reported these to Tendring District Council.

**18/229 Highways:** There is nothing new to report this month.

**18/230 Mobility Scooter Shelter:** At last month's meeting, Chairman was asked if Council could provide a mobility scooter shelter at the village hall. Mr Keating suggested asking the owners of the mobility scooters what they need and how big they would prefer it to be. Mr Mayman suggested providing something which could be transferred to the new village hall. Clerk will do some research.

**18/231 Waste Collections 2019:** Clerk has received information from Tendring District Council regarding waste collections in 2019. Wheelie bins are going to be introduced, supplied free from TDC, collected fortnightly. Recycling collections will remain unchanged, with weekly food waste collections and alternate weekly collections of recyclables in the red and green boxes. Bank Holiday collections from August 2019 will no longer be delayed by a day, with collections taking place on the Bank Holiday.

Every property in the District has been assessed to see if it is suitable for a wheelie bin. A number of homes which are unsuitable, such as those with no front or side access, will continue to have a weekly black sack collection. Most flats will also see their waste collection unchanged.

In Great Oakley, Back Lane, Farm Road, New Farm House, Great Oakley Lodge, Forge Cottage, Colley Cottage, Pesthouse Lane and Queen Street will remain unchanged and continue with black sacks, weekly.

**18/232 Road Rally 2019:** The Chelmsford Motor Club has applied to the MSA for an Event Organising Permit to organise and promote a Special Stage Rally. The MSA is asking for Council's response to a consultation with a deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Mr Spurge commented that the impact on the Parish hasn't changed but Wix's has due to the speed changing through their village, with their main roads being closed, including businesses. Clerk will ask for Councillors' views who are not present and Council's comments will be sent to the MSA.

**18/233 Playing Field Inspections:** Council have been seeking advice regarding play area safety inspections. There are three tiers of inspections which Councils need to carry out. Weekly visual checks, quarterly operational inspections and an annual inspection. Council agreed for Mr Mayman to attend a course so he can carry out the visual and operational inspections and the annual inspection is carried out by a specialised company. In April Tendring District Council invite Parish Council's to join with them to have the annual inspection carried out at a reduced rate. The price to be determined nearer the time. Council has agreed to wait until this time before making a firm decision.

**18/234 Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating said that the fingerposts have been reported and the footpath bridges are slippery this time of year. He also advised that if anyone sees fly tipping to report them to crimestoppers.

**18/235 TDALC Report:** Nothing to report this month.

## **18/236 Planning:**

Application No: 18/01692/FUL

Proposal: Proposed extension to form new living space & dormers

Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

Mrs Mason expressed a concern regarding the size of the proposed extension and asked if the age of the building can sustain it.

Before Councillors make a decision they all agreed to find out what the owner of the adjacent property thinks of the application as they are most affected by the proposal.

### **Planning Decisions by Tendring District Council**

Application No: 18/01367/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of new rear extension. Conversion of existing garage to room.

Location: 14 Woodlands Great Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5BZ

Tendring District Council gave full approval to this application.

## **18/237 Accounts for Payment:**

### **Parish Council Income**

Alpha Memorials Ltd	Memorial	£	100.00
Tendring District Council	Precept		£ 9,878.00
HMRC	VAT Repayment (June)	£	414.53
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£10,392.53</b>

### **Parish Council Expenditure**

Air Ambulance	Donation	722515	£ 50.00
History Recorders	Donation	722516	£ 25.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 135.19
PKF LittleJohn LLP	Audit	722517	£ 240.00
Marvan's	Tree Maintenance	722518	£ 420.00
Marvan's	Grass Cutting	722519	£ 528.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722520	£ 47.82
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722521	£ 269.02
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,715.03</b>

### **Village Hall Income**

Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 85.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00

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Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Flower Workshop	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire	£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 243.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Caretaker	Wages	400798	£ 169.65
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 169.65</b>

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously.

**18/238 Wreath:** Council order a wreath every year from the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Service with a donation. Councillors agreed to place an order with a donation of £50. Proposed Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously.

**18/239 War Silhouette:** The Community Hub have purchased a "Tommy" for Remembrance Day. Councillors agreed to donate £50 towards the cost. Proposed Mr Keating, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

**18/240 Section 106 Monies:** Tendring District Council have contacted the Clerk to advise Council on the 106 monies we have available for open spaces and asking if we have any projects in mind. Clerk made a suggestion for the fencing around the play area as a visual check highlighted that it was becoming quite rotten in places. The small football goals are also in need of maintenance. Clerk will seek tenders for this work as well as finding out from Tendring District Council what Open Spaces includes for this fund.

**18/241 Great Oakley Litter Pick:** Clerk has been contacted by the litter pickers to say the next litter pick will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am meeting at Great Oakley Village Hall. They have been looking into purchasing some signs to warn traffic. One suggestion is a mobile sign for £48.50, requesting two if possible and asking the Parish Council if they could assist with these. Mr Keating suggested meeting their representative getting to know more about their plans. Clerk will extend the invitation for our next meeting.

**18/242 Dog Bin:** Clerk has received notification that the dog waste bin at Partridge Close is out of the ground and has reported it to Tendring District Council. Mrs Mason commented that the letter box in Stones Green has now been reinstated.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman closed meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

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