

# Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**18/243 Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr M Keating, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, Mr C Mayman, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr A Erskine

**18/244 Apologies:** Mrs J Mason, Mr M Bransby

**18/245** Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

**18/246 Declaration of Interest:** District Cllr Bush expressed an interest regarding planning application 18/01845/Detail

**18/247 Public Participation:** There were seven members of the public present.

A Parishioner brought to Council's attention that the dog bin at Partridge Close was out of the ground and the metal stump was still near the bus stop at Partridge Close. Clerk has reported these issues to Tendring District Council who have apologised for the delay in rectifying these issues.

Grass overgrowing the pavement adjacent to Partridge Close on B1414 is still an issue which has been put on the list for the Rangers team at Tendring District Council.

Mr Tierney reported a lighting electric junction box on a telegraph pole was broken and open to the elements. Clerk will report this.

District Cllr Bush reported a street light that was not working on Beaumont Road. Clerk has reported this to our Contractor.

District Cllr Bush updated Council on the situation with the ditch on Beaumont Road saying it now has scaffold poles sticking out of it and is in an unsafe condition.

District Cllr Bush has received complaints regarding the recent resurfacing work in Back Lane/ Farm Road, taking photos of the issues. These have been sent to Essex County Council. County Cllr Erskine has also raised the issue with Essex County Council.

District Cllr Bush has received correspondence from Tendring District Council Planning regarding application number 18/01692/FUL, 3 Skighaugh Lane, Stones Green, saying the proposed extension had been reduced in size.

**18/248 New Village Hall:** There are no new updates; Mr Daniels to follow up with Mr Thompson to get an update.

**18/249** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Keating, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

## Progress Report

**18/250 Section 106 monies:** Tendring District Council have brought to our attention that we have some 106 monies that Council can allocate to open spaces projects. Clerk is trying to ascertain what exactly this can be used for and obtaining prices for projects Council would like to complete such as new notice boards, burial ground gates and new fencing for the play area.

**18/251 Road Rally Consultation:** Chelmsford Motor Club consulted Great Oakley Parish Council on their views of the road rally which will take place in April 2019. Chairman composed a response opposing the event, circulating it to all Council members before it was submitted. Cllr Bush reported that TDC are supporting the event and the route is being extended by 5 miles.

**18/252 Remembrance Sunday:** Council agreed to order a wreath from Royal British Legion on behalf of the Parish, with Mr Daniels representing Council at the Service.

**18/253 Play Inspection:** Mr Mayman completed a play inspection course which will enable him to carry out quarterly operational inspections on our play equipment. He is now registered on the international register of playground inspectors.

**18/254 Litter Bins:** A Parishioner requested a bin to be placed in Red Barn Lane and outside the local shop. Clerk is in communication with Tendring District Council to find a suitable location in Red Barn Lane and has suggested attaching a bin to a lamp post near Woodlands. The cost will be £50 for the bin plus £67.91 per annum to empty it.

Tendring District Council are going to inspect the area at the shop and let us know their thoughts on having a bin there, ensuring it is not going to be a nuisance to neighbouring properties. If they give the go ahead, it would be funded by Great Oakley Parish Council.

Mr Keating suggested we ask TDC to donate the bins in recognition of the pro-active work we have undertaken with the installation of CCTV cameras to help reduce fly tipping, thus saving them money.

**18/255 Parking – High Street:** Following a complaint to Council, Clerk informed the Police of vehicles parking on the pavement near the shop causing an obstruction. The Police have attended the location on two separate occasions with no vehicles seen to be obstructing the pavement. If this continues they advise Council to contact the Parking Partnership.

**18/256 Dog Warden:** Clerk has contacted the dog warden at Tendring District Council following reports of dog waste on the Recreation Field. They have responded by saying that because the field belongs to Essex County Council it is classed as private land so they can not take any action. Clerk will pursue this issue as the field is a public open space.

Clerk has put together a notice which will go into Coast to Coast highlighting the problem on the recreation field. Mr Keating suggested including reference to diseases from dog waste which can cause blindness, especially in children.

**18/257 Highways:** As mentioned in Public Participation, the poor quality of the resurfacing work in Farm Road, Queen Street and Back Lane was also reported by Mr Daniels, requesting a site inspection and urgent remedial works.

The Essex Association for Local Councils have contacted Council to inform them that the Local Highways Panel have been tasked to include a member from the parish sector. Cllr Erskine said that there will be one parish member for each district, thus 12 for across Essex from the 52 Town and Parish Councils.

Cllr Erskine has re-reported the barrier outside the school as it was only made safe and not repaired. He also reported that they will not extend the barrier. He has also been chasing Essex County Council for a decision on the horse warning signs for Stones Green. A complaint was made regarding people parking on the pavement outside the school. Mr Daniels reported the chevron sign on the dangerous bend on the B1414 near to the EPC factory entrance is damaged. Clerk will report this.

**18/258 Litter Picking Group:** The organiser of the litter picking group approached Council requesting warning signs. Council have previously supported the group with the purchase of hi-vis vests and a local company suggested she write to them requesting the signs needed. At the last litter pick there were 15 people taking part and the next one will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

**18/259 Special Constable:** Mr Keating suggested applying for a Special Constable for our Parish who could assist with issues such as fly tipping, parking, litter, dog waste and speeding. The Special Constables typically work 16 hours/month. Depending on the details, Council could split the hours with other Parishes in the area. Mr Keating has Council's permission to find out more details. Clerk to contact the EALC to see if they have any advice.

**18/260 Public Rights of Way:** Nothing new to report.

**18/261 Village Hall:** Nothing new to report.

**18/262 TDALC Report:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

**18/263 Planning:**

Application No: 18/00352/DETAIL

Proposal: Reserved matters for Phase 1 (23 dwellings) following outline approval for 15/010/80/OUT Outline planning permission for the erection of 51 no. 2/3/4 bed dwellings to PassivHaus standards

Location: Allotment Field adjacent Great Oakley Primary School Beaumont Road Great Oakley Essex

Great Oakley Parish Council commented that it has always been a pre-requisite of this development that it would include the provision of a New Village Hall, car parking, etc. Great Oakley Parish Council are concerned that, unless there is a specific requirement for the Hall to be provided at an early stage of this first phase of the development, the New Hall will not be built within a reasonable time scale and therefore we request it is included as a specific condition on Phase 1. Also, the previously proposed Health Centre is still shown on the site plan. We understand that this is no longer going ahead and we would like to know what alternative use this area of the site will now be put to.

Application No: 18/01845/DETAIL

Proposal: Erection of 17 dwellings comprising of 8x3 bed semi-detached houses, 3x4 bed detached houses and 6x3 bed detached bungalows with garages, parking and associated works

Location: Land to North of Break of Day and Newlands Beaumont Road Great Oakley

Great Oakley Parish Council commented that Section 106 monies from this development should be “ring fenced” to Great Oakley Parish Council for works associated with the proposed New Village Hall or the support of the current Village Hall. Please confirm that the development includes the provision of one “Affordable House” which is to be gifted to TDC as there does not appear to be anything on the plans.

Application No: 18/01869/FUL

Proposal: Construction of single storey annex

Location: Oakley Cottage Pesthouse Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council commented that a legally binding covenant should be included in any Planning Consent preventing the separation of the “Annexe” from the main property in perpetuity to prevent it from subsequently being sold off separately.

Application No: 18/01783/FUL

Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing conservatory & construction of new single storey rear extension. (Revised application to approved scheme 18/01175/FUL)

Location: 22 Sparrows Corner Great Oakley Harwich Essex

Great Oakley Parish Council made no objections to this application.

Application No: 18/01829/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension

Location: Sheerbliss Harwich Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council made no objections to this application.

Application No: 18/01880/TCA

Proposal: 2 No. Cherry – Reduce by 10%, shape and trim

Location: Holly Cottage Farm Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council made no objections to this application.

## **18/264 Accounts for Payment:**

### **Parish Council Expenditure**

Royal British Legion	Wreath	722522	£ 50.00
Community Hub	Donation towards “Tommy	722523	£ 50.00
Play Inspection Company	Course and Exam	722524	£ 660.00

A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722525	£ 47.82
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 139.70
Miss J Bootyman	Clerk	722526	£ 269.02
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,216.54</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Rock & Roll Dance	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 261.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

E & J Fire and Security Ltd	Fire Inspection	400798	£ 66.53
Calor	Standing Charge	400799	£ 10.30
Mrs Turner	Wages	400800	£ 169.65
Mrs Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 29.89
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 276.37</b>

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

**18/265 Correspondence:** Council have received a thank you letter for our donation, from the Local History Recorders.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.58pm.

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