

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 15th January 2019

19/001 Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr M Keating, Mr C Mayman, Mrs J Mason, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr, A Erskine

19/002 Apologies: Mr M Bransby, Mr N Daniels

19/003 Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

19/004 Public Participation: There were seven members of the public present and the following issues were raised:

A Parishioner mentioned an article in the newspaper regarding the Allotment Field Development. Chairman commented that Council are waiting to hear about allocated parking spaces and that Mr Thompson is in conversation with the shop owner to discuss options.

At the bus stop near The Soils a sign post is damaged and a sign post is laying in the hedge on Wix Road. Clerk will report both issues to Essex County Council.

Rubbish at The Soils has been exposed following verge cutting. Clerk will report this to Tendring District Council.

The fly tipping group has produced a programme of dates. Anyone wishing to volunteer will be made welcome.

19/005 New Village Hall: Chairman reported that Mr Thompson is looking into the minimum legal requirements for street lights at the Allotment Field Development to minimise light pollution and is happy to meet with Council when appropriate.

19/006 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18th December 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Chairman, carried unanimously.

Progress Report

19/007 Litter Bin: Council approached Tendring District Council requesting a free of charge bin in Red Barn Lane, due to the litter picking group and CCTV cameras saving them money. TDC have declined the request. Council agreed to not supply a bin at this time.

19/008 Shop Litter Bin: Council made a request to Tendring District Council for the shop to have a bin outside. TDC have said that the pavement is quite narrow and there are services that need access. They are also concerned about the odour so near to the adjacent properties so will not provide a bin. It was agreed to respond, noting their answer and requesting they ensure their street sweeping team do the pavements as well and requesting a copy of the cleaning rota so we can monitor performance.

19/009 Chevron Signs: Chevron signs on B1414 heading towards Little Oakley are damaged and were reported to Essex County Council. They have carried out an inspection and have recorded the issue and will monitor the situation. They will be repaired but not at this time due to more serious defects. Clerk to forward response to Cllr Erskine for him to follow up.

19/010 Overgrown Footpaths: Council have received complaints regarding the pavement on Beaumont Road and B1414 near Partridge Close. Clerk has provided the Ranger Service at Tendring District Council with a list of these issues along with the signs on Wix Road.

19/011 Grass Cutting Contract: Clerk has requested prices for 2019 grass cutting contract. Council will consider a three year contract. Council's current contractor has asked if we would like an extra cut due to the length of the grass. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously depending on weather conditions.

19/012 Street Light: Clerk has reported a street light which isn't working in Red Barn Lane.

19/013 Highways: Mr Keating expressed his thoughts on reducing the speed limit through Great Oakley to 30mph which would enable the limit around the school to be reduced to 20mph. Chairman commented that there would be criteria issues. Cllr Bush said there was confusion on Beaumont Road with the speed limits and Cllr Erskine suggested a scheme request for the Local Highways Panel. Council felt that extension of the 30mph limit was needed due to the housing developments taking place, with flexibility needed from Red Barn Lane to the school.

Mr Keating expressed a concern regarding temporary traffic lights while the housing developments take place. Chairman suggested raising this issue with Tendring District Council planning.

We have received information via the EALC that TDC have provided £7,500 grant funding for a Handyman in Arlesford. Clerk to investigate whether any funding might be available to us.

Mr Mayman reported sustaining vehicle damage in the vicinity of the unauthorised works adjacent to Beaumont Road due to soil being deposited on the edge of the carriageway.

19/014 Play Inspection: Mr Mayman has been in touch with Tendring District Council who will send a list of approved play area maintenance contractors to him. Clerk will chase.

Clerk is also chasing contractors for new fence prices around the play area and Tendring District Council to clarify what Section 106 monies can be used for.

Mr Mayman reported the play area gate is not closing properly. This will be included in the cost of the new fencing.

Mr Spurge suggested the hedge is trimmed around the Recreation Field. Clerk will get prices.

19/015 Precept: Chairman circulated spreadsheets indicating the income and expenditure for 2018/2019. Taking into account the increased amount of grounds maintenance Council agreed to raise the precept by 10%. Proposed Mr Keating, seconded Mr Mayman, carried unanimously. The amount requested is £21,750 which breaks down to £19,078 for precept and £677 for LCTS Grant Scheme from TDC.

19/016 Public Rights of Way: Mr Mayman reported machinery on field entrances on Stones Green Road making footpath access difficult. This has been done to discourage illegal Hare Coursing affecting the area.

19/017 Village Hall: Nothing new to report.

19/018 TDALC Report: The next meeting takes place next week.

19/019 Planning:

Application No: 19/00004/OUT

Proposal: Erection of 5 no. four bedroom dwellings

Location: Land to the rear of Mill House High Street Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council oppose this development and made the following comments:

- The proposed development site is outside of any past, current or proposed housing development boundary for the village.
- At no time during the extensive consultation on the Emerging Local Plan has this site been put forward.
- The site sits within the Coastal Protection Belt.
- The development would require the demolition of at least one existing building within the curtilage of a Grade 2 Listed Building which would have a significant impact on the listed building's setting and the wider street scene.
- The proposed access is narrow and would have a detrimental impact on vehicle movements in the already busy centre of the village.
- These additional houses far exceed any possible measure of the housing requirements for Great Oakley for the foreseeable future.
- Tendring District Council have already met the housing allocation for the next five years and no further properties are needed or wanted.

- This application would be a Back Plot Development and would have a serious detrimental impact on existing properties and wildlife in the surrounding area.
- Previous planning refused - appeal denied due to ecology on the site. Ecology significantly destroyed - criminal activity should not be reward by planning permission

Council requested Cllr Bush have this application “called in” for a decision by TDC Planning Committee Members.

Application No: 19/00006/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Location: Wisteria Cottage Stones Green Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections regarding this application.

10/020 Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Income

Essex County Council	Amenity Grass Cutting	£ 529.80
Hunnaball Memorials	Memorial	£ 100.00
TOTAL		£ 629.80

Parish Council Expenditure

A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722534	£ 47.82
Autela Group Ltd	Payroll	722535	£ 46.80
Marvan’s	Grass Cutting (monthly invoice)	722536	£ 528.00
SLCC	Membership	722537	£ 89.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 139.70
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722538	£ 269.02
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses since July	722539	£ 64.81
TOTAL			£1,185.15

Village Hall Income

Post Office	Hall Hire	£ 50.00
Painting Group	Hall Hire	£ 391.00
Oakey Dokeys	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children’s Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Table Hire	Donation	£ 10.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
TOTAL		£ 611.00

Village Hall Expenditure

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 72.95
Mrs Turner	Wages	400802	£ 142.65
Mrs Turner	Expenses (cleaning)	Cash	£ 10.46
TOTAL			£ 226.06

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

19/021 Correspondence:

Football Team

Our local football team contacted Council regarding the amount of dog waste on the Recreation Field. They are having to clear the football pitch as much as they can before a match. They feel there is a lack of effort in the village from some dog owners to be as responsible as they should. They also feel there are a lack of bins on the field which would assist with the litter generated from a football match.

The football team have also produced invoices for the eradication of moles on the pitch and have brought to our attention they had cut the pitch before one of their matches.

Council discussed each issue in turn. Regarding the dog waste, Council have contacted the dog warden on two occasions with no success as the problem is considered to be on private land. Council have also put a polite notice in Coast to Coast regarding the dog waste issue in the Parish. The location of the dog and litter bin will also be brought to people's attention.

The mole issue arose in 2017 where Council agreed to pay £50 towards the invoice of £95 +VAT and the football team were notified. However, the football team didn't respond. Council feel that the agreement the football team use the pitch free of charge in return for maintaining the pitch to their requirements is fair. This also takes into account the extra grass cut which was carried out. Clerk will respond to the football club's issues.

Mrs Mason suggested putting up CCTV signage on the Recreation Field to see if this would help.

Mr Keating's employer, Harrods in London, has kindly donated 10 CCTV cameras. Clerk to write a letter of thanks on behalf of Council.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 10pm.

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