

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall Tuesday 19th February 2019

19/022 Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr M Keating, Mrs J Mason, County Cllr A Erskine, District Cllr M Bush

19/023 Apologies: Mr T Spurge, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Bransby

19/024 Declaration of Interest: Mr N Daniels, Mr J Tierney and District Cllr M Bush declared an interest for the Red House planning application

19/025 Public Participation: There were eight members of the public present and the following issues were raised:

A Parishioner brought to Council's attention the boundary hedge to his property which is adjacent to the Recreation Field. He feels the height of the hedge is too tall and now declines to maintain his side as he feels leaving green waste bags out may be an issue and alleges he has been informed by TDC that his property is being watched. He wants the Parish Council to cut this long established hedge to the height of his garage. Before a decision can be made, Chairman and Clerk will look into the issue further.

19/026 New Village Hall: There is nothing new to report regarding the New Village Hall but Council do need to raise the phasing of the development with Gary Guiver at TDC before requesting a meeting with Mr Thompson. Mr Daniels offered to write a timeline. Clerk will contact TDC with regards to the protection of the 106 monies.

19/027 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2019, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Keating, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

Progress Report

19/028 Annual Play Inspection: Tendring District Council have notified Council of their Annual Play Inspection, extending the offer to Parish Councils at a cost of £43.98. Council previously agreed to this offer which will be carried out in April.

19/029 Sign on B1414 and Wix Road: Sign posts were broken in each location which Clerk reported to Essex County Council. They have investigated both issues saying that they are not a priority at this time, Clerk to copy to Mr Daniels.

19/030 Street Lights: Street lights in Red Barn Lane and Harwich Road were not working. Clerk reported these to our contractor who has now repaired them.

19/031 The Soils: Verge cutting has exposed large amounts of litter at The Soils. Clerk reported this to Tendring District Council.

19/032 Football Club: The Football Club contacted Council regarding dog waste on the pitch as well as problems with litter and moles. Clerk sent Council's response via a letter. After further discussion it was proposed to install additional signage bringing the issue to field users attention, warning that if necessary dogs would have to be kept on a lead and ultimately it may be necessary to ban dogs from the field altogether.

19/033 Recreation Field Hedge: Mr Spurge suggested cutting the Recreation Field hedge so Clerk has contacted contractors for prices.

19/034 106 monies: Tendring District Council have made Council aware of some Section 106 money which is available to use on enhancing and improving open spaces which is available to everyone. Council need to identify some projects for play equipment, also ask the school if they have any suggestions.

19/035 Play Area Contractors: Mr Mayman has been in touch with Tendring District Council to find out details of play area maintenance contractors. These contractors are new to TDC so can't send details as yet as they have no proven track record. When available, details will be provided.

19/036 Grass Cutting Contract: Council's grass cutting contract is due for renewal and Clerk is waiting for tenders to be submitted.

19/037 Highways Rangers: Clerk contacted Highways Rangers at TDC highlighting issues in the Parish they might be able to help with. The issues were: Overgrown vegetation on Beaumont Road, Overgrown pavements on Beaumont Road and Harwich Road, Signs needing cleaning. Council received confirmation that these have been inspected and have been added to their works schedule to be completed in the next few weeks.

19/038 Mobility Scooter: A suggestion has been made by a member of the public for Council to provide a shelter for mobility scooters at the Village Hall. Clerk has contacted affected users of the Village Hall for an indication of the size required.

19/039 Handyman: Council were informed that a handyman in Arlesford had been funded by a grant from EALC. Clerk looked into this and found out that the grant was awarded by the Local Service Fund and was a revenue not a capital base fund so the Council could use the grant to pay a wage. The fund will be relaunched in April and we should build a case (similar to that formally used for CIF funding).

19/040 Shop Litter Bin: Mr Daniels asked for clarification regarding having a bin outside the shop. Chairman reported that Tendring District Council had rejected the request because they will not take commercial waste and considered that the bin would be too close to neighbouring properties.

19/041 Village Sign: Mr Daniels has inspected the blue village sign offering to repaint/refurbish it. Council thought this was a great idea and thanked him.

19/042 Highways: Mr Bush has been in constant contact with Essex County Council regarding the ditch on Beaumont Road after Mr Mayman suffered damage to his car and due to concerns over the exposed water services. Awaiting response.

19/043 Play Inspection: Clerk is aware of the trees which need trimming and is contacting contractors for prices.

19/044 Special Constable: Chairman, Mr Keating and District Cllr Bush have been looking into the possibility of the Parish having a Special Constable. The Special Constable would be a local volunteer who trains for 2 years and can commit to 16 hours a month, costing approximately £800 per year in expenses. Council agreed this would be a good asset for the Parish to assist with issues in the area such as fly tipping, dog waste and parking. Chairman proposed allocating £2,000 per year to support 2 Special Constables. Proposed Mr Keating, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously. District Cllr Bush also mentioned that the "Street watch" programme were looking for more volunteers but it was felt this was more applicable to larger communities, however it was also agreed to attempt to identify the nearest local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

19/045 Public Rights of Way: There is nothing new to report.

19/046 Village Hall: There is nothing new to report.

19/047 TDALC Report: There is nothing new to report.

19/048 Planning:

Application No: 19/00090/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of Red House to allow for proposed Community Hub Building incorporating Café/tea rooms with community and social centre and 3 no. one bedroom flats above. Use of land as community car park.

Location: Red House High Street Great Oakley Harwich

There are 31 objections on Tendring District Councils website. Chairman closed meeting at 8.45pm to give members of the public present a chance to express their views on the application. Chairman reopened meeting at 9.05 and presented the following comments as a summary:

Great Oakley Parish Council fully support the Community Hub and their ambitions and agree the site needs redevelopment.

Whatever redevelopment takes place, the appearance of the "original" Red House should be preserved or replicated to preserve the Street Scene.

A food facility of significantly down sized scale would seem beneficial to the community with additional public resources such as an internet-café, library, post office, etc., as well as provision of tea and coffee should be included in the approved scheme.

Great Oakley Parish Council are aware of the strength of opinion so far expressed and hope Planning can achieve a compromise to suit all schools of thought.

Proposed, Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously.

Application No: 19/00057/DETAIL

Proposal: Reserved matters for the residential development of two detached dwellings following application 14/1410/OUT

Location: Land North of Parsonage Lane Tendring Essex CO16 0DH

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

Determinations

- Land to North of Break of Day and Newlands Beaumont Road – Approval
- Great Oakley Lodge, 10m weather system mast – Approval
- Pesthouse Lane, Single Storey Annex – Approval
- 3 Skighaugh Stones Green – Lawful use certificate granted

19/049 Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

Marvan's	Grass Cutting Contract	722540	£528.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Lighting Contract	722541	£ 47.82
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£151.33
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722542	£269.02
TOTAL			£996.17

Village Hall Income

Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Rainbows	Hall Hire	£170.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
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Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
WEA	Hall Hire	£153.00
Toddlers	Hall Hire	£238.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Post Office	Hall Hire	£ 50.00
TOTAL		£803.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Anglian Water	Sewerage Charges	400803	£ 84.98
Affinity	Clean Water	400804	£ 42.90
Calor	Gas	400805	£481.29
Calor	Standing Charge	400806	£ 10.30
PRS	Music Licence	400807	£139.04
Julia Turner	Wages	400808	£169.65
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 5.26
TOTAL			£933.42

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

Tendring District Association of Local Councils

The TDALC affiliation fee for 2018/19 is due at a cost of £10. Proposed Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

RCCE Village Halls & Community Buildings Membership 2019

Our membership for the Village Hall is due at a cost of £60. Proposed Mr Daniels, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

19/050 Correspondence:

Mrs Mason requested a letter from the Parish Council to anyone who is parking on The Triangle at Stones Green, asking them to desist. Clerk will provide one.

Bus Consultation is taking place until 22nd March 2019. ECC subsidy may be removed for poorly used survey. Clerk to complete survey on Councils behalf.

There being no further business Chairman closed meeting at 9.25pm.

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