

# Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**19/076 Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mrs J Mason, County Cllr A Erskine

**19/077 Apologies:** Mr N Daniels, Mr M Bransby, Mr C Mayman, Mr M Keating, Mr T Spurge, District Cllr M Bush

**19/078** Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

**19/079 Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.

**19/080 Public Participation:** There were nine members of the public present.

Parishioners present reported the grass cutting was good along Partridge Close, although Tendring District Council Rangers still haven't carried out the work to the pavement. Chairman assured members of the public that the work is on The Rangers Schedule.

A member of the public asked Council if we had any more knowledge regarding the Road Rally. Chairman commented that Council have not been notified or consulted and the Rally is still going ahead with a longer route than last year.

Members of the public expressed an interest on updates of planning applications for The Red House and Mill House, Great Oakley. A parishioner said that the Red House has been deferred and Council have had no news regarding Mill House.

A parishioner asked Council if there had been any updates regarding the new Village Hall and expressed that parishioners are happy with the existing Village Hall. Council have no new updates.

Mr Tierney has received reports of a possible leak in the small room of the Village Hall. Clerk will investigate.

**19/081 New Village Hall:** There is nothing to report.

**19/082** Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Chairman, carried unanimously.

## Progress Report

**19/083 Tree – Partridge Close:** A parishioner reported to the Clerk a damaged tree at Partridge Close. As this was an emergency, Clerk, along with Chairman, authorised the work to be carried out.

**19/084 Willow Tree – Stones Green:** Chairman reported damage to the Willow Tree on the Triangle at Stones Green. Due to the danger of the branch falling, Chairman authorised the work to be carried out.

**19/085 Play Area Vegetation/Tree Maintenance:** A visual play area inspection highlighted the need for the vegetation and trees to be cut back from the children's play area boundary. Council agreed on a quote for the work which has been completed.

**19/086 Goal Maintenance:** Following a visual play area inspection Council have been informed that the small football goals need to be repainted to prevent deterioration. Clerk received a quote and Council agreed to have the work carried out. The contractor has been informed.

**19/087 Galloper Windfarms:** Council have been contacting Galloper for some time to request an update of their operations at Great Oakley with no response to date.

**19/088 Recreation Field – Dogs:** Our Play Inspector has highlighted the issue of dog waste increasing on the Recreation Field which is causing a constant hazard to the users of the field. Clerk contacted the Essex Association of Local Councils to seek advice from them. They have advised Council to contact the dog warden which has already been done but they couldn't help because the problem is on private land.

**19/089 Allotment Field Development:** At a previous Council meeting a parishioner asked what the lorry movements are going to be for the Allotment Field Development. Clerk contacted the landowner who has said they have decided to use the concrete track through their field from the junction of Stones Green Road and the Avenue for first phase works. This allows them to hold lorries at the farm if necessary to avoid congestion and prevents mud on the road. Once the proper Highways Access is installed they will be able to use that for site traffic. At present no lorries should be using their access on to the Allotment Field.

**19/090 Play Area Fence:** Following a routine visual inspection of the play area it was noted the fencing was deteriorating and a lot of the wooden posts needs replacing. To bring the fencing up to standard Clerk looked into prices for having it replaced, adding double gates for emergency services and new pedestrian gates. Council received two quotes for the work and agreed on one of them. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously. Clerk will send the information to Tendring District Council as 106 monies will be used for this project.

**19/091 Highways:** Cllr Erskine said that Highway Officers have been out looking at signage which there is too much of and Cllr Bush has requested a survey of the signs. When they have been reviewed relevant ones will be installed such as 20 is plenty. Cllr Erskine reported that schools need to sign up to this scheme which is designed to reduce the speed around schools.

**19/092 The Triangle – Stones Green:** Mrs Mason has reported to Council that vehicles park on The Triangle at Stones Green which causes ruts in the ground, making it difficult to maintain. Mr Keating suggested installing small posts with chain link between to deter parking there. Clerk has received a price which was presented to Council. With further discussion it was agreed to defer this decision and monitor the situation.

Mrs Mason also reported a tree on The Triangle which needs maintenance work carried out. Clerk will liaise with her to obtain advice on the tree.

**19/093 Elections:** Clerk has been advised by Tendring District Council that two people have submitted their papers to TDC. One other was too late to be included. This means there **will** be a further ballot for Great Oakley. The new deadline for submission of papers is 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019. TDC have advised Clerk if Poll cards are required they will cost £330 (paid for by the Parish Council). In order to ensure Parishioners have adequate notification, proposed Poll Cards should be produced in the event of an Election. Proposed Chairman, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Council have received advice from TDC regarding conducting business until a new Council is formed. If Council agree, the current Chairman remains in office until a new Parish Council Chairman is elected and assist in the normal running of the Parish Council until the Annual Assembly. Chairman agreed to continue as Chairman until this happens and remains as cheque signatory. Proposed Mrs Mason, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously. Mr Tierney expressed a concern regarding planning applications while the elections are taking place. If this event occurs Clerk will contact TDC to enquire about deferring any decisions until a new Council is in place.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Assembly on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at approximately 7.30 pm.

**19/094 Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating contacted Clerk to inform Council that Sarah the footpath inspector from Essex County Council has conducted the inspection of the Public Rights of Way system around Great Oakley and will in due course take action on observations made.

**19/095 Village Hall:** Nothing new to report.

**19/096 TDALC Report:** Cllr Erskine reported that the proposed West Tey housing development has had no support from Marks Tey and they are asking Parishes for a meeting to update them on progress. Chairman says there is no reason why council can't spend a half hour of their meeting listening to them.

**19/097 Planning:**

Application No: 19/00498/FUL

Proposal: Proposed extension to Curtilage, new secure garage/garden store & stables

Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council comments are to oppose this application as it's not in keeping with the location and excessive size, overdevelopment, potential for commercial use.

Any structure subsequently approved should have planning conditions restricting any future conversion to domestic use or separated from original house.

**19/098 Accounts for Payment****Parish Council Income**

Tendring District Council	Precept		
£10,875.00			
Harwich Funeral Service	Interment		£ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£11,375.00</b>

**Parish Council Expenditure**

Oakleys and Ramsey Scouts	Donation	722551	£ 50.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Play Area Vegetation/Hedge	722552	£ 150.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Partridge Close Tree Work – Emergency	722553	£ 100.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Stones Green Tree Work – Emergency	722554	£ 150.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Grass Cutting - March	722555	£ 400.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Grass Cutting – April	722556	£ 400.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 172.47
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722557	£ 47.82
Autela Group Limited	Payroll	722558	£ 47.00
ICO	Registration 2019	722559	£ 40.00
Miss J Bootyman	Expenses – Ink, Mileage, Envelopes	722560	£ 26.89
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722561	£ 269.02
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 1,803.20</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Flower Workshop	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Children’s Party	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Flower Workshop	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 119.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 308.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Gas Bay	Minor Service	400811	£
150.00			
Julia Turner	Wages	400812	£ 177.90
Julia Turner	Expenses	Cash	£ 17.12
British Gas	Electric	D/D	£ 227.93

**TOTAL**

**£ 572.95**

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

**Essex Association of Local Councils and National Association of Local Councils:** The affiliation fee is due at a cost of £229.08. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

**19/099 Correspondence:**

**Primary School:** The Primary School have contacted Council to ask if they could use the Recreation Field for parking on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, weather permitting. Council agreed they could. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

**Cllr Bush:** A homeowner in Great Oakley has contacted Cllr Bush to report rubbish which includes an old garage door on the Recreation Field. This was exposed when the trees were removed previously. Cllr Bush has reported this to TDC.

**Chairman:** Chairman addressed Council and members of the public to say he won't be standing as Councillor in the Elections due to a change in personal circumstances. Mr Tierney thanked him for his service and hard work for the benefit of the Parish.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.00pm.

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