

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall Tuesday 16th July 2019

19/124 Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr N Daniels, Mr J Tierney, Mr P Day, Mrs Y Bailey, County Cllr A Erskine

19/125 Apologies for Absence: District Cllr M Bush

19/126 Co-Option & Vice Chairman Nominations: Clerk has received an expression of interest from a member of the public expressing a wish to become a Councillor. Clerk sent an invitation along with the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Unfortunately no further contact has been made so there are still three vacancies on the Parish Council.

Chairman asked Council for nominations or expressions of interest for the position of Vice Chairman. Two Councillors put themselves forward, one via Email and the other at the meeting. As one of the candidates were away it was agreed to give both the opportunity to circulate some background information about themselves and why they would like to become Vice Chairman. Once received, Councillors will take a vote.

19/127 Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

19/128 Public Participation: There were nine members of the public present and the following issues were raised:

- Mr Brown reported that after 40 years of being our transport representative he would be stepping down. Due to modern technology, the service is self-regulating. Chairman thanked him for his many years of service.
- A Parishioner asked if there was any updates regarding the Red House and Mill House planning applications. Mr Day is on the Red House Committee and reported there will be a meeting with the full membership the next evening where it will be discussed. It is understood an Environmental Report is awaited on the Mill House application.
- A Parishioner reported fly tipping at The Soils.
- Another Parishioner commented that there haven't been many helicopters from the airfield. Chairman commented that he understood they were winding down operations and they would no longer be using the facility by the end of the year.
- Members of the public confirmed their request for a new kitchen at the Village Hall. Mr Daniels has been working with the Caretaker to carry out surveys to investigate what else is needed such as painting. A suggestion was made to look into funding options.
- It was reported the flag at the bus stop still hasn't been repaired.

19/129 New Village Hall: It has come to light that the earliest the site is likely to have 23 houses complete will be 2023. There has been nothing confirmed regarding the time frame for a New Village Hall so Councillors have agreed to continue maintaining the existing Village Hall where necessary.

19/130 Minutes of Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 4th June 2019, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Day, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2019, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mrs Bailey, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

Progress Report:

19/131 Lambert Smith Hampton: Lambert Smith Hampton wrote to Council advising them of an RPI Rent Increase. Councillors agreed to compose a letter pointing out the lease does not include provision for retrospective reviews. Council have received no further news.

- 19/132 Fireworks:** Councillors and Parishioners noticed a local business has regular firework displays. Clerk looked into the laws regarding fireworks which must not be set off between 11pm and 7am except for Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year when the times are Midnight and 1am.
- 19/133 The Soils Sign:** A Parishioner reported damage to the support post of a sign at The Soils. Clerk has reported the issue to Essex County Council who responded that the damage was not urgent enough to repair at this time.
- 19/134 Stones Green Road:** Stones Green Road was reported to Council by a Parishioner because the edges are breaking up causing a hazard. Clerk reported the issue to Essex County Council.
- 19/135 Burial Ground:** During a recent inspection of the new burial ground by the Clerk it was noticed that paving slabs have been put on to two graves. Upon contacting the family concerned requesting they were removed in line with the Burial Ground regulations, a negative response was received and the call terminated. Clerk to write to relation requesting the removal of the slabs forthwith or we will have them removed and send the bill to the family.
- 19/136 Play Area Fence:** Council have applied to Tendring District Council for the release of Section 106 money for the provision of new metal fencing around the play area. TDC have accepted our request and will release the funds subject to completion of the project. Contractor has requested payment up front for materials which was agreed subject to a vesting certificate being obtained stating that the materials were the property of GOPC once purchased.
- 19/137 Road Name:** Tendring District Council contacted Council asking for ideas of a road name for the development off Beaumont Road. Mr Bush offered to pass on Council's suggestions and TDC confirmed "The Oaks" will be used.
- 19/138 Recreation Field Tree:** Since Council's last meeting a branch fell from an oak tree on the Recreation Field. Chairman used his delegated powers and agreed to have emergency work carried out to remove the branch and make the tree safe at a cost of £300.
- 19/139 Sign:** Mr Daniels previously arranged to have a blue Parish Sign restored and circulated ideas to all Councillors. A unanimous decision was made and Mr Daniels expects the cost to be £87 for the materials.
- 19/140 August Meeting:** In recent years, Council has a break in August, with Clerk and Chairman dealing with any urgent matters should they arise under delegated powers. It was proposed by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Daniels and carried unanimously that we do the same again this year: date of next meeting 17th September 2019.
- 19/141 Highways:** County Cllr Erskine reported the B1414 is being marked in sections for repair. The problem is there is no support under the edge of the road so it's falling under the weight and size of the HGV's.
- 19/142 Play Area Inspection:** Council have recently had an annual play inspection carried out and a number of items have been noted but everything is either very low risk or low risk. However, there are areas to monitor for future wear and tear and some remedial work needs to be carried out. This is mainly the safety surface around the basket swing. Clerk will contact a maintenance contractor for advice and a price for the work. The zip wire needs some attention so Clerk will ask the contractor for advice on the maintenance and repairs to some of the wood. Chairman requested Clerk send a copy of the report to Mr Mayman for his information.
- 19/143 Public Rights of Way:** Mr Bush reported the footbridge has been repaired and TDC arranged to have the vegetation cut back by the School.

Cllr Erskine suggested Council start making plans for next year to help cut back public rights of way. These will eventually fall to Parishes to monitor and maintain. GOPC could group together with other Parishes to fund and share equipment. Chairman asked Cllr Erskine to find out the extent of our liability.

- 19/144 Village Hall:** Plans for the Village Hall were discussed under Public Participation.

Mrs Bailey has been approached by a resident asking about ownership of the Village Hall. Chairman said that he, Mr Bush and the Clerk have all previously responded to this resident with the same information.

Chairman re-iterated the details of the Deeds to the Village Hall that clearly states the Village Hall belongs to Great Oakley Parish Council. Clerk offered said resident an appointment for a viewing of the Deeds.

19/145 TDALC Report: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th July 2019.

19/146 Planning: There are no planning applications this month but two determinations as follows:

19/00725/LUPR – OP Lawful Use Certificate Granted Delegated Decision
Proposed change of use of Garage to Study Room
7 Partridge Close Great Oakley Harwich CO12 5DH

19/00761/Full Approval – Full Delegated Decision
Proposed single storey extension
Wisteria Cottage Stones Green Road Great Oakley Harwich CO12 5BP

19/147 Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Income

HMRC	VAT Refund		£1,651.99
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Parish Council Expenditure

Great Oaktree Land Services	Emergency Tree Work	722572	£ 300.00
Great Oaktree Land Services	Grass Cutting	722573	£ 400.00
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Great Oaktree Land Services	Tree Work Hamford Drive	722575	£ 250.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 166.91
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722576	£ 47.82
Business Services at CAS	Insurance	722577	£ 731.50
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722578	£ 269.02
TOTAL			£2,565.25

Village Hall Income

Tendring District Council	Hall Hire		£ 250.00
Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
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B,Box	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
W.E.A	Hall Hire		£ 119.00
Table Top & Quiz Night	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 85.00
Christening Party	Hall Hire		£ 42.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire		£ 153.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
TOTAL			£ 869.00

Village Hall Expenditure

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 264.02
Mrs Turner	Caretaker	422005	£ 177.90
TOTAL			£ 441.92

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

19/148 Correspondence: Council received an email from Chelmsford Motor Club (CMC), the organisers of the Tendring Road Rally asking if Council would like a member of the organising team to attend a forthcoming Parish Council Meeting to answer any questions or explain anything about the rally.

Councillors agreed that, in light of previous communication with the CMC on this matter, there was no point.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.11pm.

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