



**GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Yvonne Bailey  
**Vice Chairman:** Mike Bush  
**Councillors:** Paul Day, Kim Schooling  
**District Councillor:** Mike Bush  
**Essex County Councillor:** not in attendance

1 member of the public was in attendance

**07 / 2020- 01 | Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that we are recording the meeting.

**07 / 2020- 2 | Apologies for absence**

There have been none.

**07 / 2020- 3 | Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs introduced themselves; none declared any interests on this occasion.

**07 / 2020 – 4 | Rules for online / remote meetings**

Attendees have been asked to raise a hand should they wish to speak throughout the meeting.

**07 / 2020 – 5 | Appointment of new Parish Clerk and RFO**

**RESOLVED: that Daniel Land be appointed as the new Clerk of Great Oakley Parish Council.**

Proposed Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour

**07 / 2020 – 6 | Public participation**

Chairman welcomed Joel (Member of the public) to the meeting, who has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor once the formalities have been completed.

**07 / 2020 – 7 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bush gave an update – Fly tipping – (SOILS), long queues at recycling centres, Litter Picks scheduled for Great Oakley 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Little Oakley 6<sup>th</sup> September. Meet at 10am for 2 hours. Village Hall at Great Oakley and Memorial Ground at Little Oakley.

**ACTION:** Posters on Notice Boards to promote the link to report Fly tipping through TDC. Cllr Bush to send details.

Development – Approved by committee of Red House to move forward for full planning. Two apartments on ground and first floor, and extend the pub and have a studio flat with balcony. Cllr Schooling raised concerns over the parking and the infill. Cllr Bush explained that planners and Essex Heritage wanted the infill in order to support the application. A discussion about parking took place, outlining some of the issues.



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Three Cups – Residential home for people with Learning Difficulties. There will be a car park built at the rear for 10 vehicles. Over the road at Mill House there is a further 6 properties. This will add additional traffic on three busy entrance/exits.

Allotment fields – that will come forward now, possibly at a pace.

Essex County Council school support strategy – travel funding for schools. I am dealing with two particular families to try to support their appeal for school transport funding.

North of Break of Day development is moving on and some properties have been sold. There will be an allocation of 106 monies for open space which we will need to keep track of.

Chicken Farm - Cllr Bush is campaigning and lobbying via posters and communications to both to Great Oakley and Wix. A silent protest is an idea currently being discussed, there are approx 470 objections currently on the TDC planning portal. Press to be contacted, Chairman said she would be happy to support.

**07 / 2020 – 8 | County Councillor Report**

No report was received or presented to the meeting.

**07 / 2020 – 9 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (16<sup>th</sup> June)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Schooling Seconded Cllr Day- all in favour.**

**07 / 2020 – 10 | Clerk's Report**

The Clerk gave an update on the initial activities that have been taking place

**RESOLVED: That the Council sets up a Facebook page. Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Schooling – all in favour.**

**07 / 2020 – 11 | Chairman's Report**

Chairman made Cllrs aware of a litter bin, available from Glasdons. This item will be added to the next agenda for consideration. Cllr Day said he has a bin outside his house which is emptied regularly said he would supply details of rentable bins. Cllr Bush asked about the current bin arrangements.

**ACTION:** Add purchase of new bin to the next agenda.

No further complaints concerning the barking dog.

Play area inspection reports and telephone box. Draw a line under any old arrangements

No slow return mechanism on the gate in the park

Zip Wire - Clerk to arrange visit

Minute Book – purchased

TDC have carried out the playground inspection – we have the report



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Beaumont Road Ditch – a meeting took place with ECC and four residents. It was disappointing, Kevin Bentley was not there and the officers in attendance appeared not to have read the correspondence. The Enforcement Officer indicated she would be writing to the resident and agreed to provide a summary that correspondence to Council. Cllr Bush updated that an ECC inspector has now visited the site along with another ECC Officer. All planting is illegal and licence is needed in the initial comments from ECC.

Recreation Field Hedge and Tree. TDC Tree officer has been out and he confirmed that the tree is a Hawthorne and it has overgrown and needs cutting back after bird nesting season. The advice was to cut the hedge right back also after the bird nesting season.

**ACTION:** agenda item for September inc. Maintenance Schedule

**07 / 2020 – 12 | CORBEAU Tending Car Rally 2021**

A discussion took place about the proposed rally. ECC and TDC are looking to neutralise their carbon footprint and this does not support that agenda. GOPC are not in favour of this rally and want to support their residents in Stones Green by objecting. **ACTION:** It was agreed that PC would object to the rally on the basis of the negative impact on the environment and our residents.

**07 / 2020 – 13 | August Parish Council Meeting**

It was agreed that there will be a meeting to approve the AGAR in August, this should only contain these agenda items and Clerk and Chairman will deal with urgent matters as they arise with delegated powers.

**07 / 2020 – 14 | Recreation Field, Play Area & Village Hall**

A discussion took place on the re-opening of the recreation field and play area. The Council has posters and a checklist in place and the onus must be on individuals to take responsibility for themselves and that children should be accompanied by adults.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that posters would be produced and placed at strategic points on the recreation ground and play area by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. This can then be published to the new GOPC Facebook page and the website. The Checklist will be available.

Village Hall

**ACTION:** It was decided that a Sub-committee should be setup to explore the measures required in order to re-open the Hall.

**07 / 2020 – 15 | Burial Ground**

We are still waiting for an update from the Funeral Directors on the rules and regulations.

**RESOLVED: that the Council approve the new Burial rules and regulations. Proposed by Cllr Schooling, Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour**

**ACTION:** September agenda item Burial Charges.

**07 / 2020 – 16 | Planning and Development**

Application: 20/00697/FUL | Proposed change of use from residential house to care home for up to 6 people | Three Cups. **No objection: make the point that due to other developments around this one,**



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**please could a traffic calming system be looked at owing to Highway impacts.**

Application: 20/00764/FUL | Proposed Detached dwelling, variation of design | Adjacent Ashley Cottage – No Objections

**RESOLVED: that the following comments on the applications above be made to TDC. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Bush- all in favour.**

**07 / 2020 – 17 | Cheques and Finance Authorisation Items**

**RESOLVED: that this month's cheques be signed, including the exceptional expenses incurred by Cllr Bush. Proposed by Cllr Schooling Seconded Cllr Day – all in Favour.**

**07 / 2020 – 18 | Correspondence**

VJ DAY is the 15<sup>th</sup> August, Cllr Bailey has purchased a wreath for the memorial and it will be a joint presentation from Community Care and the Parish Council.

**07 / 2020 – 19 | Parish Councillor Vacancies**

Joel Green was welcomed the meeting and it was outlined to the meeting that he should be co-opted on the August Meeting.

**07 / 2020 – 20 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration**

**ACTION: Electric Contract at the Village Hall – British Gas.**

**Meeting closed**

**Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.30pm (Venue to be announced)**