



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 22nd September 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Bailey

Vice Chairman: Mike Bush

Councillors: Paul Day, Nick Daniels, Kim Schooling, Paul Day, Joel Green, Janey Nice, David Fox

District Councillor: Mike Bush

Essex County Councillor: Andrew Erskine

3 members of the public were in attendance

09 / 2020- 01 | Welcome

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

09 / 2020- 2 | Apologies for absence

09 / 2020- 3 | Declarations of Interest

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

09 / 2020 – 4 | Rules for online / remote meetings

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

09 / 2020 – 5 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (18st August)

RESOLVED: That the minutes be agreed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Day | Seconded Cllr Fox- all in favour.

09 / 2020 – 6 | Public participation

No public comments or questions were received

09 / 2020 – 7 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters:

Local Government Re-organisation is moving at pace. District and County Councils to be dissolved and unitary councils formed.

Chicken Farm application deferred

Community litter picking may be in doubt with new COVID rules

New planning white paper is out to consultation

Energy efficiency work has taken place with the Clerk

Following on from the August Agenda (point 19). The recommendation is to move forward with a three-year contract with EDF as per Cllr Bush's proposal. **Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Green – all in favour**

09 / 2020 – 8 | County Councillor Report

A report was heard from Cllr Erskine.



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Matter discussed: Back Lane and the narrowness of the road, can this be looked at? Cllr Daniels said he would be happy to gather local views. Cllr Schooling emphasised the speed on the High Street. Cllr Green reaffirmed that educating people is key. Cllr Nice said that large vehicles parking can be an issue.

09 / 2020 – 9 | Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave updates on the following matters:

- Banking mandates now complete
- Visited neighbouring Parish Council – procedural
- Investigated the utility contracts currently held by the village hall
- Reported Fly-tipping incidents

ACTION: LED – investigate options, trial Stones Green. Cllr Fox / Green

09 / 2020 – 10 | Chairman's Report

Chairman gave updates on the following matters:

Ditch issues B1414 – response received from enforcement officer from ECC. They would like to help the resident apply for retrospective planning. Council to explore further options

Meeting in public has not been able to proceed as planned owing to COVID

Roles and responsibilities have been circulated. Governance and policies should be added to the list.

Committees to now manage their areas, submit monthly reports to full council

Thanks to the Clerk for sorting out the bank mandate

Chairman cleaned the play equipment – needs adding to the maintenance contract moving forward

Police street meet to take place 11am-12am on the 1st October at the Village Hall – Cllr Nice and Green to try to attend

Chair to attend TDALC & EALC AGM meetings

Government planning consultation – Cllrs to read the documents

RESOLVED: To donate £75 to the Royal British Legion owing to the anniversary date. **Proposed Cllr Bush**
Seconded Cllr Green – all in favour

Field adjacent to the allotments – the PC has not received any notification of any planning yet.

Cllr Schooling mentioned the bench outside the shop is in a poor state – Cllr Daniels said he would speak with the owner

Cllr Fox spoke to a Mrs Sharp about some ongoing matters in Stones Green, a sign on farmer's field, CCTV warnings, a pole erected in the grassland by County Broadband. **ACTION: send letter explaining we are not content about this – Cllr Fox**

Hedges around some properties in Stones Green, can the Parish Investigate some maintenance- Cllr Fox

09 / 2020 – 11 | Dates of meetings 2020/21

09 / 2020 – 12 | Maintenance Schedule

RESOLVED: That the tree on Hamford Drive be trimmed back. Proposed Cllr Daniels Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.

Working group to look at the zip line and come back with responses

RESOLVED: Notice Boards – to purchase three new notice boards to the value of £2574 and Installation up to £250 Proposed Cllr Fox, Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.



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09 / 2020 – 13 | Village Hall

Update received from the Chairman – Flu Jabs will take place in the hall.

09 / 2020 – 13 | Burial Ground

Update received from the Chairman. Plot holders have received the new rules and notices have been put up. Thanks to Yvonne and Reg for their hard work.

09 / 2020 – 15 | Planning applications

Planning application have been dealt with as they have come in throughout the month and comments fed back to TDC Planning.

09 / 2020 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

RESOLVED: that this month's cheques be signed, including expenses.

Proposed by Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Day – all in Favour.

09 / 2020 – 17 | Correspondence

09 / 2020 – 18 | Co-option of new Councillors

Applications have been received from John Higgins.

RESOLVED: That John Higgins be adopted onto Great Oakley Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Bailey | Seconded Cllr Day- all in favour

09 / 2020 – 19 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Christmas Tree

Phone Box

Meeting closed

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.00pm (Venue to be announced)