



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Yvonne Bailey

**Vice Chairman:** Mike Bush

**Councillors:** Paul Day, Nick Daniels, Kim Schooling, Joel Green, Janey Nice, John Higgins

**District Councillor:** Mike Bush

**Essex County Councillor:**

1 member of the public was in attendance

**12 / 2020- 01 | Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed those attending and reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.

**12 / 2020- 2 | Apologies for absence**

Cllr Fox

**12 / 2020- 3 | Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs introduced themselves; note that Cllrs are making a decision on the Precept this evening

**12 / 2020 – 4 | Rules for online / remote meetings**

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

**12 / 2020 – 5 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (17<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes be agreed as a true record- all in favour.

**12 / 2020 – 6 | Public participation**

No questions have been submitted formally under this section.

**12 / 2020 – 7 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bush reported on the following points:

Planning policy and local plan interim meeting – it was discussed that the local plan part 1 has now been approved by the inspector. This involves the garden community on the Tendring/Colchester border. The HIF fund will support the link road between Wivenhoe and the A12. The housing number of 550 is now the base number per annum for Tendring for the life of the plan. Part two will come forward now in a strong position, a collaborative approach between councils (Colchester) will have to be decided.

Speculative development should now start to be fended off. We now have a 5-year housing supply under the 550 number. Goes to Full Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> January to adopt.

**12 / 2020 – 8 | County Councillor Report**

No report was submitted

**12 / 2020 – 9 | Clerk's Report**



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The Clerk reported on the following matters:

CILCA

Website

Recreation Ground

Noticeboards

**ACTION – lights out**

Mill House Street Light

Corner of Hamford Drive/Orchard Drive Street Light

One out on the Village Square

A conversation about the recreation field took place. In 1998 the PC had the chance to buy the field and it was approx. 24k at that time

Finance Sub-committee to look into the options

**ACTION:** To inform TDC that we wish to be involved with any developments moving forward.

**12 / 2020 – 10 | Chairman's Report**

Chairman gave updates on the following matters:

The Chairman updated that the bin has been installed

She thanked everyone for their dedication to the working groups and sub-committees

The Christmas cards are fantastic and thanks to Matt Coleman for the wonderful photo

The Christmas tree is wonderful – thanks to Cllr Daniels

Telephone box – the council will endeavour to look at the telephone box in 2021

Greenswards being used as carparks has been flagged up by locals. Could some be converted to parking and others left as grassed areas. A neighbourhood plan would outline some of the requirements of the village

We should look to keep flora and fauna in place where possible

Informed that the buses are not reliable except Hedingham

**Agenda Item:** Parish/Neighbourhood Plan – form a working group

**Agenda Item:** Speeding in the village

**12 / 2020 – 11 | Meeting dates 2020/21**

The meeting dates for the period were noted

**12 / 2020 – 12 | Reports**

**Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards**

Report received

**Public Rights of Way / footpaths**

A comprehensive report was submitted by Cllrs Fox and Schooling – thanks were given for their efforts.

**TDALC**

Report was submitted by the Chairman



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**Village Hall**

A working group report with recommendations was submitted to council.

**LED Lighting Trial**

Evaluate the trial period – end of January

**Resolved:** That two-part night sensors be purchased. Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Higgins – all in favour.

**Stones Green – Trees**

The power companies should pay for the work (UK Powernetworks) – **ACTION:** Write letter to UKPowernetworks.

**12 / 2020 – 13 | Planning applications**

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

20/01611/FUL Detached House adjacent to Acorn Cottage, Farm Road, Great Oakley - Clerk to obtain further information and to circulate during the month.

**12 / 2020 – 14 | Cheques and finance authorisation**

**Resolved:** that this month's cheques be signed, including any expenses.

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

**12 / 2020 – 15 | Budget Proposal 2021-22**

**Resolved:** to approve the finance sub-committee's budget proposal of £26,620 for the year 2021-22 and an immediate pay rise for the clerk based on the successful completion of the CILCA qualification.

Proposed Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour. The committee were thanked for their efforts.

**12 / 2020 – 16 | Correspondence**

Email received from a local resident concerning trees at the Village Hall – letter to be sent back in response.

**12 / 2020 – 17 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration**

As above

Green Agenda

Speeding

**Meeting closed**

**Date and Time of next meeting |** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm (Venue to be announced)