



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 19th January 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Bailey

Vice Chairman:

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

District Councillor: Sent Apologies

Essex County Councillor:

2 members of the public were in attendance

01 / 2021- 01 | Welcome

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

01 / 2021- 2 | Apologies for absence

Cllr Bush, Cllr Higgins

01 / 2021- 3 | Declarations of Interest

There were none.

01 / 2021 – 4 | Rules for online / remote meetings

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

01 / 2020 – 5 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (15th December)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Nice, Seconded Cllr Daniels- all in favour.

01 / 2021 – 6 | Public participation

No questions have been submitted formally under this section.

01 / 2021 – 7 | District Councillor Report

No report was submitted – apologies sent

01 / 2021– 8 | County Councillor Report

No report was submitted

01 / 2021 – 9 | Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

Website – the Clerk advised the Council that he was happy with the revised format being put forward for the website and that council should move forward with the new format and layout. All agreed it was an improvement and to accept the new format and layout subject to annual review.

01 / 2021 – 10 | Chairman's Report



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Chairman gave updates on the following matters:

Chairman noted comments from local residents praising the activities that had taken place.

The Chairman advised that additional working groups should be setup, including Village plan.

Cllr Daniels will make a presentation at the next meeting on the progress to date on the TDC Great

Oakley Conservation Area Review 2006 prior to the setting up of a Village Plan Working Group

The phone box was discussed around refurbishment and ideas for potential use- library, local information

(tourist bureau), advertising proposal. Cllr Daniels will take the lead on progressing this at the appropriate time.

Notice boards will be installed in the coming week – 25/01/2021.

The pension situation

The annual meeting date 25/05/2021

Christmas tree/cards – agenda in July

Following complaints received the Rangers will be asked about the hedge line along Beaumont Road in front of the allotments. Council will also investigate the grass verges on the footpaths along Beaumont Road between The Oaks and the School; on School Road between Hamford Drive and the Recreation Field and on Harwich Road from Mill House down to the Village Hall entrance.

Burial ground – work to level the graves will take place in March.

01 / 2021 – 11 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

The working group report was submitted prior to the meeting and all had time to consider recommendations which were accepted. All were thanked for their efforts.

Public Rights of Way / footpaths

A comprehensive report was submitted by Cllrs Fox and Schooling – thanks were given for their efforts. Footpath 11 has been reported, has been assessed and the resident advised it has been reported to ECC.

TDALC

The ECC Speeding Strategy Report was circulated by the Chairman for comments to take to the next TDALC meeting on 27/01/21. Cllr Schooling suggested questioning speeding enforcement strategy. Meeting to take place week commencing 25/01/21

Village Hall

A working group report with recommendations was submitted to council.

The Chairman is booked onto a lottery funding seminar.

LED Lighting Trial

Evaluate the trial period –the lights have worked well.

5 lights have been changed to LEDs

The cost saving will be evident once further bills are received



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Residents to be contacted and advised why lights should be changed before any roll out.

Stones Green

No discussion.

01 / 2021- 12 | Environment- carbon reduction.

Parish Council are committed to carbon reduction as demonstrated by recent LED Lighting Trial and will be a priority consideration for Village Hall refurbishment.

01 / 2021 – 13 | Planning applications

20/01611/FUL – Detached House adjacent to Acorn Cottage, Farm Road – Objection – outside development area.

20/01499/FUL- Proposed extension, Bevendean, Beaumont road – no comment

01 / 2021 – 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.

The Clerk put forward Clacton Business Services to do the Internal Audit for 2020/21 – Clerk to supply further details pertaining to cost etc for consideration prior to submission at the next meeting.

01 / 2021 – 16 | Correspondence

Email received from a previous Parish Councillor in relation to the land at the rear of the allotments. The Parish Council have noted their comments.

An email from a Stones Green resident about flood water discharge was forwarded to Cllr Fox for investigate. Cllr Fox reported he had contacted the residents affected at Brook Cottage and Kiln House which appeared to be the result of heavy rainfall and flooding at Block Farm.

Brook Cottage and Brook Farm would appreciate some advice.

01 / 2021 – 17 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Parking on Verges

Meeting closed

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7.00pm (Venue to be announced)