



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 23rd February 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Bailey

Vice Chairman: Mike Bush

Councillors: Paul Day, Nick Daniels, Kim Schooling, Janey Nice, Dave Fox, John Higgins

District Councillor: Cllr Bush

Essex County Councillor:

1 member of the public was in attendance

02 / 2021- 01 | Welcome

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

02 / 2021- 2 | Apologies for absence

Cllr Green

02 / 2021- 3 | Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Bush, Schooling, Daniels and Day declared personal and pecuniary interests in agenda item 16, planning application 21/00080/FUL. Dispensation had been sought and approved by the Monitoring Officer at TDC and all are free to comment and vote on the application before us this evening. Cllr Nice declared that her mother lives in the vicinity of this planning application.

02 / 2021 – 4 | Rules for online / remote meetings

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

02 / 2020 – 5 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (19th January)

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

02 / 2021 – 6 | Public participation

No questions have been submitted formally under this section.

02 / 2021 – 7 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters:

TDC's Full Council approved the budget including the £5 council tax rise.

Section 2 of the TDC local plan is in front of the Inspector as of today for three days. It's an encouraging situation.

Funding is available during COVID for businesses from TDC via their website.

02 / 2021– 8 | County Councillor Report

No report was submitted

02 / 2021 – 9 | Clerk's Report



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The Clerk reported on the following matters:

Finance

Village Hall Direct Debits

LED lighting update

Highway Rangers

ECC reports

Action: Cllr Daniels asked to follow up on the entry sign to Great Oakley

02 / 2021 – 10 | Chairman's Report

Chairman gave updates on the following matters:

Chairman has attended 2 funding workshops (Lottery and Essex Community Foundation) as well as a one-to-one meeting in relation to the village hall.

The notice boards are up and we have had some positive comments from residents. The notice board in the centre of the village is in a poor state – **Cllr Daniels to speak with Mr K.**

ECC Highways have been undertaking road repairs around the village. The drain cover at the end of Farm Lane has not taken and is crumbling – it has been reported to ECC.

Attended TDALC meeting, zero carbon neutral by 2030 was the topic of discussion. As a PC we should look at everything we do (all agenda items) and try to ensure we contribute where possible.

Having attended training, some points of learning have been fed back from attendees concerning committees and other processes.

02 / 2021 – 11 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

A report was submitted prior to the meeting.

Beaumont Road Ditch – still ongoing, Chair to write to ECC once more, copying other relevant leaders locally.

Meeting was setup with Sovereign Play but had to be cancelled.

Recreation Field – referred to the Finance committee for discussion.

Burial Ground – plan has been re-drawn to scale, reduced plots (half).

Greenswards – A village walk took place to look at issues. TDC Highway Rangers have done some work with more to take place when the weather improves. ECC have been contacted about ownership of the verge from the Village Hall to Mill House and ECC have stated they 'OWN' the verge and will send out an inspector.

Playground annual clean – will look for quotes for works to commence in the Spring.

Action: acquire additional quote for Bench/s. Pursue possible sponsorship options via local businesses, Community Care donation.

Resolved: that the quote to remove the ivy off the tree at the Village Hall be accepted at a cost of £336 (Gross). Proposed Cllr Daniels Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

A report was submitted by Cllrs Fox and Schooling – thanks were given to Cllr Schooling.

Woodlands footpath has a trip hazard.



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TDALC

An ECC representative failed to attend the meeting so no detail came forward. A note came through to say that ECC would be looking to adopt Hertfordshire's policy. Carbon Neutral by 2030 was discussed.

Village Hall

A working group report with recommendations was submitted to council.

The Chairman attended funding seminars.

The 21st June could be a date to re-open but this cannot be clarified until early June as per government rules.

Action: Cllr Daniels suggested a notice be put up about the opening rules

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

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

Stones Green

No discussion.

02 / 2021 – 12 | Parish Plan

Parish Plans are not legally binding.

Neighbourhood plans are legally binding.

Meeting to take place between Wix, Great Oakley and Little Oakley Parish Councils representatives.

02 / 2021 – 13 | Speeding

Speed Signage is faded – doesn't help.

Could there be some temporary measures to reduce speeding, some villages have planters to reduce the width of the road.

Local Highway Panel schemes to be considered with speeding in mind.

02 / 2021- 14 | 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.

Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom – to be considered. Consider acquiring some trees for planting schemes – Partridge Close.

02 / 2021 – 15 | Parking on verges

ECC have confirmed that they will send out an inspector to look at the verges.

Issue with parking on Partridge Close from the Lime trees development.

Action: speak to TDC planning enforcement



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02 / 2021 – 16 | Planning applications

21/00080/FUL | Proposed conversion of dwelling into two flats (Red House), infill extension between dwelling and The Maybush Public House to form further flat with multi-use community facilities extension to Public House at ground level. Proposed Change of Use of garden area behind public house from residential to use associated with Public House / Community Use and proposed external landscaping works. Red House (The Maybush Inn), High Street, Great Oakley, Harwich, Essex, CO12 5AQ.

A lengthy discussion took place and each Cllr was given the opportunity to speak. A vote was taken on the application with 5 Cllrs against and 2 in favour.

Planning considerations. Lack of appropriate Parking, increase of vehicles owing to additional traffic, noise, pollution, disruption.

Cllr Higgins was unable to speak or vote on the matter due to having no dispensation from TDC

02 / 2021 – 17 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

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

Resolved: that Clacton Business Services be used for the internal audit for 2020/21. Proposed Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Nice- all in favour.

02 / 2021 – 18 | Correspondence

Email received from Chris Thompson, ref planting trees on the green at Partridge Close and also a letter concerning the parking on Partridge Close in relation to the Limetrees Development.

02 / 2021 – 19 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Memorial Garden

Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom

Dog Poo Bins

Litter

Meeting closed 21:59pm

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



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In accordance with s2 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press will be excluded for consideration of items 1-2 below owing to the confidential nature of the business, the following items were discussed in a closed session.

1. Purchase of Recreation Field

The recreation field committee proposed that that finance committee explored options in order to purchase the field. The finance committee met and provided a report to Council with the options laid out. A discussion took place on the options with Cllrs expressing their opinions.

Resolved: That 1. the PC agrees with the recommendations from the Finance Committee.
Proposed Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Daniels – all in favour

Action: Cllr Daniels suggested getting a professional valuation of the recreation field.

Resolved: That 20k is moved to earmarked reserves. Proposed Cllr Bush Cllr Day – all in favour

2. Village hall refurbishment including urgent repair work

Resolved: The Village Hall Committee met and is proposing some emergency works. It was agreed that these recommendations be adopted. Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Daniels – all in favour.