



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Day

Vice Chairman: Cllr Bush

Councillors: Cllrs Nice, Browne, Bush, Daniels

District Councillor: Cllr Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr Land

14 members of the public were in attendance

11 / 2022 - 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

11 / 2022 – 02 | Apologies for absence

Cllr Offord.

11 / 2022 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nice declared an interest in item 10 – the red barn lane pump. Cllr Daniels declared an Pecuniary Interest in the item to give money to the village volunteers (plant maintenance)

11 / 2022 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (11th October 2022)

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

Stanley Graham attended from the Corbeau Rally, to inform and liaise with local residents. The event will be in reverse for the 22-23 April 2023. The event maps will be in reverse for 2023. There is a possibility for costed projects to be supported financially.

11 / 2022 – 05 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported that a start date for the new play equipment would be early in the new year. A site meeting was due to take place in December.

11 / 2022 – 06 | Chairman's Report

The village hall heating system has failed recently on a number of occasions. A quote has been sourced to keep the system more efficient. Proposal to sweep the chimney and have a cowl installed. A storage unit has been bought and the foundations are to go in. Donations/grants are being applied for and successfully achieved. The caretaker application has not yet been sought after.

11 / 2022 – 07 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters:
Fly-tip in the soils has been noted and reported



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TDC have a community fund for local organisations and the second round will be launched soon, cost of living will be a big factor in the judging criteria.

Parliamentary boundary review is out for consultation until 5th December.

11 / 2022– 08 | County Councillor Report

The Full Council met and discussed about the measures in place to support people during the current financial situation. Have asked for a list of all protected trees in the village.

11 / 2022 – 09 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

Nothing to report

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Cllr Browne noted that there could be more trees protected. We should look at others that may need protection.

Great Oakley villages in bloom and planters

Cllr Daniels said that many people had supported the planter scheme for villages in bloom - thanks to them all. Cllr Nice noted that we should try to achieve colour coordination.

Send Cllr Daniels the details of the supplier of the planters for Thorpe

Purchase of a Christmas tree. Proposed Cllr Daniels, Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.

Information exchange

Cllr Daniels reported that the phone box is now heated, secured and stocked. Cllr Day noted that it will be cleaned monthly.

Village entry signs

Resolved: that the sign on the entrance to the village from Beaumont be replaced up to a cost of £500.

Water pump

Village water pump has been identified as a significant article. Contact details of Tim Murphy to be given to Cllr Nice. Cllr Daniels reported that there is a need for proof of ownership and then it could be positioned in a suitable place. Let Tending know about the pump through the conservation area assessment.

TDALC

No meeting.

Village Hall

Meeting

Resolved: that a fee of £264 be agreed to pay the village hall for Parish Meetings. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Daniel – all in favour.



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Stones Green

Resolved: that we spend £200 on hedge cutting in Stones Green.

11 / 2022 - 10 | Community Safety

It will be important as we move into the winter to be aware of any vulnerable/in need residents.

11 / 2022 – 11 | Climate Change

Nothing to report

11 / 2022 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

11 / 2022 – 13 | Public participation - 15 Minutes

MOP commented about funding available for a warm space which could take place in the hall. Vehicle to make the hall available to the public and wider community.

MOP commented about proposed changes to the hall in relation to the toddler group. Chairman gave an update on the new storage facility, new rate charges and how that is to be communicated to the user groups.

MOP commented about the manhole cover in the soils – chase.

MOP mentioned that the solar sign 30mph is not working.

11 / 2022 – 14 | Cheques and finance authorisation

RESOLVED: that this month's cheques be approved and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Nice, Seconded Cllr Bush – all in favour.

Noted the national salary increase for government workers.

11 / 2022 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 20:30pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 7.00pm | Village Hall