



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Day

Vice Chairman: Cllr Bush

Councillors: Cllrs Nice, Browne

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 Daniels sent apologies.

11 / 2022 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

Cllr Browne noted she works for Essex County Council.

11 / 2022 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (16th August 2022)

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

11 / 2022 – 05 | Chairman's Report

The village hall group has met now on more than one occasion. We need a storage facility which quotes have been sought for.

A review of the hirers of the hall has found that some user groups are not paying for the time spent in the hall, the post master is lacking support from the post office and we are reluctant to increase the fees for such a valuable community service.

At a meeting of the village hall committee, it was agreed that £8 an hour hire fees would mean break even. We have been contacted by an outside business who offered £80 a day for the hire fee but as it currently stands, we are unable to accommodate this booking.

11 / 2022 – 06 | Clerks report / correspondence

Ongoing discussions with Lambert Smith Hampton about the approval for the installation. Section 106 funds have been approved.

It was agreed that we should let the play company know that we wish to proceed with the project. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Bush - all in favour.

11 / 2022 – 07 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters:

The economic situation, energy costs, getting on the housing ladder. A recent member briefing at TDC imparted some knowledge for services for those in need. CCIC was setup during COVID and was



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successful in the village and beyond into neighbouring villages. This can be used once more and has been renamed GLOW – Great Little Oakley and Wix. There is some money in the pot and this can be used to support anyone in need.

TDC have an allocation of houses that need to be built each year and the sway in the interest rates and general market feeling could cause a problem for buyers in the coming years.

The Conservation area character appraisal is underway within TDC and Great Oakley is in scope, there is a large document about the village and TDC is looking for feedback from local people. There will be an open event in the village for people to attend.

Remembrance Sunday is close and has there been any interaction with the church?

TDC have partnered with other local authorities to bring forward Freeport East – each partner will give £80k for two years to the vehicle.

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

Cllr Nice reported that there had been some damage to a tree near the entrance on School Road. A second visit proved that there is some laying wood that may need to be cleared. Could another dog bin be sited nearer to the entrance. Other areas have bins that have poo bags attached to them. Could the signs be looked at as they seem to have disappeared.

ACTION: get a quote for these types of bins, including emptying.

ACTION: ask TDC about no dogs in the play area signs.

ACTION: find a footpath map for the telephone box and notice boards

ACTION: place the footpath map onto the website

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Cllr Browne continues to monitor the paths as well as the bins in the graveyard.

Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom and Queen's Jubilee

Cllr Daniels is working on things in the background – diligently as ever!

TDALC

Cllr Offord informed the meeting that she was unable to attend the meeting.

Village Hall

Meeting taken place with the working group and there has been progress on maintenance and operational matters.

Resolved: that £8 an hour is the set as the rate for hire. Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Offord- all in favour

Resolved: that £499 be spent on a new storage facility for the hall which will be placed outside. **Proposed that a finance meeting takes place, then a decision is made on this.**



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Stones Green

Nothing to report.

11 / 2022 - 10 | Community Safety

There was no community safety event at the Village Hall as per the scheduled date.

11 / 2022 – 11 | Climate Change

Local people are willing to come forward and plant some trees. Fruit trees are an option to support village needs.

Cllr Brown asked about an electric car charging point for the village.

ACTION: look into grants for this.

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

11 / 2022 – 13 | Public participation - 15 Minutes

MOP commented from the Oakstones group and the need for storage in the village hall in order to progress with the kitchen / cooker upgrade.

MOP commented about sourcing local volunteers to fix the issues.

MOP commented from the Oakley Art Group, discussed that there has been a notice board hung where the groups paintings usually are placed. Chairman indicated that the board can be moved.

MOP thanked the Council for their efforts as a resident of the village. Particular mention to Cllr Bush for his efforts with the planning application to increase the Chicken Farm.

MOP asked about the telephone answer machine – it will be used for bookings and burglar alarm.

11 / 2022 – 14 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

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

Finance committee meeting Wednesday 23rd November 2pm

11 / 2022 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Tips on saving energy.

Christmas tree.

Payment of hall fees

Meeting closed 20:30pm

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