



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE, VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY, 4th May 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Yvonne Bailey

Vice Chairman: Mike Bush

Councillors: Paul Day, Kim Schooling, Janey Nice, Dave Fox

District Councillor: Mike Bush

Essex County Councillor:

6 members of the public were in attendance.

05 / 2021- 01 | Welcome

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

05 / 2021 – 2 | Election of Chairman

Nominations were received for **Yvonne Bailey**, no other nominations came forward, Proposed Cllr Nice
Seconded Cllr Bush- all in favour

05 / 2021 – 3 | Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Bailey duly accepted the position

05 / 2021 – 4 | Election of Vice Chairman

Nominations were received for **Mike Bush**, no other nominations came forward. Proposed Cllr
Schooling, Seconded Cllr Bailey- all in favour.

05 / 2021- 5 | Apologies for absence

Cllr Daniels

05 / 2021- 6 | Declarations of Interest

There were none declared

05 / 2021 – 7 | Rules for online / remote meetings

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

05 / 2020 – 8 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (23rd March)

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

05 / 2020 – 9 | Meeting dates

Meeting dates have been supplied to all Cllrs prior to the meeting – there is not usually a meeting in
August.

05 / 2021 –10 | Public participation

A request to speak on speeding within the village came from Caroline Lindsay. The following points were



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made.

Asked to undertake a review of the speeding matters within the village, including motorcycles.

Campaign to see a safer village.

Should not be complacent.

Can provide film footage if necessary.

National Cycling Route – need safer roads.

Rachael Green asked if a **Traffic Crossing Patrol Officer** could be put in place at the School
Average Speed cameras would work.

Cllr Bailey suggested a **community action group** could be formed. Need a leader, need to consult on parking, need to contact the new County Councillor.

Cllr Bush explained that where he lives, he has experienced accidents on the bend. **Essex Traffic Strategy** could be analysed to do some comparative work. We need to know what we want and present it in the correct fashion through campaigning and information gathering to ECC.

Cllr Day supported the idea of average speed cameras.

Cllr Bailey said we await eagerly the result of the County Council elections this week so that the successful candidate can be contacted.

05 / 2021 – 11 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters:

Legality of remote meetings has now changed – 21st June.

TDC voted in a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. J Bray and P Harris.

Fly-tipping has escalated in the village (Soils) and Cllr Bush continues to report the incidents.

Local plan continues and we await a decision on part2.

50 million pounds have been given to groups and businesses during the pandemic.

Further cliff stabilisation funding has been approved at Holland on Sea – 1.2 million.

05 / 2021– 12 | County Councillor Report

No report was submitted

05 / 2021 – 13 | Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

Grant for Village Hall successfully awarded- £8,000

Clerk reported that there would now not be a meeting until after 21st June when restrictions should be lifted.

Accounts been done and submitted to internal auditor.

Thanks for pension contribution.

Litter picks have been excellent.



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05 / 2021 – 14 | Chairman's Report

Continue to make excellent progress on the task and finish groups / reporting.

We have vacancies for two Parish Councillors – please consider becoming a Councillor – want to be entirely representational.

Notice boards look good and that is where we continue to push out our messages along with our Facebook page. An additional notice board outside the general store has also been purchased.

05 / 2021 – 15 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

A report was submitted prior to the meeting.

The Chair continues to empty the rubbish bins at the burial ground.

Play equipment and bus stops have been cleaned.

Daffs need a little tidying after they pass their best.

Fencing around Memorial Garden.

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

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

Nothing to add from annual report

Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom

Cllr Nice presented a report to Cllrs. Gave a comprehensive update on activities, timelines, partners and contributors.

Cllr Day suggested that planters are painted.

RESOLVED: that an amount of £370 for the Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom project be approved. **Proposed Cllr Nice Seconded Cllr Schooling – all in favour.**

Thanks to our grounds contractor (Ainsley) for the compost donation.

TDALC

Nothing to report – 26th May next meeting.

Village Hall

A working group report with recommendations was submitted to council. Quotes had been requested for first phase of repair and maintenance work.

LED Lighting Trial

Next Agenda: LED Consultation

Stones Green

Damage to grass verge reported and would be progressed.

RESOLVED: that an amount of £660 be approved for tree work on a willow. Cllr Schooling noted a branch had been disrupted in the high winds on the green (it is the willow in question) **Proposed Cllr Fox Seconded Cllr Bush – all in favour.**



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The PC has been contacted by a developer about a public consultation over their plans for the field behind the allotments. In normal times there would be a presentation in the hall but under covid rules they will do a leaflet drop 10th May and an exhibition in a marquee in the village hall car park 21 / 22nd May.

05 / 2021 – 17 | Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

05 / 2021 – 18 | Speeding

Covered under public forum.

05 / 2021- 19 | Litter / Dog Bins

Increase of rubbish at the top of Red Barn Lane (near letterbox).

RESOLVED: for the purchase of Elipsa Bin for £156 (gross), subsequent installation (approx. £150) and servicing (approx £80 year). **Proposed Cllr Nice Seconded Cllr Fox – all in favour**

05 / 2021 – 20 | Carbon Reduction / Net Zero Carbon

Ongoing – we take into account on all our projects. **ACTION:** merge into LED lights heading.

05 / 2021 – 21 | Parking on Verges

Cllr Daniels had mentioned that we should identify who owns various areas of the village including verges.

The Clerk updated on the info which had sent out concerning the company who map the local landscape

05 / 2021 – 22 | Planning applications

21/00343/ful – Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and garage link extension and dormer alterations – Myrtle Cottage, Colchester Road, Stones Green.

No objection.

05 / 2021 – 23 | Cheques and finance authorisation

Resolved: that Aprils Cheques and Mays Cheques be approved as and when they come forward (for May) including any expenses.



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Monthly Payments	Net	VAT	Gross
Clerks Pay	£310.92		£310.92
Community Care Donation (in bloom)	£370.00		£370.00
A & J Lighting	£39.85	£7.97	£47.82
NEST	£26.25		£26.25
Great Oaktree Land Services	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
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Lambert Smith Hampton	£23.56		£23.56
DD - E-on energy	£100.02	£5.00	£105.02
			£0.00
Parish Council Totals	£1,670.60	£172.97	£1,843.57
Julia Turner	£188.95		£188.95
DD - EDF Electric (monthly payment)	£35.00		£35.00
Rubbish Bags for Hall (Chairman)	£120.00		£120.00
			£0.00
			£0.00
Village Hall Totals	£343.95	£0.00	£343.95

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

Noted that the Personnel approved 3% contribution towards the Clerks NEST pension

05 / 2021 – 24 | Correspondence

A resident from Woodlands has asked about land west of Beaumont Road – up until recently we have had no knowledge of the plans but as of tonight the PC has announce the developer wants to start a public consultation.

Resident from the village has emailed about speeding asking about the approach moving forward. The Chair reminded people that Parish Council matters must go through the Clerk but that all Councillors can be contacted independently. A rigorous discussion has taken place tonight and it would be sensible to **ask the individual if they would like to be part of any task group moving forward.**

05 / 2021 – 25 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 21.05pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 7.00pm (Venue to be announced)