



# GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 AT 7.00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT:

**Chairman:** Yvonne Bailey

**Vice Chairman:** Mike Bush

**Councillors:** Kim Schooling, Janey Nice, Nick Daniels, Paul Day

**District Councillor:** Mike Bush

**Essex County Councillor:** Daniel Land

Members of public in attendance: 6

### 07 / 2021- 01 | Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those attending the meeting and said she was glad the meeting could take place in person.

### 07 / 2021- 02 | Apologies for absence

### 07 / 2021- 03 | Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

### 07 / 2020 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> June)

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

### 07 / 2021 – 05 | Public participation

Julia Read – Village Map. Why are we having one? The Clerk gave an explanation as to the benefits of a map and it was noted that the matter would be voted on later in the meeting.

### 07 / 2021 – 06 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following matters:

Part 2 of the TDC local plan has been approved by the planning policy group – 100 modifications (minor), now going out to public consultation around the district

Traffic / road safety – TDC have two scrutiny committees and there will be task and finish projects running through the year. Visit from Police Fire Commissioner along with the Commander for Tendring Police- 27<sup>th</sup> September (public meeting)

Corbeau are making an application for the rally in April 2022, Cllr Bush has concerns as the Council is meant to be net carbon zero by 2030

Another wind farm proposal has come forward

### 07 / 2021- 07 | County Councillor Report

Local Highways Panel proposals update. Beaumont Road, The Soils

Locality Fund update- **ACTION:** Village Hall – could we upgrade from Electric to green, Clerk to find out if Parish Council's can apply.

Highways Buddy



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Footpath Cutting

Cllr Daniels asked about the Pot Hole schedule and if completed? **ACTION:** Cllr Daniels to send over the list

Cllr Nice asked about signs which are overgrown and faded. **ACTION:** Cllr Land to pick up with highways

### 07 / 2021- 08 | Clerk Report / Correspondence

Website – Cllr Daniels asked about the booking calendar. **ACTION:** Clerk to organise with Web provider

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Growing season – resident complaints about the old graveyard. Growing has been relentless within the current weather conditions making it difficult to keep on top of the areas. Pleased to report that the latest ground works have rectified the situation

Play Park upgrades, Section 106- going through finance to release funds

New gates have received praise

### 07 / 2021- 09 | Chairman's Report

Glad to be back in person

We are keen that residents communicate with the PC in the correct manner. There appears to be comments on social media which the PC do not respond to, which are derogatory and spread misinformation. We can be contacted through our own Facebook Page, by phone or by email to the Clerk of the Council. Relevant information can also be found on our notice boards and the website. Correspondence.

Mr Bailey – inconsiderate parking in the village on verges. **ACTION:** Paper notes to be left on the cars, this will then be followed to TDC if no progress.

Mrs Sewell emailed asking about the Village Hall and the proposed upgrades and the lack of progress. Clerk to respond based on Village Hall update.

### 07 / 2021- 10 | Reports

#### Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

Cllr Nice reported the new burial ground is looking good, tidier, pretty – need for benches

Playground updates progressing through TDC 106

Need for signage- no dogs in play area. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask TDC if they have any?

Wix had a MUGA installed some years ago – look at options for future proposals via community consultation

#### Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Report submitted – paths are in relatively good shape since ECC gangs have been through

**ACTION:** Cllr Land to seek guidance from ECC PROW about Footpath 13 and the danger posed by the drop

#### Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom

First time we have tried this and it was well supported – thanks to all. Weather was poor on Saturday but



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much nicer on the Sunday. GOPC and Villages in Bloom information leaflets were distributed. It was good to meet some new people who have recently moved into the village attending. Thanks were given to Cllr Nice and Cllr Schooling and all the volunteers for their efforts.

The Parish Vicar is leaving in September and her contribution to the 5 parishes was noted and recognised.

**ACTION:** Cllr Daniels recommended a meeting of all organisations and community groups be setup. He will draft a letter to send out.

### TDALC

No meeting has taken place within the period.

### Village Hall

Cllr Daniels gave an update on the progress of the hall upgrade. **ACTION:** The list of potential jobs should be made public to update the villagers of plans. Cllr Daniels explained that the proposed development next to the school is a factor in the decision making and allocation of funds. Cllr Bush suggested that an architect should be commissioned to make some sound proposals on the future of the hall. Remedial works can continue to maintain the ongoing running features of the hall.

### LED Lighting

The Clerk gave an update on the project, explained that the village was one of very few remaining places in the district which does not have LED fittings. A communication strategy will be looked at in preparation for a motion to go to the August Council Meeting.

### Stones Green

Nothing to report. The Triangle is now being picked

### 07 / 2021 – 11 | Consider proposal to undertake a village map

It was agreed to seek further information on the matter in relation to the Parish Plan. Potential to look at a combined map with surrounding villages.

### 07 / 2021 – 12 | To agree a grant submission to the EALC for the Community Initiative Fund

It was agreed to make a grant submission for 2021-22. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.

### 07 / 2021 – 13 | Community Safety

Meetings with ECC Highways, TDC Parking and Essex Police have been arranged to formulate a Community Safety strategy taking into account all of the concerns of local people, businesses and village groups. The matters relating to village safety will include, parking, speeding and lighting.

### 07 / 2021 – 14 | Corbeau Rally – to seek Parish Council views on the planned rally for 2022

Cllr Day asked what does the event bring to the village (positive benefits)?

Cllr Bush indicated that the event will be 3 days in 2022

What is the impact on carbon emissions?

We want donations for the villages affected – average speed cameras?



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We will build on Parish Council objection responses from previous years

### 07 / 2021 – 15 | Carbon Reduction

Future agenda item to replace all Parish owned lights to LED

Mr Thompson has emailed the Parish Council to inform us that a number of his fields will be turned into woodlands

### 07 / 2021 – 16 | Planning applications

No objections were raised in relation to the following planning applications:

21/00703/ful – erection of single-story extension and rear downstairs extension – Coy Cottage, Great Oakley

21/00820/ful – erection of two-story rear extension and alterations to detached garage – 18 Hamford Drive

21/01077/ful – proposed rear extension – 4 Orchard Close

Proposed Cllr Day, Seconder Cllr Nice – all in favour.

### 06 / 2021 – 17 | Cheques and finance authorisation

**Resolved:** that the Cheques be approved. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour

### 06 / 2021 – 18 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Queens Platinum Jubilee – 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

LED lighting proposals. Communication plan

**Meeting closed 20:50pm**

**Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.00pm**