



# GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: M D Land

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 AT 7.00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT:

**Chairman:** Yvonne Bailey

**Vice Chairman:** Mike Bush

**Councillors:** Janey Nice, Paul Day, Nick Daniels, Ann Offord, Cindy Browne

**District Councillor:** Mike Bush

**Essex County Councillor:** Daniel Land

6 members of public in attendance.

### 09 / 2021- 01 | Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those attending the meeting.

A minute's silence was taken for Ex Parish Councillor Joe Tierney who had recently passed away.

### 09 / 2021- 02 | Apologies for absence

Cllr Schooling

### 09 / 2021- 03 | Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

### 09 / 2020 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (17<sup>th</sup> August)

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

### 09 / 2020 – 05 | Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Chairman asked the candidates to say their name, confirm their interest in joining the Parish Council and say a bit about their background. A motion to adopt both candidates, on block, was proposed by Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Nice- all in favour. Both signed their declaration of office and joined the table.

### 09 / 2021 – 06 | Public participation

Mrs Sewell asked if the village hall could be listed as a village/historic asset (AVC). Cllr Bush gave an explanation of his understanding of the matter. Cllr Nice gave further interpretation of AVC's having worked for the District Council previously.

Cllr Bush said that an understanding of what the community wants in the hall needs to be sought. It is not sensible to invest further in a building that is not disability compliant and has potential structural integrity issues.

Mr Seaney asked if the hall is back open for business, specifically Oakstones. Chairman outlined the current rules in place.

Mrs Sewell asked if the village hall can be hired for one hour at a time. Chairman outlined the rules need to be looked at.

Mrs Sewell said there is a chair in the soils – Cllr Daniels said he had reported it.



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### 09 / 2021 – 07 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave an update on the following matters.

A statement about Joe Tierney, his commitment and dedication to the village.

Pride of Tendring awards (TDC) – looking for nominations.

Red House planning update. Close to a positive decision for approval.

Allotment site – have contacted the head of planning. There has been an enforcement case brought about from a current static caravan on site. Talks with TDC continue and will update more as and when it is announced.

Event grants through TDC are available for Halloween, Christmas and Clacton150.

[www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/event-grant](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/event-grant)

A120 Road closures for drainage surveys – more planned for in October.

He now sits on the Freeport East committee – shortlisted for the government run bid.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in TDC Offices in Weeley a public meeting is taking place to address road safety and crime in rural and isolated areas. Martin Richards and Roger Hurst will be attending.

Soil outside Ashleigh Cottage, Harwich Road – visited the property and explained the situation – still no resolution. **ACTION:** Cllr Land to contact ECC highways. **ACTION:** PC to raise with PCSO.

Women's Road Cycle Race Tour – 8<sup>th</sup> October, rolling road blocks.

### 09 / 2021- 08 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following matters:

Local Highways Panel proposals including; whole village signage review, Beaumont Road, The Soils. Road Closures – A120.

White and yellow lines at School painted.

Site visit to Stones Green in relation to highway signage – submerged by hedges.

### 09 / 2021- 09 | Clerk Report / Correspondence

A further email of interest for the Parish Council vacancy– details sent.

Email from Annie Doggett – Obstructed pavement which District Councillor has addressed.

Email from Barrie Skingley – Road Signs.

Freedom of Information request has been submitted to the council – will be replied to in writing in the appropriate time frame.

### 09 / 2021- 10 | Chairman's Report

Thanks to Cllr Daniels for his work on Red Barn Lane Road Sign – looks great.

Pleased we have two new Councillors who can support the village and its activities, welcome to Ann and Cindy.

A Hearing Loop and sound system for the village hall could be funded by a grant which has been applied for by the Community Care Initiative. We hope to hear from the funders in the next month. The Community Care Initiative has recently acquired additional funding for new planters and flowers achieved from County Councillor – locality fund.

### 09 / 2021- 11 | Reports

**Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards, Burial Ground, Great Oakley and Stones Green in Bloom**

Thanks to Mr Bailey for his watering and maintenance work in the village.



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Clerk gave an update on the remedial works/upgrade to play equipment, due to start in October. Also, a proposal for new equipment including an outdoor gym and adventure trim trail.

**RESOLVED:** that a new litter bin and two concrete pads, including bench installation be approved at a cost of **£480**. Proposed Cllr Nice Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.

**RESOLVED:** that identified tree works be approved at a cost of **£924**. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Nice – all in favour.

### Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Nothing to report

### Villages in Bloom

Nothing to report

### TDALC

No meeting

### Village Hall

The emergency repair and maintenance work has been completed.

**RESOLVED:** that a new multi- purpose floor cleaning machine is purchased at a cost of **£249.99**. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Bush – all in favour.

### LED Lighting

Due to be installed in October.

### Stones Green

A response from County Broadband has been received in relation to the Broadband post on the Triangle. They have outlined that the post supplies properties in that area with Fibre and the triangle is on unregistered land.

Cllr Daniels recommended we ask County Broadband for a donation for a planter.

**09 / 2021 – 12 | RESOLVED:** That the agreed fee of £5 per week be accepted for storage of Parish Records at Plough Corner, Little Clacton. Proposed Cllr Daniels, Seconded Cllr Nice – all in favour.

### 09 / 2021 – 13 | Community Safety

The Community Safety strategy is on the website.

The lines have been painted outside the school.

The PCSO has looked at parking along the high street and called on those residents opposite the village convenience store to advise that although parking on the footpath is not an offence in Tendring causing an obstruction is.

### 09 / 2021 – 14 | Carbon Reduction

Cllr Bush noted that Chelmsford Motor Club appears to not have a carbon reduction policy on their website.

**ACTION:** To ask if CMC would attend a meeting of the Parish Council.



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## 09 / 2021 – 15 | Planning applications

The PC had asked TDC to take note of local residents' comments, ref the retrospective application.

## 09 / 2021 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

**RESOLVED:** that the Cheques be approved. Proposed Cllr Bush, Seconded Cllr Daniels – all in favour.

**ACTION:** A summary statement of finance to be included in Minutes.

### Great Oakley Parish Council Finance Report 21/09/2021

Parish Council Monthly Payments	Net	VAT	Gross	Cheque No.
Clerks Pay	310.92		310.92	722747
Pension	26.25		26.25	EP
HMRC	225		225	722748
A&J Lighting	39.85	7.97	47.82	722749
Great Oaktree Land Services	1130	226	1356	722750
Lambert Smith Hampton	385.24		385.24	722751
DD - E-on energy	127.44	6.37	133.81	EP
Parish Council Totals	2244.7	240.34	2485.04	

Village Hall Monthly Payments	Net	VAT	Gross	Cheque No.
Caretaker	193.05		193.05	22066
EDF Electric (monthly payment)	35		35	EP
Caste Water	29.24		29.24	EP
Village Hall Totals	257.29	0	257.29	

## 09 / 2021 – 17 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Cllr Day reported on the potential costs for a car park on Farm Road. Are there any restrictions on the Lane?

Telephone Box

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee – identifying suitable location sites and appropriate trees as advised by the Woodland Trust.

**Meeting closed 21:05pm**

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00pm