



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

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

PRESENT:

Chairman: Day

Vice Chairman: Bush

Councillors: Offord, Browne, Daniels, Nice

District Councillor: Bush

Essex County Councillor: Land

8 members of the public were in attendance

03 / 2022 - 01 | Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those attending.

03 / 2022 - 02 | Apologies for absence

There were none.

03 / 2022 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

There were none.

03 / 2022 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (22th February 2022)

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

03 / 2022 – 05 | Public participation - 15 Minutes

A member of the public asked questions of the new sounds system – can there be any tuition for groups to use? The Chairman announced that a new committee is being formed for the Village Hall. Cllr Bush noted that the new committee will have control over the management of the new system including induction and training.

The organisers of the proposed Jubilee Party at Partridge Close would like to also book the Village Hall in case of weather etc. They are liaising with the caretaker of the hall over the matter. Some ideas are being thought out to raise money for Ukraine.

It was asked again if a defibrillator could be installed at the Village Hall. Chairman gave update.

03 / 2022 – 06 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush updated on the following matters:

Council Tax bills have been landing on doorsteps - it's a **decrease** of 6.5% for the residents of Great Oakley and Stones Green.

The illuminate Festival is back on in Harwich.

Beaumont Road allotments development will be heard at a future planning meeting.

03 / 2022– 07 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land reported on the following matters:

Local Highways Panel



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Red Barn Lane
Flashing Bollard
Footpath

Cllr Daniels has sent a list of the signs that are damaged / broken / faded.

Cllr Bush noted that 'Onenetwork' is a useful tool for seeing what is happening on the roads.

Action, Clerk: Please can we check if the signs are cleaned annually?

03 / 2022 – 08 | Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

Light in Stones Green – update

Finance updates now to be uploaded onto the website

Telephone Box update

Burial Ground

03 / 2022 – 09 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

The Clerk noted that there were now three proposals on the table for improvements on the recreation field. Another company has been asked if they wish to put in a proposal.

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Cllr Browne has walked some of the paths.

Hamford Drive out towards the School on Beaumont Road - grass is growing out over the pavement.

Action: Who is responsible for that?

Action: Send letter to Ashleigh Cottage – the pavement is still not able to be used owing to building materials.

Stones Green Triangle – the fallen tree to be removed as is dangerous.

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

Cllr Nice gave updates on: planters, road closures, marquees, bunting and general efforts for promotion through posters etc.

Cllr Daniels noted that a budget has been formulated and gave details of some of the road closures.

Children's entertainment, Punch and Judy, games, refreshments at the pub etc. A jubilee bench is being purchased for the recreation field. The telephone box will hopefully be ready, trees along Beaumont Road, good take up from local organisations. **Sunday June 5th 12-5pm.**

Resolved: that the K6 phone box project be moved forward with any costs incurred within £250 be covered by the Chairman's Discretionary Fund.

Action: Chase the bench and desired delivery date from Glasdons.

TDALC

Nothing to report

Village Hall

Chairman gave an update on the following matters:



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Wifi installation imminent.

Meeting took place with the Post Office.

RCCE have been contacted and asked for advice with the plan to move forward with the village hall. A survey is a good idea around the village, advertising can be looked at.

Stones Green

Owing to dangerous fallen trees, ask contractor for the triangle to be cleared of fallen trees and tidied.

03 / 2022 - 10 | Community Safety

County Councillor advised that Local Highways Panel schemes for the village will progress into the next stage post the new financial year.

03 / 2022 – 11 | Climate Change

Cllr Browne asked about an EV point as a contribution from the Rally.

Rally - The Parish Council agree that it is us that will send details of our policy and procedures.

03 / 2022 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

No objections to the month's applications.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations put forward are submitted to TDC. Proposed Cllr Nice Seconded Cllr Bush - all in favour.

03 / 2022 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

Proposed by Cllr Daniels, Seconded Cllr Browne– all in favour

03 / 2022 – 14 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 20:23pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.00pm | Village Hall