



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr N Daniels

Vice Chairman:

Councillors: Cllrs S Harris, C Browne, Y Bailey

District Councillor:

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

10 / 2023 - 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. It was noted the meeting is being recorded.

10 / 2023 – 02 | Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike and Carol Bush.

10 / 2023 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

10 / 2023 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (19th September 2023)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.

10 / 2023 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

The following points were covered:

BT cover at The Soils is barriered and the hole is covered – still to be fixed

DL to provide map of GOPC owned / maintained open spaces

DL to Chase the Beaumont Road crossing – ECC

People in VH, are they covered in the kitchen? – resolved through letter back from insurers, need own insurance

CB - trees on the new development boundary – who are they covered by – will contact relevant parties

CB contacted Thompsons about the footpath – still unclear of land ownership

CB will contact the allotment association about required clearing

DL to send ND the letter to the Rectory – a copy

DL has responded to TDC Dog consultation and the waste consultation is yet to be completed

ND has looked at the bin in the play area but has a concrete base and needs contractor to remove

DL to seek quote from Glasdons for a bin as per partridge close

DL to seek a quote to remove the existing concrete bin and plinth

DL to chase AB about the quote for recreation field works

SH gave an update on the footpath padlock on Mosses farm footpath - it has been in situ for some time and the stile is still accessible. **SH to ask owners best way to get an electric fence reinstated**

It was agreed to approve the quote from local contractor to move forward with the works for the recreation field – all in favour



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Signs for the recreational field have been installed

Letter has been sent to Wix PC about the hedge on the corner of the memorial

10 / 2023 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP said that The Soils are rutty on each side of the road, there are markings on the road, will they be fixed? The drain half way down is full.

MOP spoke about his work as the transport rep on behalf of the PC for the past **40 years**. He mentioned that a new person is needed to take on this role and maintain the relationship with Essex County Council and the transport links to and from the village. **The Clerk will oversee for now.**

10 / 2023 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters.

MOP had emailed about the safety of the path from Red Barn to the School.

10 / 2023 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on the following matters.

Vehicle fire down the avenue – debris and glass on the floor

Speed sign was taken down, it has now been put back up

The K6 phone box has been vandalised and needs attention

10 / 2023 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points: Apologies received.

10 / 2023– 10 | County Councillor Report / Devolution

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- recycling consultation is live – there are issues with the bins being changed and delaying your booking
- some pot holes have been fixed
- DL to ask about bins being emptied and delaying the process
- DL to chase the Wix road pot hole
- ND mentioned the signs are in such a poor state, the contractors who cut the verge are having to dodge them. Why can't TDC speak to ECC about their fallen signs and who has responsibility to remove.

10 / 2023 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Bailey provided a conclusive report prior to the meeting.

YB to chase the works at the Burial Ground

YB spoke about the charges for the burial ground, a review is forthcoming. Our charges are out of kilter with other local burial grounds. Proposed that the fees are raised by 20% from the 1st Jan 2023 and no charge for anyone under the age of 18 years. The updated rules and regulations are accepted for a period of 3 years from today's date. **Proposed Cllr Bailey, Seconded S Harris – all in favour.**



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Public Rights of Way / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Brown noted that some paths have been trimmed and cut back.

Great Oakley Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Cllr Daniels explained that GOCCI have agreed to hand over the 5 Octagonal planters back to the Parish Council so we have 14 to maintain.

Two planters near the old Methodist Chapel, should be moved to a more prominent place and be maintained by the local contractor. **Proposed Cllr Daniels, Seconded Cllr Bailey – all in favour. ND to speak to Michaela and arrange re-location.**

Cllr Daniels proposed that 10 cherry trees be bought. Some to replace the dead, and some new additions. **ND to speak to contractor and agree location.**

TDALC

Cllr Bailey circulated a report prior to the meeting. Gary Guiver, planning from TDC gave an update on the staff and protocols within the department. 106 monies were discussed and the deed of variation. Chris Bromeley attended and gave a speech about energy efficiency. A full day session will be made available in due course to discuss the options available.

Mark Stephenson spoke about fly tipping

Zoe Failey attended and spoke about the pylons that are being proposed – it's on the Ardleigh PC website

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

A report has been submitted and motions are on the agenda tonight.

A new fence has been installed around the perimeter

Kitchen has been marked up and will be renewed in the coming months

The caretaker has handed in his notice

£20,000 has been allocated to the hall and there will be more – fund raising needed

Porch works are underway.

New front lock and window - key has gone missing and a new camera has been purchased to view ins and outs.

It has come to the attention of the council that groups have been paying a reduced fee. The groups have been told they need to pay by cheque or bank transfer, monthly and to the full amount.

Four-week closure for the kitchen works to take place from 30/10/23

Quotes for the two store rooms have come in, there is additional work than first thought. The survey was done to establish the overall condition of the hall and these results need to be factored into any works.

VHC to obtain quote

10 / 2023 – 13 | New community hall

Elissons are appointed for the legals on this project.

ND to speak to Ellisons about the legal framework and any monies that should be returned to us if the developer decides to sell the site. Are we covered; does it need to be paid upfront?



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10 / 2023 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

Oaklyn – no comment

Thompsons – no comment

10 / 2023 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval

Proposed by Cllr Bailey, Seconded Cllr Harris – all in favour.

10 / 2023 – 14 | Motions

To approve all motions on block before the council this evening.

Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr S Browne - all in favour

10 / 2023 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

ND to speak to Mr Nichols re Remembrance Sunday Announcements

Meeting closed 21:00pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm | Village Hall