



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 15th APRIL 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne

Councillors: Cllrs W Eddy, C Bush, C Browne, S Southern

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

7 members of the public were in attendance.

04 / 2025- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04 / 2025 – 02 | Apologies for absence

The clerk noted that there were none.

04 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

04 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (18th March 2025)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Eddie, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

04 / 2025 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

A discussion took place about the enquiry to use the hall for a garage sale.

ACTION: It was asked if someone could attend the next meeting. No attendee at the March meeting.

04 / 2025 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP mentioned the defib at the Maybush. It is not currently working but a new one is being sought.

MOP mentioned Harwich Road pavement Tallyho to Village Hall is poor. **ACTION: ask for inspection.**

MOP mentioned footway on Sparrows Corner is poor. **ACTION: ask for inspection.**

MOP asked about the Pride of Tendring plaque and its erecting in the hall.

MOP mentioned that the Oakstones would like to supply a couple of new tables for events.

04 / 2025 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- Play inspection complete
- ECC grass claim has been submitted £609
- Vat claim for £1928.21 to be submitted
- Quote received for the recreation field clearance £540. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

04 / 2025 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted:

- fence has come down outside hall where the gas tank was
- PMC removed fencing and concreted where the old gas tank was. They have donated the pram/mobility scooter shed.
- **ACTION:** Speak to First Electrical for a quote for new lighting in the toilets



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04 / 2025 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- As above

04 / 2025– 10 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- Harwich road outside Whispers is being chased
- signs on way to Little Oakley due to be replaced

04 / 2025 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Browne reported:

- poor surfacing under certain items on the play area
- **ACTION: remind the school they can use the field**

Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported:

- Nothing to report

TDALC

Cllr Eddy – there is an EGM on the 23rd April. Update of Local Government Reform.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

- improvements to the toilets are underway

04 / 2025 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

No objections.

04 / 2025 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval.

Resolved: that this month's cheques be signed. Proposed Cllr C Browne, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour.

04 / 2025 – 14 | Motions

04 / 2025 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Air conditioning maintenance agreement

Meeting closed 20:50pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 27th May 7pm 2025 | Village Hall