



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne

Councillors: Cllrs C Bush, Browne, S Southern

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

4 members of the public were in attendance.

02 / 2025- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02 / 2025 – 02 | Apologies for absence

The clerk noted that Cllr Eddy had sent apologies.

02 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

02 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (28th January 2025)

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

02 / 2025 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

ACTION: contact school to ask if they can contact parents about parking on verge.

ACTION: add Cllr Southern to the GOPC Facebook page moderators.

02 / 2025 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP informed about the art exhibition in early May. Easels can be stored in the back room.

MOP spoke about the pub, the ale festival took place as well as the AGM. The pub is looking for a 'minutes secretary', food vans are doing well.

02 / 2025 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- play inspections – TDC

02 / 2025 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman note he would report during the meeting.

02 / 2025 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- road closure in and around School Road, Red Barn Lane this week, are sufficient notices being issued?
ACTION: investigate if notices were issued?
- Full Council meeting at TDC. Council Tax 2.99% raise / £5 on a band D a year.
- Oakstones have been successfully awarded the Pride of Tendring

02 / 2025– 10 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform



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Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- local government reform update
- holes around the centre of the village reported to ECC

02 / 2025 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Browne provided an update.

- graveyard ok
- recreation field ok, grass will welcome its first cut

Public Rights of Way / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported

- attended the footpath webinar through the EALC

Great Oakley Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Remove from agenda.

TDALC

Cllr Eddy was not present.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

Cllr M Bush and the clerk attended a site meeting with the contractor, Start date 14th April for five days.

Cllr C Bush reported that tea towels have been going missing.

Cllr C Bush noted that the fence behind the hall is falling down, please write to the owners.

02 / 2025 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

There were none. A discussion took place about the unilateral undertaking for habitat space application. It was for noting.

02 / 2025 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval.

Resolved: that this month's cheques be signed. Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr C Bush – all in favour.

02 / 2025 – 14 | Motions

Enquiry from the PTA about open gardens and garage sale. Seek more detail.

Resolved: that a quote of £300 be approved for bin emptying (6)

Resolved: that a quote of £225 be approved for a playground inspection

Proposed Cllr C Browne Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour

02 / 2025 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 20:50pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 18th March 7pm 2025 | Village Hall