



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 28th JANUARY 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

6 members of the public were in attendance.

01 / 2025- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

01 / 2025 – 02 | Apologies for absence

The clerk noted that Cllr Eddy had sent apologies.

01 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

01 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (19th November 2024)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Agreed in previous January meeting.

01 / 2025 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

Cherry Trees – keep on agenda

Christmas arrangement for 2025

01 / 2025 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP asked about the status of the building site – appears clearance may have started

MOP asked about the bollard's location – school side on verge

MOP asked about the shed at the back – it was noted it was taken away

MOP mentioned the cherry trees, their root make-up and proximity

01 / 2025 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- buses stopping on Hamford Drive – potentially dangerous. **ACTION: write to Heddinghams**
- submitted the precept figure for 2025/26

01 / 2025 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman note he would report during the meeting.

01 / 2025 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- TDC will shortly have a meeting about council tax figures for the forthcoming year

01 / 2025– 10 | County Councillor Report / Devolution

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- local government reform / devolution update



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- signs on dangerous bends in the village are being replaced

01 / 2025 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Browne provided an update.

- graveyard ok
- tree has been removed from the path
- there had been some vehicles parked on the entrance to The Avenue. Who owns that land on the triangle?

Public Rights of Way / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported that the footpath opposite Partridge Close is open and the sign to say it was closed is not there. **ACTION: chase ECC about the closure notice.**

Great Oakley Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Nothing to report.

TDALC

Cllr Eddy was not present.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

Cllr M Bush noted that quotes have come in for the toilets.

01 / 2025 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

There were none.

01 / 2025 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval

Resolved: there were none.

01 / 2025 – 14 | Motions

Resolved: that a quote of £5132.19 be approved to update and upgrade the toilets. Proposed Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr Southern - all in favour.

01 / 2025 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Soils

Store Room

Meeting closed 21:20pm

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