



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 18th JULY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr N Daniels

Vice Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Councillors: Cllrs S Harris, C Bush, C Browne, Y Bailey

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

28 members of the public were in attendance.

07 / 2023- 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed Cllrs and members of the public and requested no interruptions during meeting as it is preventing all agenda items being covered within the allocated time.

07 / 2023 – 02 | Apologies for absence

No Apologies.

07 / 2023- 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

07 / 2023 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (20th June 2023)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record.

Cllr C Bush asked about the donation from Oakstones – There was a donation of £51 Pounds to the Parish Council from Oakstones. MOP advised this was not a donation but proceeds from the VH book tin Cllr C Bush noted about the locality fund comment from Cllr Land – it was mentioned that it was a private matter between himself and the pub and not for the parish council.
Proposed Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr C Bush- all in favour.

07 / 2023 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

Notice board availability website message done.

Police contacted

Shed is now no longer wanted

MOP Public Participation agenda item to come forward in agenda – decided to leave as is

Signs on the field are ordered – **ACTION: NJD to liaise with installer**

Catch on the gate at the recreation field to put on the closing mechanism **ACTION: DL to chase Oaktree**

Provide clerk with amount required for the grant from local business

£300 is available from County Councillors locality fund

Action: Cllr M Bush to find out about the asbestos situation on the roof of the village hall. Follow up.

Action: Circulate village hall works quote: DL

Action: Install repeater signs: DL

Action: review the governance section / documents of the website: YB

Action: standing orders and induction pack also to be reincluded: YB



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07 / 2023 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP asked if the hub could put notice messages in the Stones Green notice board. All in favour of this and thanks to the respondent.

Representative of the Hub said thank you for the contribution from the Parish Council for the Coronation Clerk apologised to Cllr Bush for comments made at the last meeting over payment to the hub.

MOP asked why the grass is not cut between Lime Trees Care Home and Phygtle lodge?

Action: DL to speak to Great Oaktree about the above point, re cutting

Action: DL to forward on Great Oaktree Land Services quote to the committee

07 / 2023 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- diversion for road upgrades
- minutes and agenda updates
- another tree has come down behind the old rectory, a MOP has moved this.
- **ACTION: NJD to put the communication channels into the notice boards and coast to coast**

07 / 2023 – 08 | Chairman's Report

Met with All Saints School, Head and Governors

Wrote to the TDC planning Officer about the proposed planning application on Beaumont Road

Reported fly tipping on the Avenue

Some issues reported have not been dealt with

Action: DL to chase the BT cover

Has erected the speed signs which were purchased

07 / 2023 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- issues with missed bin collections, met with the waste contractor. The hot spell caught them out.
- fly tipping is debateable in relation to private / public land
- waste is being shipped to Norway.
- waste working board being set up
- street cleansing contract also to end in the next few years
- view to improving recycling moving forward
- Cllr Bush happy to be contacted if things are not happening within 72 hours
- enforcement – new policy on dealing with dog fouling
- windfarm locations – lots going on

07 / 2023– 10 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- pot holes
- road improvement / resurfacing



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- locality funding

07 / 2023 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Daniels mentioned the street sign for The Soils / Sparrows Corner had been replaced

Cllr Bailey reported the footpath from Wix Road to the Avenue adjacent to the churchyard is overgrown.

ACTION: DL to instruct contractor to get on and do that work – all in favour.

The new burial ground gardens are looking untidy, and roses would be a nice addition to the areas.

Cremated remains at present are unavailable and it would be nice to have a section of the burial ground for this purpose. Rules and regulations are due for renewal in August.

Council to consider the charges for the burial grounds where charges were last reviewed in 2019

Action: Cllr Bailey to provide the requirements for both above items.

Action: The K6 Phone box to be cleaned monthly by the caretaker as was previously – DL to ask Chris

Public Rights of Way / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Land said the paths have begun to be cut by the ECC contractors. Not all paths are ECC maintained but by land owners. **ACTION: DL to supply map of GOPC maintained areas**

Great Oakley Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Cllr Daniels thanked parents that had painted the school planter. Many are in states of growing seasons.

Action: Cllr M Bush to report back on tree grants available

Action: Cllr Bush to ask about leasing the Soils for community tree / copse planting

TDALC

Cllr Bailey reported on the meeting in May where representatives of TDC gave talks. The MPs are due to talk at this forum moving forward. Vice Chair of TDALC is focussing on 106 money and the flexibility of the fund for further uses. Speeding is a problem across the district and ECC have been asked to lower speed limits. Essex Police have been asked for greater enforcement. Next meeting 26th July.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

NJD reported that 3 quotes for the Kitchen works have been received in excess of £31,000 and there is also urgent roof repair work. The scope for the kitchen needs review and an upgrade plan for the entire Village Hall and grounds needs formulating.

Cllr Harris is looking into grants, volunteers for work and funding and reported a meeting is due so will arrange **ACTION: SH**

Finance meeting to replace the August Parish Council Meeting, ALL Agreed and Cllr Bush asked to propose a draft Agenda, **ACTION MB**

Cllr Bailey suggested that all councillors attend the finance meeting in August.

Response received back from TDC about questions posed to the authority in relation to the new proposed development.

ACTION: NJD to respond to TDC about S106 queries.



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ACTION: NJD to write to ECC Highways with concerns for the lack of clarity on pedestrian crossing + 40 mph speed limit.

ACTION: NJD to circulate plan for Community Hall with suggested improvements

Requirement to meet with the developer and discuss the design changes to the hall. ACTION: Cllr M Bush to organise a meeting.

07 / 2023 | 12 – Communication including website, social media, print, noticeboards

Cllr Daniels has put a message on Facebook. **ACTION:** speak to the admin of the Oakley Group to see if the PC page can post to the group. Contact details can also go onto varying channels along with PC Meeting Agenda monthly

07 / 2023 | 13 – PCSO response and parking (TRO)

Chairman has circulated a disappointing response from Essex Police response in relation to parking and speeding. **ACTION:** NJD to write to the Chief Constable / Police Crime Commissioner about local concerns

07 / 2023 – 14 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

None to consider.

07 / 2023 – 15 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval

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

07 / 2023 – 16 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Consider actions as a result of the playground inspection report.

Christmas Tree

Remembrance Wreath

Meeting closed 21:22pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 7.00pm | Village Hall | This will be a finance meeting