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# GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL Clerk: Mr D Land

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7.00 PM

#### PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne

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

**District Councillor:** Cllr M Bush **Essex County Councillor:** Cllr D Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

# 03 / 2025- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 03 / 2025 - 02 | Apologies for absence

The clerk noted that there were none.

### 03 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

# 03 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (18<sup>th</sup> February 2025)

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

## 03 / 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.

### 03 / 2025 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP mentioned that TDC had a consultation for further development in the area. Cllr Bush gave an overview of the housing requirements and how it may affect the local area.

MOP mentioned the consultation event about the Tarchon power cable line.

MOP asked if the PC had any use for a silver birch.

# 03 / 2025 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- TDC consultation for local plan options and sites
- Thank you letter from the Local History Recorders for the grant

### 03 / 2025 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman note he would report during the meeting.

### 03 / 2025 - 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- Pride of Tendring was an excellent night and well deserved. A congratulations letter from the MP has been paced within the hall
- toilet works will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall
- store room quotes are being sought for works and roof is being re-looked at



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• a MOP asked about purchasing some tables for use in the hall. It was agreed they could be purchased and whilst in the hall they could be used by any group attending.

### 03 / 2025-10 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- Beaumont signs completed
- looking into the poor road surface near the memorial

### 03 / 2025 - 11 | Reports

#### **Parish Council Maintained Areas**

Cllr Bush reported:

- recreation field needs some clearance on the boundaries, this has been looked into and needs to be done as a matter of safety via Mr Clear it.
- posts to be installed on verge.

### Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported:

- there is a footpath with a style and the gate has a padlock on it? **ACTION: check if this legal.**
- trees opposite the school look to be dead
- village sign in need of recondition

### **TDALC**

Cllr Eddy reported that CAB may be closed. It has a reprieve for a period of time whilst the contract is re-tendered.

### Village Hall and New Community Facilities

Cllr Bush had reported that the toilets are due to be upgraded in April and the store room is next on the list.

# 03 / 2025 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

There were none.

# 03 / 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.

03 / 2025 – 14 | Motions

# 03 / 2025 - 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Choose a local group for a donation.

# Meeting closed 20:50pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm 2025 | Village Hall