



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Day

Vice Chairman: Cllr Bush

Councillors: Cllrs Nice, Browne, Bush, Daniels

District Councillor: Cllr Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr Land

15 members of the public were in attendance.

02 / 2023 - 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

02 / 2023 – 02 | Apologies for absence

None.

02 / 2023 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

02 / 2023 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (10th January 2022)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Nice - all in favour.

02 / 2023 – 05 | Public Forum

A MOP asked for clarification about the 'pockets of lands' being muted by TDC in their recent press statement. Cllr Bush gave an update on the 69 parcels of land in the district that have been identified. He explained that these parcels are being considered for development to assist with social housing numbers.

ACTION: write to TDC quoting we are against this proposal and ask for the area to be considered for an improvement of the open space, flora and fauna.

MOP asked about the placement of the new play area in proximity to the road.

MOP asked about the continued issue of the exposed manhole on the soils.

02 / 2023 – 06 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- play area – proximity to the road
- applications for caretaker have been received
- tender expressions of interest have been received
- teacher from all saints would like to use a corner of the field – the council are happy for the field to be used if the correct paperwork is presented
- email about two cheques made out to the chairman in October
- notice of re-payment for section 106 monies from TDC for new play area - £28,389.37

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02 / 2023 – 07 | Chairman's Report

Deferred until the March meeting.

02 / 2023 – 08 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- independent remuneration recommendations for Parish and Town Council.
- council tax figures
- wider participation sports grant £200-£1000

02 / 2023– 09 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land explained about the budget setting process and gave some figures of 'per day' spend at the County Council.

02 / 2023 – 10 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

The burial ground has had some monthly maintenance.

Dog poo on the recreation field.

ACTION: contact TDC dog warden for a visit.

Cllr Daniels raised the point that the new play equipment should not have been opened until a Risk Assessment has taken place and/or inspection results come in.

ACTION: Specific question of the insurers – what is the liability on the council if people hurt themselves?

ACTION: Have signs prepared - This trim trail is closed until further notice / facebook and website.

A discussion to take place with the football team – ongoing operations.

Resolved: ring fence £5000 for remedial works - new trim trail / fencing. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Daniels – all in favour.

Agreed that an additional amount of £50 be allocated to the new 'Beaumont sign' project.

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Cllr Browne noted that the footpath adjacent to Park Pale Barn is dangerous. Also, a path has been affected by horses.

ACTION: Contact Sarah Potter over the concerns.

Great Oakley villages in bloom and planters

Cllr Daniels reported on the following matters:

- it was agreed that an amount of £25 be available for plants
ACTION: contact Ainsley to see if there needs to be any replacement cherry trees
- water pump – owners suggest it is located on an existing well. Agreed to purchase a plaque for the pump.
- litter pick on Sunday 5th March for Great Oakley

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Report from Cllr Nice. Main concerns are highways (diversions) and the new rules for VOTERid.

Village Hall

Now that the Beaumont Road development has been approved, we need a to consider the initial and ongoing costs.

Assessment of applications for the post of caretaker needs to happen in the next two weeks.

Stones Green

A proposal to be submitted to the Corbeau Rally for funding.

02 / 2023 – 11 | To discuss the new play area and the mitigation of the proximity of the road

02 / 2023 – 12 | Kings Coronation

Cllr Nice to apply for a road closure (Farm Road) – can be cancelled if necessary.

02 / 2023 – 13 | Standing orders

To be brought to a future meeting.

02 / 2023 – 14 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

23/00158/FUL – Against the application, road safety concerns, lack of services within the village as per the consultee comments for application (Beaumont Road) NHS Doctor places, within conservation area and proximity to other historic assets, over development of site.

23/00161/FUL

Cllr Browne suggested a change to the plan – instead of two entrances there is one shared driveway onto the main highways. Against the application, lack of services within the village as per the consultee comments for application (Beaumont Road) NHS Doctor places.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Day Seconded Cllr Daniels – all in favour, One abstention Cllr Browne.

02 / 2023 – 15 | Independent panel review of allowances for parish and town councils.

Agreed that no allowances are sought from this council.

02 / 2023 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

Resolved: that this month's cheques be approved and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Daniels, Seconded Cllr Day – all in favour.

02 / 2023 – 17 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

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