



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 MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman:

Vice Chairman: Cllr Bush

Councillors: Cllrs Nice, Browne, Bush, Daniels

District Councillor: Cllr Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr Land

9 members of the public were in attendance.

03 / 2023 - 01 | Welcome

Chairman welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

03 / 2023 – 02 | Apologies for absence

Cllrs Offord and Day

03 / 2023 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

03 / 2023 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (21st February 2023)

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

03 / 2023 – 05 | Essex Police

Since January there has been 5 incidents, 3 traffic accidents on the border. Rogue Traders have targeted a couple in GO and fortunately relatives managed to see off any potential unwanted visitors.

MOP mentioned white vans driving around picking up white goods and metal from driveways – EP said this a regular occurrence but it is always helpful to take registrations where possible. MOP said the speed through the village can be a concern, EP said that the majority of tests undertaken have come out within the speed limit. Community speed watch is in operation in GO and those caught are reported back to EP, 3 strikes and you are out. Cllr Browne asked that if white vans come up your drive to take items then is this a crime? EP said yes this is trespassing. Cllr Daniels mentioned about delivery drivers claim to have left a parcel but it is never received – people are stealing them. Cllr Bush mentioned ASB and what was the best method to report to EP. EP said you can email the local community policing team. Parking outside of school is an issue, who is responsible, the NEPP or EP? EP can issue tickets on zig zag lines outside schools but NEPP is also responsible. EP said write to the school. EP left the community police email address.

03 / 2023 – 06 | Public Forum

A MOP asked about heritage sights for the village, this was promoted in a leaflet that came with the council tax bills. Cllr Bush spoke about the process, GO in round 3 of the appraisals. A heritage area is going to be gathering data in due course. Cllr Bush said he can send the link if you contact him.



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MOP commented on the old forge, is this preserved and part of the heritage asset? MOP asked about the music system and training.

Coastal protection belt offers a layer of protection.

MOP asked when the next Village Hall user group is going to take place?

03 / 2023 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- play area update following on from public concern
- signs to be installed
- response from TDC - trees
- spoke to the new caretaker - meeting to take place (hand over)
- election notifications
- Cllr Mike Bush coronation grant
- letters about heritage and broken sign

03 / 2023 – 08 | Chairman's Report

Not in attendance, gave apologies.

03 / 2023 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- verges – greensward under threat
- coronation grant – let me know!
- mast issue on red barn lane

03 / 2023– 10 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- second 'welcome to GO' sign is now installed near the school
- update on NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership)

03 / 2023 – 11 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

Cllr Daniels contacted Cllr M Talbot about the recent article in the gazette about collecting litter. He had recently done a litter pick and found the situation to be untenable. He is frustrated and has received a response from Cllr Talbot who has said to wait for the next election. Can the probation service have their candidates looking at this problem?

Cllr Browne said the burial ground is wet

Cllr Nice said the recreation field is dog poo free on last inspection



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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: Cllr Browne to report on the online tool.

Great Oakley Villages in Bloom and Planters

Cllr Daniels reported on the following matters:

- new cherry trees to go in
- thanks to the volunteers
- water pump plaque is in
- planting giveaway through the community hub
- the entry sign from the Beaumont end is purchased and will be installed
- KS telephone box DVDs have gone and bot been returned – will mark them moving forward

TDALC

Report from Cllr Nice. Next meeting is tomorrow night.

Village Hall

Need to arrange a meeting – village hall working group. Cllr Nice to pull together some dates.

Stones Green

Nothing to report.

03 / 2023 – 12 | Kings Coronation

Cllr Daniels proposed that we ask the Hub to look into organising festivities.

ACTION: Cllr Browne to approach the hub.

03 / 2023 – 13 | Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: that the new GOPC financial regulations be adopted. Proposed Cllr Bush Seconded Cllr Nice – all in favour.

03 / 2023 – 14 | Grounds maintenance contract

RESOLVED: that contractor 1 be approved for the next three years as the ground's maintenance contractor. Proposed Cllr Daniels Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.

03 / 2023 – 15 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

23/00255/DETAIL – it's approved but Cllr Bush has called it in.

22/01138/FUL – Stonehall farm buildings, Stonehall Lane – recommend refusal. Outside envelope, over development impact on heritage assets.

Swan Cottage??

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Nice Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.



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03 / 2023 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

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

03 / 2023 – 17 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 20:30pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.00pm | Village Hall