



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 27th MAY 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chair: Cllr Bailey

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

District Councillor: Cllr Bush

Clerk & Essex County Councillor: Cllr Land

2 members of the public were in attendance.

05 / 2025- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed attendees.

05 / 2025 – 02 | Election of Chairman

Cllr M Bush was the only nomination. Proposed by Cllr S Southern, Seconded Cllr Eddie – all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 03 | Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr C Browne was the only nomination. Proposed by Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr C Bush – all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 04 | Apologies for absence

None received.

05 / 2025- 05 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

05 / 2025 – 06 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (15th April 2025)

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

05 / 2025 – 07 | Schedule of Parish Council Meetings 2025-26

Noted they have been done for the municipal year, are on the website and shall be published on the noticeboards. Proposed Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr Browne- all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 08 | Parish Councillor's Representation and Roles – Committees and Working Groups.

The roles of the council were read out in their current form but there is always scope for new roles.

05 / 2025 – 09 | Public Participation

ACTION: Letter to exchem about potential warning signals in the event of an emergency.

Planters- some in need of attention. A delivery van looks to have hit the planter by the school. It was hit by Veolia – **ACTION:** contact TDC. It was noted that the History recorder for the village had passed away. Our thanks to Beryl for her tireless work over the years.



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05 / 2025 – 10 | Clerks report

Clerk reported on the following matters:

- enquiry from member of public about joining the Parish Council

05 / 2025 – 11 | Chairman's Report

Chairman picked up points below in Councillor report.

05 / 2025 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- Redhouse was once again turned down and it was disappointing that the planning committee sided with the officers.
- the waste contract is still ongoing and potential financial difficulties exist to meet government priorities and legislation

05 / 2025– 13 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- it was announced that Cllr Land had put forward a stretch of road through the village for resurfacing. This would run from approximately Hamford Drive to the Memorial.
- works to start on the average speed cameras on A120

05 / 2025 – 14 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas: Burial Ground; Recreation Ground and Open Spaces;

Cllr Browne has been in touch with TDC (Clive Dawson) about the tree on School Road. It had been reported to the PC by residents that it was edging towards property and the road / power cabling. A visit took place with a local contractor who took pictures, these were sent to the PC/TDC. The tree may need pollarding and trimming is the message back. A map of the village would help with a clear picture of which trees are under our area of responsibility.

PROWS and Highways; Environment; TDALC;

Cllr Browne noted that the footpath at the back of brook cottage does not have a post and the crops are planted over the path.

The footpath at Park Pale barn and is now much improved.

Village Hall & New Community Facilities;

Quotes have been received for the decoration of the Village Hall toilets. They range from £1300-1800.

ACTION: Investigate getting the EDF smart meter monitor.

05 / 2025 – 15 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

No comments.

05 / 2025 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

Proposed by Cllr W Eddy, Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.



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05 / 2025 – 17 | Accounts 2024-25

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for 2024-25. Proposed Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 18 | To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement in Section 1 of the AGAR 2024-25

RESOLVED: to approve section 1. Proposed Cllr Eddy, Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour

05 / 2025 – 19 | To consider and approve the Annual Statements in Section 2 of the AGAR 2024-25

RESOLVED: to approve section 2. Proposed Cllr C Eddy, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour

05 / 2025 – 20 | Motions to Council

RESOLVED: to agree all motions on block – proposed Cllr C Bush Seconded M Bush – all in favour.

05 / 2025 – 21 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Planters, Signs- TLC

Meeting closed 21:00pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7.00pm | Village Hall