



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chairman:

Councillors: Cllrs Browne, Eddy, Southern, C Bush

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr Land

6 members of the public were in attendance.

11 / 2024 - 01 | Welcome

Cllr M Bush welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

11 / 2024 – 02 | Apologies for absence

None were received.

11 / 2024 - 03 | Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

11 / 2024 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (15th October 2024)

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

11 / 2024 – 05 | Outstanding items from last meeting

11 / 2024 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP asked about the current status of the building site. It was noted that it appeared that the site may now be being cleared in preparation for commencement of the development.

11 / 2024 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- Hamford Drive, bus stopping
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11 / 2024 – 08 | Chairman's report including TDC items as District Councillor

Cllr M Bush reported on the following matters.

- housing number targets are due to increase significantly

11 / 2024 – 09 | County Councillor Report

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- road improvements, Soils, Beaumont to Stones Green, Beaumont and School Corner
- investigate whether the VAS sign could be moved?
- Harwich road appears to be breaking up on way to Little Oakley, raise the question?



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- chevrons on bends into village from Little Oakley and also by Red Barn Lane and Rose Cottage – investigate repairs

11 / 2024 – 10 | Reports

Burial Ground, Recreation Field, Play Area and Greenswards

Cllr Browne updated on the following points:

- tree work complete, burial ground tidied up; new fencing area installed around the bins
- recreation ground looks tidy
- Christmas Tree can be supplied £220 +Vat
Proposed that the council purchase a Christmas tree for a total of £220 +VAT. Proposed Cllr Browne Seconded Cllr Southern - all in favour
- a number of the trees have died near Hamford Drive. **ACTION:** find out if they covered
- **ACTION:** find costs of timber bollards for verges – Wix timber yard

Public Rights of Way / Footpaths

Cllr Browne updated on the following points:

- the fallen branch has been reported

The Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Review planters nearer spring.

TDALC

Meeting at the end of November.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

Payment for hall hire to be issued £132

Specification for new toilets to be presented to council in the new year. Quotes to be sought.

10 / 2024 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

No applications.

10 / 2024 – 12 | Cheques and finance authorisation

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

Proposed by Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

Noted: the increase to clerks salary through the national award

10 / 2024 – 14 | Motions to Council

Resolved: That Sue Southern is added to the banking mandate for the Great Oakley Parish Council account. Proposed Cllr M Bush, Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.

Resolved: that Sue Southern is added to the banking mandate for the Great Oakley Village Hall Management Committee account. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour.



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Resolved: to agree to spend £500 to clear the tank fence and area – Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour

10 / 2024 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Cllr Southern has spent time in the phone box tidying – thanks were given.

Meeting closed 20:41pm

Date and Time of next meeting | Tuesday 20th January 2025 at 7.00pm | Village Hall