

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting **Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 21st March 2017**

Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mr M Keating, Mr B Eaton, Mrs J Mason, Cllr M Bush.

Apologies: Mr M Bransby, Mr N Daniels

Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

Election of Officers: Chairman passed the running of the meeting to the Clerk who sought nominations for Chairman. Mr Huk was nominated by Mr Spurge, seconded Mrs Mason. There being no other nominations and Mr Huk having confirmed he was prepared to accept the nomination, he was elected unanimously.

Once again in the chair, Chairman sought nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr Spurge was nominated by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Keating and having confirmed his willingness to serve and with no other nominations, was elected unanimously.

Committees: As has been our practice in recent years, Chairman read out the previous membership of all the sub committees with a view to re-appointing members en-mass. All were content to carry on as previously recorded. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously as follows:

Planning: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mrs Mason
Mr Tierney

Finance Committee: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Eaton
Mr Tierney
Mrs Mason
Clerk

New Village Hall: Mr Huk
Mr Bransby
Mr Daniels

Village Hall: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Eaton
Mrs Mason
Mr Daniels
Mr Bransby
Mr Tierney
Mr Keating

Village Hall Admin: Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mr Bransby
Mr Daniels
Mr Eaton
Mrs Mason
Mr Tierney
Mr Keating
Clerk

Stones Green:	Mrs Mason Mr Eaton
TDALC:	Mr Tierney Mr Keating
Crime Prevention Panel:	Mr Huk
Public Rights of Way:	Mr Keating Mr Bransby
Recreation Field:	Mr Huk Mr Bransby Mrs Mason Clerk

Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

Public Participation: There were eight members of the public present.

A parishioner reported that they did not feel the grass cutting was very good at Partridge Close last year. Chairman confirmed it had been raised with the contractor who had experienced machinery problems.

There was a concern regarding parked cars opposite The Maybush, with worries about access for emergency vehicles. It appears the double yellow lines have faded so we will report this to Highways and the concerns will be passed on to the pub, requesting they ask their customers to be as considerate as possible to their neighbours.

Mrs Sewell asked for clarification on who will own the New Village Hall. Chairman assured her that it will belong to the Parish Council, with details still to be agreed.

A representative from Oakey Dokeys reported they had a meeting with Essex County Council where Section 106 monies were mentioned and the possibility to use these to help fund a new building. Chairman said that often this money is not spent within the relevant Parish/Town and the best people to involve would be the Head of Planning at Tendring District Council or our District Councillor.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2017, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

New Village Hall: There is nothing new to report.

Progress Report:

Parked Car

It has been reported to us that a car is permanently parked in the turning area at the end of Partridge Close and is causing an obstruction. This has been reported to the Police and Tendring District Council who have said the car has Road Tax and an MOT so there is nothing they can do about it as they are not causing an offence.

We have contacted a sign company to have two signs made, one each end of Partridge Close to advise of no parking in the turning area. The details are yet to be agreed with the company.

Pot Hole

A pot hole in Farm Road was reported to us so we contacted Essex County Council; a Parishioner advised that this has now been repaired.

Fly Tipping

General rubbish was reported at The Soils so we passed this information on to Tendring District Council. We also reported a burnt out vehicle which they are going to remove.

Street Light

The light outside the school wasn't working so we reported this to our contractor.

Picture Rail

Mr Daniels believed he had some surplus picture rail and offered to put some up in the Village Hall so the Art Club could display some of their paintings but he doesn't have enough.

Gas Tank Fence

We are still waiting for prices for a new fence around the gas tank to aid air flow around the tank. .

Post Office

The future of the Post Office facility in the village needs to be decided. Before any decision can be reached we have asked Mr Mystery for current details on how frequent the Post Office is being used.

Highways: Chairman reported that the road through Stones Green is being resurfaced.

Surveillance Cameras: Mr Keating observed that with increased fly tipping in all areas we should take the initiative to try and stop it happening. The suggestion is that we put cameras up (not overlooking property). Mr Keating has contacted all the relevant authorities to find out more about licences and signage. Chairman said as long as the cameras are placed appropriately we are happy for a 3 month trial. Mr Keating would like to involve other Parishes too. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

Village Hall: There is nothing new to report.

Public Rights of Way: Mr Keating is keen to have more dog waste bins in the Parish, as highlighted by a number of dog walkers, and has been in contact with Tendring District Council who are currently undertaking an audit to ascertain their current stock. TDC have made us aware that should more be installed there would be a cost passed on to us for them to be emptied.

TDALC Report: The next meeting is on 22nd March 2017, where the Police and Crime Commissioner will be in attendance.

Planning:

Applications

Application No: 17/00345/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, replacement roof to side extension and replacement windows and doors

Location: The Pyghtle Farm Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections to make regarding this application.

Application No: 17/00353/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension

Location: Catania 5 School Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections to make regarding this application.

Determinations

Application No: 16/01346/FUL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling, creation of garage, workshop and storage space and extension to curtilage

Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green Harwich

This application was refused by Tendring District Council following significant local objection, including from Gt Oakley Parish Council. Full details can be found on their website. Note of appreciation to be sent to the Planning Officer involved, Mr Pingrim.

Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Expenditure

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 101.50
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722399	£ 46.08
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Repair	722400	£ 134.40
Jobsihate	Burial Ground January	722401	£ 162.13
Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722402	£ 275.00
SLCC	Membership	722403	£ 67.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722404	£ 250.85
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	722405	£ 38.55
TOTAL			£1,075.51

Village Hall Income

Dog Cub	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Election	Hall Hire	£ 250.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Football Club	Hall Hire	£ 100.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire	£ 153.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Yoga	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire	£ 68.00
Table Top & Quiz Night	Hall Hire	£ 34.00
Book Donations	Donations	£ 10.55
British Gas	Refund	£ 317.47
TOTAL		£1,089.02

Village Hall Expenditure

Julia Turner	Expenses inc outside light	Cash	£ 33.97
Julia Turner	Wages	400757	£ 156.00
TOTAL			£ 189.97

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mr Spurge, seconded Mr Keating, carried unanimously.

Village Hall Car Park

We have received a price to have the low branches trimmed from the trees in the Village Hall car park. It has been agreed to get a comparative price and if lower, proceed with the work.

Correspondence:

Mr Thompson has brought to our attention that during a recent funeral, The Avenue was blocked by parked vehicles and there is concern regarding access for emergency vehicles. We will contact the Chairman of the PCC bringing this to their attention.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 8.41pm.

Signed.....

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