

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 20th March 2018

18/050 Present: Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr J Tierney, Mrs J Mason, Mr B Eaton

18/051 Apologies: Mr C Mayman, Mr N Daniels, Mr M Keating, Mr M Bransby, County Cllr A Erskine, DistrictCllr M Bush

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:40 pm

18/052 Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mr Huk was nominated for Chairman by Mrs Mason, seconded by Mr Tierney. There being no other nominations and Mr Huk confirmed he was prepared to accept the nomination, he was elected unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Chairman sought nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr Spurge was nominated by Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton 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. A few changes were made. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously and committees are now as follows:

Planning:
Mr Huk
Mr Spurge
Mrs Mason
Mr Tierney
Mr Mayman

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

New Village Hall:
Mr Huk
Mr Mayman
Mr Daniels

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

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

Stones Green: Mrs Mason
Mr Eaton

TDALC: Mr Tierney
Mr Keating

Public Rights of Way: Mr Keating
Mr Mayman

Recreation Field: Mr Huk
Mr Mayman
Mrs Mason
Clerk

18/053 Declaration of Interest: There were none declared.

18/054 Public Participation: There were 11 members of the public present.

The following were reported by members of the public:

- Pot hole near Partridge Close
- Broken sign post (covered by a road cone)
- Rusted cycle sign pole
- Lampost leaning slightly in Red Barn Lane

18/055 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Tierney, seconded Chairman.

18/056 New Village Hall: Mr Thompson has contacted the Parish Council to say that the new proposed Surgery is being discussed with the Clinical Care Group as they do not support small surgeries, instead, preferring the super surgery model. Council have been assured that the New Village Hall will still have the 40 car parking spaces and maybe more, depending on the plans for the surgery. The car park is due to go in with the first phase of works which will be Highways access and the main spine road to serve the car park and Village Hall before any houses are built.

Progress Report

18/057 Fly Tipping: Fly tipping at the layby in Stones Green was reported to Council and passed on to Tendring District Council. Clerk to chase as this hasn't been done. A burnt out moped was reported at the Soils.

18/058 Burial Ground Hedge: A price was previously agreed to trim the hedge between the burial ground and the Church. The contractor has been given the go ahead to complete this as soon as the ground is dry enough.

18/059 Collapsed Gully B1414: The collapsed gully on B1414 was reported to Council which has been reported to Essex County Council. There is paint marking around it so hopefully it will be repaired soon.

18/060 School Sign: The School sign is leaning to one side so Clerk reported it to Essex County Council who said it does not need attention at this time.

18/061 Road Rally: The proposed road rally is due to take place on 22nd April 2018 and Council have requested a copy of the Chelmsford Motor Club's Risk Assessments, to be told that they do not conduct a specific Risk Assessment. They are going to video survey the route before and after the event to record the condition of the areas, with crews on the ground on the day to address minor damage such as fencing and walls where

temporary repair and or immediate safe securing of any misfortune may be made whilst arrangements are undertaken for proper repair.

Mr Eaton reported that he had copies of documents showing discussions with Tendring District Council regarding the road rally date back to 2014 and some people are still unaware of it taking place and going past their front door. Mr Eaton also observed that although the Motor Club has an indemnity policy with a limit of £65 million, homeowners on the route should inform their own insurance companies due to the potential of increased risk due to the road rally although this may impact their insurance premiums or excesses.

18/062 Post Office: The Postmaster of the Post Office didn't appear to receive the quote for the proposed extra work at the Village Hall so Clerk has sent this to him again.

18/063 Partridge Close Signs: The signs at Partridge Close were in need of repair so were reported to Tendring District Council who have now replaced them.

18/064 Highways: Mrs Mason reported the verge on Colchester Road which has eroded and has asked if horse warning signs could be placed on the same pole as the speed limit sign. Clerk will report and look into these.

18/065 Data Protection Regulations: Clerk has attended a course where the new Data Protection Regulations were explained. The changes will come into effect from 25th May 2018 and applies to data controllers and data processors. There is getting conflicting advice regarding the appointment of a Data Protection Officer and we will know more after 5th May. Clerk has been sent all the relevant information to aid Council in complying with the regulations and will report to Council with changes we need to adhere to.

18/066 Village Hall: Nothing new to report.

18/067 Public Rights of Way: Nothing new to report.

18/068 TDALC Report: Next meeting is on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

18/069 Planning: We have received an application from Tendring District Council for our information only as follows:

Application No: 18/00314/AGRIC

Proposal: Proposed new winter fill reservoir to enable the growth of root crops

Location: Land West of Stonehall Lane Great Oakley Essex

18/070 Accounts for Payment:

Parish Council Income

Santander	Interest Oct 2017	£ 13.54
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Parish Council Expenditure

Lambert Smith Hampton	Recreation Field Lease	722474	£275.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£111.03
Jobsihate	Burial Ground Bins x 2 months	722475	£100.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722576	£ 46.08
Admin	Wages	722577	£250.85
Admin	Expenses	722578	£ 82.69
TOTAL			£865.65

Village Hall Income

Dog Club	Hall Hire	£102.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire	£ 21.00
Dance Practice	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire	£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire	£ 50.00
TOTAL		£228.00

Village Hall Expenditure

Caretaker	Expenses	Cash	£ 11.31
Caretaker	Wages	400782	£162.50
GasBay	Heater Service	400783	£160.00
Anglian Water Business	Water (sewage charge)	400784	£192.51
TOTAL			£526.32

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

19/071 RCCE Village Halls & Community Buildings Membership 2018

Our membership for the Village Hall is due at a cost of £60. Proposed Mr Spurge, seconded Mr Eaton, carried Unanimously.

19/072 Play Equipment Inspections: At a previous meeting Council discussed options regarding play equipment inspections. Mr Mayman has expressed an interest to attend a course which will enable Council to carry out weekly visual inspections. Course details to be confirmed and passed to Mr Mayman. Yearly inspections can be carried out by a play area inspection company at a cost of £100. Proposed Mr Eaton, seconded Mrs Mason, carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

19/073 Untidy Garden. Clerk has received an email from a concerned Parishioner bringing to our attention the condition of a neighbouring back garden. Councillors agreed that unless the situation represented a danger, this was not something for the Parish Council to get involved with and no action would be taken at this time.

19/074 Speed Sign: Chairman has received information regarding a speed sign which records data of vehicle speeds which could be suitable for Stones Green. Chairman and Clerk will gather more information and report to Council.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.10pm.

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