

Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17th April 2018

- 18/075** **Present:** Mr Huk – Chairman, Mr Spurge, Vice chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr J Tierney, Mr B Eaton, Mr Mr Keating, Mrs J Mason, County Cllr A Erskine
- 18/076** **Apologies:** Mr M Bransby, Mr N Daniels, District Cllr M Bush
- 18/077** Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.
- 18/078** **Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.
- 18/079** **Public Participation:** There were eight members of the public present.
- A number of parishioners commented about the grass cutting at Partridge Close, not being up to standard. Chairman responded by saying that with the bad weather we have experienced, our new contractor hasn't had a chance to cut all areas properly yet so time is needed so Council can monitor the situation.
- A parishioner brought to Council's attention that the mobile library now only stops every three weeks at Woodlands, with no stops in the centre of the village. Clerk will look into this. Cllr Erskine suggested a community library which is becoming popular elsewhere, being run by volunteers.
- A question was raised regarding the ditch on Beaumont Road. Cllr Erskine reported that an enforcement officer has been assigned to this issue.
- A suggestion was made that the telephone kiosk could be used as a DVD exchange. Chairman thought this was a good idea.
- Mr Tierney reported that there will be free compost available for collection on 12th May from the West End Car Park in Dovercourt.
- 18/080** **New Village Hall:** Nothing new to report.
- 18/081** Minutes of Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 20th March 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.
- 18/082** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.
- 18/083** **Progress Report:**
- 18/084** **Grass Cutting Contract:** Council received three sealed tenders for the grass cutting contract for 2018/2019 season. These were viewed at a closed meeting and a local company was chosen. All parties have been informed.
- 18/085** **Coast to Coast:** A Parishioner asked if Council's meeting dates could be advertised in the village magazine. Clerk has provided the dates asking the Editor the best way to publicise these.

- 18/086 Fly Tipping:** Further Fly Tipping at The Soils was reported to Tendring District Council.
- 18/087 Pot Hole:** A pot hole near Partridge Close has been reported to Essex County Council.
- 18/088 Stones Green Verge:** In Stones Green a verge near Myrtle Cottage has eroded away. This has been reported to Essex County Council.
- 18/089 Burial Ground Waste:** Our new Grounds Maintenance Contractor is to continue emptying the waste bins at the burial ground at the same cost as previously.

18/090 Highways: Chairman reported a modification to the edge of the road in Stones Green to prevent flooding to a property. Cllr Erskine reported the modifications had been unsuccessful in keeping the property dry. HGV's continue to ignore the weight restrictions.

Mrs Mason reported the tree opposite Greenfinch Cottage is hanging over the road.

Mr Eaton reported that, despite their protestation that it was nothing to do with them, he has seen documents that show Tendring District Council have held discussions with the Chelmsford Motor Club since 2013 regarding the Road Rally.

18/091 Public Rights of Way: Nothing new to report.

18/092 Village Hall: We are waiting for the Postmaster to progress the new screen and general repairs in the room used for the Post Office at the Village Hall.

18/093 TDALC Report: Mr Tierney reported that at the last meeting discussions covered the new Data Protection Act, the available Land Bank for new house construction and the forthcoming Road Rally. The AGM will be held 23rd May 2018.

18/094 Planning:

Application No: 18/00402/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension, alterations to existing garage, driveway and entrance door

Location: Rose Cottage Back Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections regarding this application.

Application No: 18/00352/DETAIL

Proposal: Reserved matters application following outline approval for 15/01080/OUT Phase 1 (23 dwellings) – outline planning permission to PassivHaus standards

Location: Allotment Field adjacent Great Oakley Primary School Beaumont Road Great Oakley

Great Oakley Parish Council has requested to meet with the developer and landowner before a decision is made.

18/095 Accounts for Payment:**Parish Council Income**

Tendring District Council	Precept		£ 9,877.00
EALC	Funding for Extra Work		£ 815.13
TOTAL			£10,692.13

Parish Council Expenditure

Great Oaktree Land Services	Burial Ground Hedge	722479	£250.00
Miss J Bootyman	Wages	722480	£250.85
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£122.92
RCCE Village Hall	Membership	722481	£ 60.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722482	£ 46.08
Autela	Payroll	722483	£ 48.96
TOTAL			£778.81

Village Hall Income

Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
10 'O Clock Club	Hall Hire		£102.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
Table Top & Quiz	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
TOTAL			£372.00

Village Hall Expenditure

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£249.95
Mrs Turner	Wages	400785	£169.65
TOTAL			£419.60

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

18/096 Essex Association Local Councils Affiliation Fee 2018/19 is due at a cost of £289.90. Proposed Mr Spurge, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.

18/097 The play area inspection course is on 24th May 2018 at a cost of £130. Mr Mayman has expressed an interest in attending. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Eaton, carried unanimously.

18/098 **Correspondence:** Clerk has received a letter requesting some trees, thought to be fast growing Leylandii, which are on Parish Council land adjacent to their property, be trimmed. Council will find out what species they are before a decision is made.

19/099 There being no further business, the Chairman closed meeting at 9.10pm.

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