

# Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- 18/100 Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr J Tierney, Mr N Daniels, Mrs J Mason
- 18/101 Apologies:** Mr T Spurge – vice chairman, Mr B Eaton, Mr M Keating, Mr M Keating, District Cllr M Bush, County Cllr A Erskine
- 18/102** Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.
- 18/103 Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.
- 18/104 Public Participation:** There were thirteen members of the public present.
- Homeowners from Partridge Close attended to report flooding behind their property due to the removal of a ditch. This issue needs to be passed on to Essex County Council and the Environment Agency.
  - Parishioners reported overgrown trees and vegetation beside their property. Chairman will visit the site to assess the situation.
  - There were reports of speeding vehicles through Great Oakley. Volunteers from Community Speedwatch have been present in the village on different occasions, the most recent visit being near the Primary School during morning drop off time. It was observed that the number of “Boy Racers” and speeding in general in the area have noticeably increased since the Road Rally.
  - A Parishioner requested the mobile library stop for 15 minutes at each end of the village instead of just one Location.
- 18/105 New Village Hall:** There has been a recent Planning Application regarding the Allotment Field development which will be discussed under Agenda item Planning.
- 18/106** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Tierney, carried unanimously.
- Progress Report:**
- 18/107 B1414 Defect:** Clerk recently reported a road defect on the B1414 towards Little Oakley to Essex County Council. This has been marked for repair.
- 18/108 Data Protection Officer:** Council’s have received confirmation from National Association of Local Councils that a Data Protection Officer is not necessary.
- 18/109 School Railings:** Council have repeatedly reported the damaged railings outside the Primary School. Clerk reported that these have finally been repaired.
- 18/110 Coast to Coast:** Clerk has asked the Editor of Coast to Coast if Council’s meeting dates can be published each month and this has been agreed.
- 18/111 Waste Bin:** A Parishioner has requested a waste/dog bin in Red Barn Lane. A request has been sent to Tendring District Council.
- 18/112 Overhanging Tree:** A tree is overhanging the road in Stones Green so Clerk reported this to Tendring District Council.
- 18/113 Lamppost:** A lamppost in Red Barn Lane is leaning to one side which has been reported to Essex County Council, although it was observed that it might be replaced or removed as part of the housing development.
- 18/114 Horse Warning Sign:** Mrs Mason requested a horse warning sign in Stones Green. District Cllr Bush has agreed to raise it with Tendring District Council.
- 18/115 Mobile Library:** Clerk met with a representative from Essex County Council who has suggested a more central location for the mobile library at Hamford Drive as the lorry would have good parking and accessibility. This was considered unsuitable and too far for the current users from Partridge Close and

Woodlands so Clerk to ask for 15 minutes stop at each end of the village instead of just 30 minutes at Woodlands.

- 18/116 Play Area Inspection Course:** Mr Mayman has been booked on to the play area inspection course but due to lack of interest has had to be cancelled.
- 18/117 Orchard Close Trees:** Council was contacted regarding overgrown trees at the Recreation Field. Chairman asked a local contractor to inspect the trees in question to determine their type and growing height.
- 18/118 Beaumont Road Ditch:** The ditch at Beaumont Road has been an on-going issue. Cllr Erskine updated Council via email to confirm progress is being made to have the ditch reinstated and other drainage issues in that vicinity would be addressed by ECC.
- 18/119 Farm Road Parking:** The Community Hub proposal to redevelop the Red House site has insufficient parking so want to identify the land off Farm Road as overflow parking to support the application, Mr Daniels to follow up on Councils behalf with the Community Hub.
- 18/120 Road Rally:** Chairman has received correspondence from Tony Clements from the Chelmsford Motor Club as he would like to attend our meeting in June to gather feedback on the Road Rally which was held in April 2018. It was agreed to invite him to attend at 19:00 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June and let interested parties know he will be in attendance.
- 18/121 Highways:** There is nothing new to report.
- 18/122 Speed Sign Stones Green:** Chairman proposed having a speed sign with the facility to record vehicle statistics at Stones Green which Council considered a good idea. Mrs Mason suggested having poles situated in a number of locations so the solar powered sign could be moved around. Clerk has received prices from companies with one being more competitive. Council would like to try for funding for this project and to find out if the data recorded would be admissible as evidence of the speeding problems we have been reporting for years.
- 18/123 Public Rights of Way:** Grass is overgrowing the pavement between the School and the Allotments. Clerk to ask Rangers if they can address this. Chairman reported that one of the CCTV cameras have been stolen.
- 18/124 Village Hall:** The Postmaster has reported to the Clerk that he did not receive the quote for the Village Hall work even though it was sent by both the Clerk and Mr Daniels. Chairman suggested sending the information to him and he would try forwarding it on to see if that works.

The question was asked if the pilot light on the heaters could be turned off during the summer months. Clerk will ask the Caretaker.

- 18/125 TDALC Report:** The next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> May where the Road Rally is on the Agenda to be discussed.

**Planning:**

- 18/126** Application No: 18/00213/FUL  
Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing bungalow  
Location: Pyghtle Lodge Harwich Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections regarding this application.

- 18/127** Application No: 18/00628/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed single storey extension and alterations  
Location: Stonehall Farm Stonehall Lane Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections regarding this application.

- 18/128** 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 comments are as follows and will be sent to Tendring District Council:

After consultation with the landowner and developer, Great Oakley Parish Council have been assured that the construction of the New Village Hall will form part of the first phase of the development and that all phases of the development will be built out within 2 years. Furthermore it has been our understanding that the provision of the car parking facility for the Hall would take place as part of the initial laying out of the spine roads of the development and thus would precede the construction of the first dwelling. It was originally envisaged that the New Village Hall would be built before the occupation of the 10<sup>th</sup> home and this formed part of the original planning strategy and was to be a condition in the early stages of the development. In light of this, we would request that the requirements for the car parking and the Village Hall are included in the approval as explicit requirements, i.e. that provision of the car parking for the Village Hall shall form part of the initial works prior to construction of the first house and the construction of the New Village Hall shall form part of the early stages of the first phase of the development and is completed before the occupation of the 10<sup>th</sup> home. On this basis, Great Oakley Parish Council continues to support the development of new homes and a New Village Hall on the Allotment Field site.

**18/129 Accounts for Payment:**

**Parish Council Expenditure**

E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 130.86
ICO	Date Protection Renewal	722484	£ 35.00
EALC	Affiliation Fee	722485	£ 289.90
Clerk	Wages	722486	£ 250.85
Jobsihate	Waste Bin (final Invoice)	722487	£ 50.00
Clerk	Expenses	722488	£ 30.69
Marvan's Tree & Landscape	Grass Cutting	722489	£ 528.00
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722490	£ 46.08
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,361.38</b>

**Village Hall Income**

Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Children's Party	Hall Hire		£ 20.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Dog Club	Hall Hire		£ 136.00
Quiz Night & Table Top	Hall Hire		£ 51.00
Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 329.00</b>

**Village Hall Expenditure**

Calor	Standing Charge	400786	£ 10.30
Caretaker	Wages	400787	£ 169.65
Caretaker	Expenses	Cash	£ 4.98
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 184.93</b>

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

**18/130 Pay Scales:** Council has received notification of the reviewed pay scales for this financial year. The payroll Company will be informed.

**Correspondence:**

**18/131 Great Oakley Primary School**

Great Oakley Primary School has contacted Council requesting permission to hold their rounders matches on the Recreation Field. Councillors have supported this in recent years and continue to do so. The School are

holding a circus event in the Autumn and asked if they could use the Recreation Field if their school field can't be used. Councillors agreed they could.

**18/132 Bottle Bank**

Clerk received an email from a Parishioner requesting a bottle bank in Great Oakley. Clerk explained that the current Village Hall couldn't have one due to the size of the vehicle needed and the noise of the glass so near to properties. Councillors said that should the extra car parking be provided in Farm Road, a bottle bank will be positioned there.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9.07pm.

Signed.....

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