

# Minutes of Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting

Held at The Village Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**18/171 Present:** Mr S Huk – Chairman, Mr T Spurge – Vice Chairman, Mr C Mayman, Mr N Daniels, Mr J Tierney, Mr B Eaton, County Cllr A Erskine, District Cllr M Bush

**18/172 Apologies:** Mr M Keating, Mr M Bransby, Mrs J Mason

**18/173** Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm.

**18/174 Declaration of Interest:** There were none declared.

**18/175 Public Participation:** There were twelve members of the public present.

A Parishioner informed Council that an Appeal had been lodged for the houses behind Mill House.

A resident raised the issue of an overgrown hedge beside his property which is on the Recreation Field boundary. Chairman informed him that Council will be discussing the removal of the conifers and any overhanging branches after the meeting, in the meantime, he was welcome to reduce the hedge height himself to the level of those at the rear of his property.

The overgrown pavement by the allotments were reported to Council. Council will put a programme of works together for TDC Rangers.

We received a report of a caravan abandoned is in the layby at The Avenue. This has been reported to Tendring District Council.

A Parishioner asked if we knew how many storage rooms there would be in the new Village Hall. Mr Daniels commented that there was a long way to go before we determine the final details of the hall.

Cllr Bush had received a phone call regarding a plane carrying out a display over the village. Mr Spurge informed Council he believed it had been arranged for a birthday celebration for a resident in Wix and had taken place over the airfield to minimise the risk of fire to crops.

**18/176 New Village Hall:** There is nothing new to report.

**18/177** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018, after being circulated, were proposed as correct by Mr Mayman, seconded Mr Spurge, carried unanimously.

**18/178 August Meeting:** Council members usually have a break in August by not holding a Parish Council meeting, with urgent matters being dealt with by the Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers. Proposed Mr Tierney, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

## Progress Report

**18/179 Fly Tipping:** Fly tipping is still in the layby between Stones Green and Wix. Clerk reported this again along with the abandoned caravan in the layby at The Avenue.

**18/180 Break-ins:** Council received reports that four garages were broken into in Great Oakley. Council have reported our concerns to the Police. Cllr Bush will raise the issue at the Crime Prevention Panel Meeting next week.

**18/181 Speed Sign:** The speed sign on the B1414 has fallen down and has been reported to Highways.

**18/182 Waste Bin:** Clerk is trying to make contact with Tendring District Council regarding having a waste bin at Red Barn Lane.

**18/183 Play Area Inspection Course:** Mr Mayman volunteered to attend a play area inspection course, run by EALC, but it was cancelled. Clerk will look into other possibilities.

**18/184 Highways:** A member of Highways England Project Team contacted Council inviting them to an open evening at Great Horkesley Village Hall to discuss the programme of road maintenance on the A12 and A120. The works are centred on the Braintree A120 so do not impact on our area.

District Cllr Bush reported 12 pot holes of significant size in Pesthouse Lane and Back Lane which he has reported.

**18/185 Public Rights of Way:** Mr Keating could not attend the meeting but passed on his thoughts regarding issues in the Parish. One being that he doesn't agree with a work party for public rights of way clearance because the programme that Essex County Council put together for this purpose (P3) didn't work. He also made Council aware that landowners have responsibility to maintain free passage over a footpath as they have the required equipment along with the health and safety training needed.

County Cllr Erskine reported that Essex County Council have reduced their teams from two to just one team for the District and are starting to pass responsibility to Parishes. Mr Tierney suggested raising this issue at the next TDALC meeting.

Highways Act 1980 Section 119 – Essex County Council has confirmed an Order to divert Footpaths 12, 14, 15, 31 and 32 in the parish of Wix in the District of Tendring.

Mr Spurge reported signs of fires being started on footpaths 2 and 3, very near crops. He would appreciate the public being vigilante as the fields are very close to people's properties.

**18/186 Village Hall:** No response received from Mr Mystery regarding the works in the kitchen/Post Office as he apparently still has not received any of our e-mails. It also appears that the funding may not currently be available. It was agreed to send the information by Recorded Delivery Post and also ask if he had any idea if or when funding would be reinstated.

**18/187 TDALC Report:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

#### **18/188 Planning:**

Application No: 18/00992/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: Maple House Farm Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council had no objections regarding this application.

Application No: 18/01036/FUL

Proposal: Proposed innovation centre including kitchen and meeting space, to replace glasshouse

Location: Holt Farm School Road Great Oakley Harwich

Great Oakley Parish Council actively support this application.

#### **Appeals**

Application No: 17/01686/FUL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling, extension to remaining building to provide ancillary cycle store and storage, and change of use of agricultural land to residential

Location: 3 Skighaugh Clacton Road Stones Green

Council continue to oppose this application and will send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate and copy to our MP, supported by our Essex County and District Councillors.

#### **Local Plan Update**

Tendring District Council submitted the Local Plan to the Inspector in October and a number of public hearings were held in January. They have now received a 32 page letter back from the Inspector with his comments which we can make available on the website for anyone interested. The letter sets out the Inspector's views on the legal compliance and soundness of Section 1 of the Local Plan (which covers the strategy for the whole of North Essex). The letter makes no comment on policy (SP3) related to housing and housing numbers. This is because the Inspector is still reviewing this policy following a late submission by a developer and therefore feedback will now follow in early July 2018. In relation to the ongoing determination of planning applications there are no significant implications. Critically, the Council can demonstrate an effective housing land supply and the waiting applied to planning policies remains the same.

#### **18/189 Accounts for Payment:**

##### **Parish Council Income**

Barnard Memorials Ltd	Memorial		£ 100.00
Barnard Memorials Ltd	Inscription		£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 150.00</b>

##### **Parish Council Expenditure**

Michael Letchwood	Audit	722498	£ 125.00
E-On	Street Lighting	D/D	£ 135.19
Mrs Mason	Mower Repairs	722499	£ 14.50
Clerk	Wages	722500	£ 269.02
Clerk	Expenses	722501	£ 90.43
A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Maintenance	722502	£ 46.08
Information Commissioner's Office	Renew Registration	722503	£ 40.00
RCCE	Membership	722504	£ 72.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 792.82</b>

##### **Village Hall Income**

Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
WEA	Hall Hire		£ 153.00
Band Practice	Hall Hire		£ 21.00
Art Club	Hall Hire		£ 34.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Line Dancing	Hall Hire		£ 17.00
Post Office	Hall Hire		£ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 309.00</b>

##### **Village Hall Expenditure**

British Gas	Electricity	D/D	£ 231.13
Caretaker	Wages	400789	£ 169.65
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£400.78</b>

After being circulated, accounts proposed as correct by Mr Eaton, seconded Mr Daniels, carried unanimously.

#### **18/190 Correspondence:**

##### **Phone Call**

A representative from Galliper Windfarms phoned to suggest some community engagements such as a fete or an event so people can see the helicopter and find out what they do since they have been using Great Oakley Airfield. Council suggested that Galliper Windfarms could hold an event with a BBQ, beer tent etc. All agreed it was a good idea and we should respond positively asking them to let us know what they decide to do.

**Bus Service**

District Cllr. Bush and our Transport Representative have both contacted Council to report that Hedingham will run the number 3 bus service from Harwich to Clacton at the same times.

**Resignation**

Mr Eaton tendered his resignation to Council due to a moving home. Chairman thanked Mr Eaton for everything he has done for the Council and all his support. Clerk to notify TDC of the vacancy.

There being no further business, Chairman closed meeting at 9pm.

Signed.....

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