

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2014

Present: Val Wrycraft, Harold Griffiths, Malcolm Steer, Richard Griggs, Tom Howard, Saul Hunnaball and Alan Jackson

Also Present: Michelle Gordon (TDC), Sam Rowley(NHW), James Martin (LOFC), Annette Thorpe (BT) and 4 members of the public

14/065 Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for chairman for the upcoming year.

Richard Griggs nominated Tom Howard to continue as chair

Harold Griffiths seconded the nomination

All agreed

14/066 Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman

Harold Griffiths nominated Andrew Cullen

Richard Griggs seconded the nomination

All agreed

14/067 Apologies of Absence

There were apologies from Andrew Cullen and Caroline Thomas (late arrival)

County Councillor Andrew Erskine.also sent his apologies

14/068 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests

14/069 Signing of the minutes from the 9th April 2014

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the last meeting as true and correct.

Proposed : Harold Griffiths

Seconded: Malcolm Steer

14/070 Allocation of responsibilities

It was resolved that all councillors were to keep the responsibilities that they had the previous year.

Proposed : Alan Jackson

Seconded: Harold Griffiths

14/071 Broadband

The Chairman deferred this item until the end of the meeting due to one of the speakers having not yet arrived.

14/072 Neighbourhood Watch

Sam Rowley has cleaned 2 old signs. She has been chasing Mike Vaughn Chatfield (NHW area co-ordinator). Sam Rowley also informed the council that she is now registered with ICO.

14/073 Footpath Plaque

Deferred to next month

14/074 Emergency Planning

Plan nearly finished. Will update next meeting

14/075 Updates

Parking - still waiting to hear back from Cllr Bass at Essex CC.

Bus shelter – Seaview – Ray Rowley said. that the batons at the back of the shelter are rotting and the roof is rotting underneath the felt. Roof will need replacing in the near future.

Alan Jackson said he would paint the bus shelters.

Bus shelter at Seaview will be reviewed at a future meeting – 3 months.

Methodist Church – The clerk had found out who the owners were.

Action - The clerk to contact them to suggest uses for car park and church.

14/076 Bank

It was **resolved** to change banks from TSB to Unity Bank

Proposer: Caroline Thomas

Seconded: Alan Jackson

14/077 Planning

Harold Griffiths reported on the following planning application:

Football Club 14/00422/FUL

It was **resolved** to support the application.

Proposed: Harold Griffiths

Seconded: Saul Hunnaball

14/078 Finance

(see appendix 1)

Proposed: Malcolm Steer

Seconded: Val Wrycraft

14/079 District Councillor Report

Broadband

I have been speaking to Michelle Gordon (TDC), BT and Open Reach.

There are 3 cabinets in Little Oakley 1, 4 and 7.

There are approximately 200 houses from cab 4 – part of Harwich Road and Rectory Road down to the pond, which get the lowest speeds in the village.

The broadband speeds vary a lot throughout the village.

I have raised concerns with Bernard Jenkin MP about how the BDUK money is allocated.

The Local Plan

Local Plan has not proceeded as expected. TDC have set up a committee with 13 members to look at the Local Plan.

Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council had concerns about the TDC local plan and objected to it.

Green waste service

This has started in Clacton and is working through the postcodes with us near the end. The cost is

£25 per bin and £50 per year for collection.

14/080 County Councillor Report

There is no report

14/081 Public Speaking

James Martin advertised Little Oakley open day July 5th 2104

Member of public owns the old school and will be opening the old school house up to the public.

There are also plans for St. Mary's Church to open and the Old Rectory.

The school village fete will be held in the afternoon and there will be a quiz in the evening.

14/071 Broadband (deferred item)

Michelle Gordon (TDC) and Annette Thorpe (BT) spoke to the council about the progress of rural broadband. They said that although the area in Little Oakley that was getting less than 2MB/s (served by Cabinet 4) was not going to be upgraded to superfast broadband, the area served by cabinet 1 (Lodge Road area) would be getting upgraded even though they are already able to receive between 3 and 6 MB/s

Little Oakley parish Council has concerns about the broadband speeds. A few areas of Little Oakley are not too bad. There is however about 200 houses in centre of Little Oakley which gets less than 2 MB/s.

Appendix 1 - Finance

There is £9340.19 in the savings account. £1439.70 in the cheque account .

Finances tonight are:

A & J lighting - £41.26 D/D

Eon - £66.36

Finance

Mike Isted Grass Cutting - £50.00

Mike Isted Grass Cutting - £75.00

Hire of Hall - £20.00

EALC - £300.89

This makes the total outgoings £553.51p

Please can I have permission to transfer £500 from the savings account to the cheque account, which will leave £8840.19 in the savings account and £1386.19 in the cheque account.