

# Little Oakley Parish Council

Clerk: Vikki Howard 3, Rectory Road, Little Oakley, Harwich, Essex. CO12 5JX

## Minutes 16th July 2014

**Present:** Tom Howard, Alan Jackson, Andrew Cullen, Val Wrycraft, Harold Griffiths, Caroline Thomas, Malcolm Steer and Richard Griggs

**Also present:** Andy Boutell (A & J Lighting) and James Martin

### **14/082 Apologies of absence -**

There were apologies from Saul Hunnaball

### **14/083 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests**

Tom Howard declared an interest in finance - item 14/092

### **14/084 Signing of the minutes from 14th May 2014**

It was **resolved** to sign the minutes from the last meeting as a true and correct record

**Proposed** – Alan Jackson

**Seconded** – Val Wrycraft

### **14/085 Police Report**

Tom Howard read out the police report (see appendix 1) and announced that PCSO Ray Aylott is retiring at the end of the month

### **14/086 Clerk updates and announcements**

#### **Part Night Lighting omission response**

The clerk reported that she had emailed Cllr Bass and after getting no reply she emailed the leader of ECC Cllr Finch regarding the omission of Little Oakley Parish Council's response to the part night lighting consultation. She had an email back apologising and saying our comments had now been included in the consultation document.

#### **Field opposite Rectory Road**

The clerk reported that she had been in touch with Mr Ellis regarding the field opposite Rectory Road. Mr Ellis had spoken to Mr Stock, who said he was going to attend to the hedges which are causing a few problems and with regard to using part of the field as a car park, Mr Stock had said he would take it under consideration.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr Ellis in 2 weeks about the hedges.

#### **Footpath Plaque**

After a brief discussion, the conclusion was to not have a plaque for the footpath due to the cost.

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## **Mayes Lane**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council do not want stone chippings along Mayes Lane

## **War Memorial Cleaning**

It was resolved to accept the quote from Hunnaballs and get War Memorial cleaned.

**Proposed:-** Harold Griffiths

**Seconded** – Caroline Thomas

## **14/087 Andy Boutell - A & J Lighting**

Tom Howard introduced Andy Boutell from A & J Lighting.

Andy Boutell told the Parish Council that the old lights were 35 watts now – and the new LED lights were 20 watts

Tom Howard asked Andy Boutell if he could send through a list of parish lights with ratings 1 to 10. 1 - needing replacing and 10 - not needing replacing.

It was proposed and resolved to replace the light outside the Rectory in Rectory Road

**Proposed:** Caroline Thomas

**Seconded:** Richard Griggs

Richard Griggs reported a light out in Cherry Tree Close.

Action clerk to report to County Council.

## **14/088 Donations and Investments**

To decide whether and who to give donations to this year, if any.

Little Oakley Football Club

Air Ambulance -

CAB

Churchyard Upkeep

It was resolved to give £100 to the above.

**Proposed:** Harold Griffiths

**Seconded:** Richard Griggs

## **To listen to research and decide if we want to invest**

It was resolved that the Parish Council does not have the money to invest, and the money we do have we need easy access to. It was also decided that we could not spend tax payers money on investments at this time.

**Proposed:** Andrew Cullen

**Seconded:** Harold Griffiths

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## **14/089 Playground Update**

Tom Howard gives an update on the playground.

It was resolved to switch to the Playground Inspection Company.

The clerk to find out how much Andy Bruce would charge for maintenance as and when needed and to also look for another person to do maintenance.

**Proposed:** Harold Griffiths

**Seconded:** Andrew Cullen.

## **14/090 Inconsiderate Parking Scheme**

Tom Howard reported on the considerate parking scheme.

The clerk had handed out a sheet explaining the scheme.

It was resolved to invite someone to a meeting from Brightlingsea or TDC

**Proposed:** Harold Griffiths

**Seconded:** Caroline Thomas

## **14/091 Planning Reports**

Harold Griffiths reported that there was some building work being done at 91 Harwich Road.

Tom Howard asked if Harold Griffiths could explore it more and let him know then if need be enforcement at TDC can be informed.

## **14/092 Finance**

To listen to a finance update and to agree any payments.

Cheques tonight were agreed. (see appendix 2)

**Proposed:** Andrew Cullen

**Seconded:** Val Wrycraft

Tom Howard allowed James Martin to address the council.

James Martin thanked the council for helping to make Little Oakley open day a success.

James Martin left the meeting at 20:53

## **14/093 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard**

Tom Howard read out his report on the following:

### **Dunking at the school fete**

Tom Howard said that he attended the school fete where he volunteered to get dunked.

Caroline Thomas left the meeting at 20:56

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## **Green waste collection**

Tom Howard reported that the green waste collection service had now been rolled out in Little Oakley. It costs £25 per bin and £50 per year for a fortnightly collection.

## **Broadband**

Tom Howard said he had not heard anything back from Michelle Gordon and Annette Thorpe since the last meeting.

He said he had been in touch with Bernard Jenkin who was looking into various things for him.

## **TDC Local Plan**

Tom Howard outlined what had been discussed at the Local Plan Committee the previous evening.

He explained how the definition of settlements works and went on to say that Little Oakley is being treated as a rural settlement.

It was proposed to set up a working party for the Local plan.

People on the working party:

Andrew Cullen

Harold Griffiths

Richard Griggs

Tom Howard

**Proposed:** Andrew Cullen

**Seconded:** Alan Jackson

## **14/094 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine**

There was no report.

## **14/095 Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking

**The next meeting is on September 3rd**

**Next agenda**

**Lighting**