

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd September 2014

Start time 19:06

Present: Cllrs: Griggs, Griffiths, Cullen, Thomas (19:20) and Howard (20:00)

Also present: County Councillor Erskine and 1 member of the public (19:45)

14/096 Apologies of absence

Cllrs, Hunnaball, Steer, Jackson and Howard

14/097 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

There were none

14/098 Signing of the minutes from 16th July 2014

It was **Resolved** to accept the minutes from the 16th July as a true and accurate account.

Proposed: Harold Griffiths

Seconded: Richard Griggs

14/099 Police Report

Andrew read out the police report

(see [appendix 1](#))

14/100 Footpaths -

Richard Griggs gave a brief report about the footpaths.

He reported that most of the footpaths were fine. Footpath 4 he said there was no evidence of its existence except for a finger post.

Footpath 3 – the stile is overgrown by nettles etc.

Action: to write to Mr Pile and Gerald Stock to ask him if he could keep footpath 4 clear. It was also reported that Rectory Lane gets impassable due to the horses

14/101 Playground

Playquip

Andrew Cullen read out that the Chairman Tom Howard and the Clerk had met with a representative from Playquip. Playquip had given a quote for some work that needed to be done. It was **Resolved** to accept the quote and get Playquip to do the work.

Proposed: Andrew Cullen

Seconded: Harold Griffiths

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Bin

Action: clerk to contact the Football Club about the bin in the playground.

14/102 Replacement LED lights

The councillors listened to an update on the new developments and looked at a list of lights to implement a rolling program for replacement to LED.

It was **Resolved** to go ahead with the replacement rolling programme.

Proposed: Caroline Thomas

Seconded: Val Wrycraft

14/103 Bus Shelter Roof

In the strong winds we had the felt roofing blow off the bus shelter next to the old post office. Ray Rowley has kindly said he has a roll of roofing felt we can have.

The bus shelter opposite the old post office has some damage to the front of it and some wood will be needed to fix it.

Alan Jackson sent an email saying that he was meant to be painting the bus shelters, but had been unable to do so due to his arthritis. He said that he knows someone who would paint, fix the roof and replace the length of wood under his supervision.

Alan said we usually pay him £100 for painting the bus shelters, so he suggested that we pay £100 for the painting and £10 for the paint and he said he had spoken to Mr Tye and it would be about £30 for the wood needed to mend the bus shelter opposite the old post office.

It was **Resolved** to pay up to £150.00 for repairs to the bus shelters.

Proposed: Val Wrycraft

Seconded: Richard Griggs

14/104 Dates for next year's meetings

It was **Resolved** to accept the meeting dates for 2015

Proposed: Val Wrycraft

Seconded: Harold Griffiths

14/105 Planning Reports

There were no comments to make on the planning application in front of the council.

14/106 Finance

It was **Resolved** to accept the finance
(see appendix 2)

Proposed: Harold Griffiths

Seconded: Richard Griggs

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14/107 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

District Councillor Tom Howard gave a brief update on what he is currently doing with regard to broadband in the area.

He also gave a brief update about the meeting he had just attended about the SELEP. (South Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership).

14/108 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine

Mayes Lane has been done. Drains being done.

The Two Village School signage will not happen because the Government have said no. CC Erskine will get a full report at the highways panel.

The request for the pathway extension at Two Village School is getting more favourable when CC has the money – There is a report due in September.

Parking Issues brought up by Mr Lawrence. After speaking with the parking partnership, they are not willing to put yellow lines or white lines down as there is no-one to police it.

The same applies to Rectory Road.

It was also said that parked cars on the Harwich Road causes traffic to slow down.

Mr Lawrence (who was attending as a member of the public), suggested that as the pavement opposite the terraced houses on Harwich Road was redundant, then that could be removed or halved to make parking spaces for people living in the terraced houses to park in.

Tom Howard, pointed out that the pavement in question was not redundant and while he admitted it was not frequently used, he had seen people using that bit of pavement.

14/109 Public Speaking

Mr Lawrence (member of the public) questioned Tom Howard about his broadband update. He wanted to know why Essex County Council would not release certain information.

Tom Howard replied it was due to a non-disclosure agreement. Mr Lawrence challenged whether the non-disclosure agreement was a valid reason.

Tom Howard replied by saying he was repeating what he had been told by Essex County Council when he submitted an FOI request about that information.

14/110 Items for next agenda

Any items to go onto the next agenda

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Appendix 1 – Police report

Police report

July 2014

Cherry Tree Close

Burglary

Under investigation

On or Near Aspen Way

Theft from person (Includes crimes that involve theft directly from the victim (including handbag, wallet, cash, mobile phones) but without the use or threat of physical force)

Investigation complete; no suspect identified

On or Near Seaview Avenue

Criminal damage and Arson

Under investigation

On or Near Seaview Avenue

Violent and Sexual offences (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences)

Awaiting court outcome

On or Near Harwich Road

Violent and Sexual offences (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences)

Under investigation

On or Near Bayview Crescent

Antisocial behaviour (Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour)

On or Near Mayes Lane

Antisocial behaviour (Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour)

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Appendix 2 – Finance

Finance Report July 2014

Balance from 1st July 2014	£1617.81
Less Cashed Cheques:	£252.86
£80.00 Mike Isted Grass Cutting - 001059	
£35.00 Information Commissioners Office - 001060	
£20.00 Hire of Hall - 001063	
£19.87 Accent- 001057	
£97.99 Vikki Howard Expenses and Web- 001062	
Plus Income	£0.00
There was no Income for this period	
Less Direct Debits:	£790.42
£66.36 Eon -11th July	
£41.26 A & J Lighting - 15th July	
£682.80 A & J Lighting - 1st August	
Balance in cheque account as of 1st July 2014	£574.53
Balance in Savings Account as of 14th April 2014	£9340.19
Overall Balance as of 1st July 2014	£9914.72

Cheques tonight are:

Mike Isted Grass Cutting	£125.00
Ray Rowley	£150.00
Hire of Hall	£40.00
TDALC	£10.00
Clerk Expenses	£11.00
TDC Bus Shelter rent	£5.00
Hunnaballs	£156.00
Bruce Landscapes	£316.80
Playground inspection	£54.02
Hire of Hall	£40.00
CAB Donation	£100.00
Air Ambulance Donation	£100.00
Accent	£33.50
Total Cheques tonight	£1141.32

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