

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2014

Present: Cllr Griggs, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Wrycraft, Cllr Steer, Cllr Cullen, Cllr Howard, Cllr Hunnaball (19:06) and Cllr Thomas (19:10-20:45)

Also present: County Councillor Erskine and one member of the public

Start time: 19:01

14/111 Apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllr Jackson

14/112 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard declared an pecuniary interest in item 14/120(b)

Cllr Wrycraft declared a non pecuniary interest in item 14/120(b)

It is regarded that a blanket dispensation applies to all Parish Councillors in discussing the precept. Lisa Hastings Monitoring Officer TDC

14/113 Signing of the minutes from 3rd September 2014

It was Resolved to accept the minutes from 3rd September as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Wrycraft

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

14/114 Police Report

There was not a police report, Cllr Howard gave a update on the roles of PCSO's. He said that there are street meets now for members of the public to go along to. There are some in Great Oakley and Harwich, but none in Little Oakley.

Action: Clerk to contact the police and ask them if they can hold a street meet in Little Oakley.

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

14/115 Neighbourhood Watch/Community Watch

Sam Rowley announced that she was resigning as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Cllr Howard told the council that he had been in touch with Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of Sam Rowley in order to get some Neighbourhood Watch signs that had been promised in the New Year and still there wasn't any sign of them. He went on to say that he had been contacted by Neighbourhood Watch as Neighbourhood Watch claimed that they hadn't got Sam Rowley's details.

Cllr Howard said that he had reported Neighbourhood Watch to the PCC and the complaint was still ongoing.

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After a short discussion it was agreed that a Community watch may be the best way forward.

Action: Once Sam Rowley has resigned officially from Neighbourhood Watch, then the clerk to put a notice in the notice board.

Proposed: Cllr Cullem

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

14/116 Playground

(a) Playquip

To receive a quote for repairing the wet pour surrounding the roundabout

It was resolved to accept the quote from playquip.

Proposed: Cllr Hunnabal

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

(b) Bin

(c) Maintenance

To decide who will be responsible for the maintenance of keeping the playground tidy.

It was **Resolved** to find out how much the football club would want for maintaining the grass in the playground and emptying the bin.

Proposed: Cllr Hunnabal

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

14/117 Replacement LED lights

The clerk reported that the LED lights that have been fitted have had positive feedback from residents

14/118 Camerawatch

The clerk reported that Emstead Parish Council had set up a scheme called Camera watch. This is where members of the public volunteer to be trained to use speeding equipment. Cllr Thomas expressed an interest in attending a training course.

14/119 Planning Reports

14/01353/FUL - Proposed two storey side extension - 35 Oakridge Little Oakley Harwich
The application was discussed and it was felt that it would mean reduced parking.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Wrycraft

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14/120 Finance

- (a) To receive a six month update on the budget and to receive a recommendation on the precept for 2015/16

It was Resolved to put the precept up to £13000. This is to help pay for the upkeep of the path between Oakridge and the Memorial Club and to help pay for the rolling out of LED lights throughout the village.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

- (b) To receive a finance update and to approve cheques payable.

It was Resolved to accept the finance update and approve cheques for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

14/121 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

Cllr Howard spoke about the Local Plan and Broadband

14/122 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine

Essex County Council have agreed to extend the pavement from the Two Village School car park down to the Windmill Centre.

14/123 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking.

14/124 Items for next agenda

Any items to go onto the next agenda

Signed: _____

Dated: _____
