

*Little Oakley Parish Council Minutes  
From the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014*

**Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Present:** Cllr Steer, Cllr Howard (Chairman and District Councillor), Cllr Griggs, Cllr Wrycraft, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Cullen (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jackson, Cllr Hunnaball and Cllr Thomas (19:17)

**Also present:** County Councillor Erskine

**14/125 Apologies**

There were apologies from Cllr Thomas as she will be late.

**14/126 Declaration of Interests**

There were declaration of pecuniary interests from Cllr Wrycraft and Cllr Howard for item 14/134 – Finance

**14/127 Signing of the Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes from the last meeting were true and correct.

**Proposed:** Cllr Griggs

**Seconded:** Cllr Griffiths

**14/128 Police Report**

Cllr Howard read out the police figures from September (as these were the most up to date figures available from the police website)

See appendix 1

**14/129 Correspondence**

The clerk read out the following correspondence:

An email from Michael Deba regarding County Broadband.

A discussion followed the reading of the email and the following points were made:

- The church had a meeting with County Broadband last year and nothing has progressed, even though the church was interested.
- Parish Councillors went to a meeting with County Broadband. There was a big argument between the person holding the meeting and an associate of his.
- We need parish Council property for antennas in order to receive any revenue. We do not have any.
- They tell you that you will get 30-40 MB/s, but do not tell you about the contention, i.e the more people that use it the slower the speed. This is due to how it is all set up to work.
- TDC signed up with County Broadband about 3 years ago and not a lot has happened.
- There is a strong possibility if we start looking at County Broadband then BDUK might stop looking at Little Oakley with regards to upgrades. District Councillor Howard is currently looking into the broadband situation in Little Oakley with Local MP Bernard Jenkin and Essex County Council
- BDUK are currently looking at OMR (Open Market Research). This is for companies that will do the work that BT will not do.

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- Wireless solutions are not very reliable due to buildings and trees etc.

At the end of the discussion it was decided to look into alternatives at a future date.

**Proposed:** Cllr Griggs

**Seconded:** Cllr Hunnaball

**Police Street Meet**

Clerk at this point had not heard back from Harwich police about a Street Meet in Little Oakley.

It was agreed if the clerk had not heard anything in two weeks then she was to contact the PCC.

**Proposed:** Cllr Jackson

**Seconded:** Cllr Griffiths

**Email from Jill Murray**

An email was received from Jill Murray regarding the planning application for up to 60 houses in Little Oakley. She wanted to know why there had been an extension granted.

Cllr Howard explained about the Local Plan and explained to the council why it is important that the longer a decision takes the better at this point in time. He explained that everything must be seen to be done correctly and transparently otherwise if TDC refuse it then the Planning Inspector would probably approve it if things have not been carried out properly.

**14/130 Chair Report**

Cllr Howard reported to the council that he had attended a reception at the Guild Hall in Harwich on the 8<sup>th</sup> November that was held just before the Sausage festival began. He said it was a good event, but he did not throw any sausages this year! He also reported that repairs had been carried out on the surface around the roundabout and that the contractors had done a good job,

**14/131 Playground**

The clerk had a report that one of the rungs of the playground fence had been ripped out and was dangerous. This has happened twice now. An emergency contact notice is advisable also.

Three options were discussed:

- Repair it and do nothing else
- Put up a notice for emergency contact and repair
- Weld up all metal rungs.

It was resolved to get some quotes for a contact sign and for welding the rungs in place. It was also resolved to put notices in the notice boards for information on who was doing this to the playground fence.

**Proposed:** Cllr Griggs

**Seconded:** Cllr Hunnaball

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**14/132 Courses**

It was resolved to delegate the power of sending the clerk and councillors on courses to the clerk up to the value of £250 after which, it has to be referred back to Council

**Proposed:** Cllr Steer

**Seconded:** Cllr Hunnaball

**14/133 Planning**

**14/01554/FUL – Land next to 89 Mayes Lane**

This was discussed and it was felt that TDC did not know that this particular land was in Little Oakley as in previous times it had been sent to Ramsey & Parkeston PC. The clerk and Cllr Griffiths to investigate this further.

**14/01558/FUL - New Bungalow Rectory Road**

It was felt that this should get the parish Council's full support as this would enable the owner to live there.

**14/01501/FUL – Ramped Access**

The council supported this application.

**14/134 Finance**

See appendix 2

It was resolved to accept the finance report and all payments due

**Proposed:** Cllr Jackson

**Seconded:** Cllr Hunnaball

**14/135 District Councillor Report**

See appendix 3

**14/136 County Councillor Report**

There was nothing to report

**14/137 Public Speaking**

There was none

**14/138 Items for next agenda**

There were none

**Meeting closed at 20:59**

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**Appendix 1 – Police Report**

**September 2014**

**Mayes Lane - 4**

**Anti-social behaviour (1)**

Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour

**Violence and sexual offences (1)**

Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences

Under investigation

**Burglary (1)**

Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing

Investigation complete; no suspect identified    Case timeline

**Vehicle crime (1)**

Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle

Investigation complete; no suspect identified

**Bay View Crescent – 1**

**Anti-social behaviour**

Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour

**Lodge Road – 2**

**Anti-social behaviour**

Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour

**Burglary (1)**

Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing

Investigation complete; no suspect identified

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**Finance Report November 2014**

Balance from 1st October 2014		<b>£191.33</b>
<b>Less cashed cheques:</b>		
TDALC	001067	£10.00
Web Maintenance	001082	£33.00
V Howard Salary	001079	£1499.38
Mike Isted	001080	£125.00
Hire of Hall	001083	£20.00
Donation – Gift Day	001084	£100.00
PKF LittleJohn	001085	£120.00
Alan Jackson Expenses	001081	£104.00
Playquip Inspection	001077	£144.00
Playquip repair	001078	£552.60
	<b>Total out</b>	<b>£2707.98</b>
<b>Plus Income to cheque account</b>		<b>£3500.00</b>
<b>Less Direct Debits:</b>		
Eon		£66.36
A & J Lighting		£41.26
	<b>Total D/D</b>	<b>£107.62</b>
Balance in cheque account as of 1st November 2014		<b>£875.73</b>
Balance in Savings Account as of 9th October 2014		<b>£6590.19</b>
Overall Balance as of 1st July 2014		<b>£7465.92</b>

**Cheques tonight are:**

Playquip repairs	£300.00
Vikki Howard	£11.00
Web maintenance (November)	£33.00
Val Wrycraft	£30.00
Hire of Hall	£20.00
Mike Isted	£75.00
Accent	£18.99
EALC (Election Course)	£60.00
<b>Total Cheques tonight</b>	<b>£547.99</b>

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### **Appendix 3 – District Councillor Report**

#### **Broadband**

Cllr Howard told the council that he was meant to have a meeting with Bernard Jenkin MP but could not make it as he had been ill. He said that someone else went along and the outcome of the meeting was that Bernard Jenkin MP continues to be supportive of the concerns about broadband in Little Oakley.

The first part of the action plan is:

Bernard Jenkin MP has written to Essex CC and has demanded a meeting between himself, Cllr Howard, Kevin Bentley and the project manager of BDUK Superfast Essex

The second part is:

To tackle the issue about the capping placed on the BDUK Broadband especially on Market Intervention areas. There are approx. 24000 priority connections in Essex, but very few have been upgraded due to the cap placed upon them.

There is a meeting planned with ED Vazey MP sometime in the New Year.

#### **Local Plan**

At this moment in time there are no houses planned for Little Oakley within the Local Plan. This is due to Little Oakley being reclassified as a Smaller Rural Settlement. This means with this classification Little Oakley will get its village status back.

#### **Street Lights**

There is a motion being put in front of TDC's next full council asking for the people of Tendring to pay for lighting again. Councillor Howard asked members of the public their views on having to pay for lights for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time. They said that they would pay it but did not agree with it in principle.

Little Oakley Parish Councillors had a brief discussion and it was agreed that Little Oakley Parish Council would write to Cllr Bass in the future asking if they could adopt County Council street lights.