

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015

Present: Cllr Howard, Cllr Wrycraft, Cllr Steer, Cllr Cullen, Cllr Griggs and Cllr Hunnaball
(19:06)

Also present: County Councillor Erskine and PCSO Ladkin

15/015 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Jackson

15/016 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard declared a pecuniary interest in items 15/023 Finance and 15/024 Clerks Pay

15/017 Signing of the minutes from 11th February 2015

It was resolved to accept the minutes from the 11th February meeting as true and correct.

Proposed: Cllr Wrycraft

Seconded: Cllr Steer

All agreed

15/027 Any urgent items since the publication of the agenda

This item was brought forward by the chairman due to the fact a decision needed to be made before the finance item.

One of the cradle swings in the playground was reported broken by a member of the public. Her daughter had been in the swing and slipped down through the gap made by a broken support. The clerk had called out Playquip, who immediately attended the site and removed the broken swing. The clerk had asked Playquip to quote for two new cradle seats so that the councillors could decide whether to go ahead and replace one or both cradle seats.

It was resolved to purchase two new cradle seats at a cost of £171.00 + VAT

Proposed: Cllr Wrycraft

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All Agreed

15/018 Introducing PCSO Matthew Ladkin

PCSO Ladkin introduced himself and gave out the crime figures for Little Oakley for the past month(18th February – 18th March)

There were 3 crimes reported – 2 domestic crimes (harassment & Assault)
1 Assault

PCSO Ladkin also reported that the Traffic Division had conducted a speed survey along the Harwich Road. The outcome was that the average speed was 37mph in a 30mph zone.

PCSO Ladkin mentioned Community Speed watch. He said there would be at least 10 volunteers needed. The volunteers would need to be trained, which would be carried out by the police. The police would also be able to help out with jackets and signs.

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15/019 Correspondence and Updates

The following updates and correspondence were listened to and noted:

Meeting held with County Cllr Bass
Defibrillator installed at the Cherry Tree – there will be a training session in May.
Playground bin key – Dunninghams looking at it.
Playground maintenance - Contract Signed. Start date 1st March 2015
Courses – Council Award Scheme and the New Transparency Code - Clerk
Possible new member – Cllr Cullen reported on a potential new member
Playground Sign – Cllr Hunnaball to install sign on Playground fence.
Price Increase – A & J Lighting
TDALC report – Cllr Cullen gave a verbal report on recent TDALC meeting
Community Agents – invite Suzanne Howe to a future meeting (May/June)

15/020 Dates for 2016 meetings

The dates will be considered at a future meeting.

15/021 To set up a working party to review procedures and policies.

The working party will be set up after the elections at the May meeting

Proposed: Cllr Hunnaball

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All agreed

15/022 Planning

Decision on planning application 14/00995/OUT
Cllr Howard told the Parish Council that the outline planning permission for application 14/00995/OUT – for 60 houses on the land opposite Seaview had been refused by Tendring District Council Planning Officers.

15/023 Finance

Cllr Howard declared a pecuniary interest in this item and did not participate
See appendix 1

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball

All agreed

15/024 Clerks Pay

Members of the public were excluded from this item and asked to leave the room while the item was discussed.

Cllr Howard declared a DPI for this item and vice-chairman Cllr Cullen took over the chair for this item and Cllr Howard left the room.

The clerks pay and contract was discussed and amended accordingly.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Wrycraft

All agreed

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15/025 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

Cllr Howard returned to the room and resumed as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

District Councillor Howard gave an update on the part night lighting consultation results. The results will be presented at the next TDC Full Council meeting and further decisions would be made then.

15/026 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine

County Councillor Erskine reported the following:

Locality Board reported that 9 out of 10 schools in Tendring are achieving better results than previously attained

A120 is classed as an enterprise zone and meaningful talks are currently taking place, but nothing is likely to happen for 10+ years

The Local Highways Panel have cancelled all works for the time being and there will be a report at the next LHP meeting.

14/028 Public Speaking – there are 15 minutes for public speaking.

There was no public speaking

14/029 Items for next agenda and information only

Cllr Cullen reported that he had cut the grass opposite the church and cut the hedges on the Harwich Road.

NB. No decisions can be made under this agenda item.

Next Meeting

Wednesday April 15th - 7pm – 7:20 pm Annual Parish Meeting - Members of the Public welcome to come along and listen to the Chairman's Report and the Finance Report and to ask any questions.

This will be followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 7:30pm

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Appendix 1 – Finance Report

Balance from 1st February 2015		£815.95
Less cashed cheques:		
	Total out	£388.80
Plus Income to cheque account		£0.00
Less Direct Debits:		
Eon		£68.58
A & J Lighting		£41.26
	Total D/D	£109.84
Balance in cheque account as of 27th February 2015		£317.31
Income to Savings Account		£1261.34
Balance in Savings Account as of 14th March 2015		£6851.53
Less Uncashed Cheques Listed Below		£100.00
Overall Balance as of 31st January 2015		£7068.84

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Uncashed Cheques		
Oonagh Stein - Internal Audit		£100.00
	Total	£100.00

Cheques tonight

Ray Rowley – Bus Shelter	£150.00
J D Signs – Playground Sign	£12.60
Accent Stationers	£50.91
EALC – Course	£25.00
Clerks Salary (6 Months)	£1453.88
Clerk Expenses (phone & Stamps)	£85.89
Web Maintenance	£33.00
Hire of Hall	£20.00
Clerk Salary - CiLCA	£93.45
Playquip	£54.00
Total	£1978.73