

# *Little Oakley Parish Council*

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Councillors Present: Cllr Attrill, Cllr Steer, Cllr Churchwood, Cllr Howard, Cllr Hunnaball (19:10), Cllr Griggs, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Cullen

Also present: County Councillor Erskine

### **15/068 Apologies of Absence**

There were apologies from Cllr Griffiths

### **15/069 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests and To grant a dispensation for 4 years to Councillor Howard in order that he may stay in the room for the item of Finance on the agenda**

The clerk explained that the clerk is the person who can issue dispensations, but in this case she wanted it to go to full council.

The clerk put forward a suggestion to full council that Cllr Howard be given a dispensation with regards to leaving the room when it came to the agenda item Finance, due to the fact that the clerk is his wife and he would always have to declare and DPI and leave the room.

The dispensation would be that Cllr Howard would declare his DPI for the agenda item Finance, but would not need to leave the room. He would, however, not take part in any discussions under the agenda item Finance. This dispensation would be granted for 4 years.

It was **Resolved** to grant dispensation as above to Cllr Howard.

**Proposed:** Cllr Cullen

**Seconded:** Cllr Griggs

### **All Agreed**

Cllr Howard declared a DPI for item agenda 15/079 – Finance

Cllr Cullen declared an interest in Item agenda 15/077 - Planning

### **15/070 Signing of the minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> May were a true and accurate record.

**Proposed:** Cllr Steer

**Seconded:** Cllr Jackson

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## **15/071 Standing orders**

The Standing Orders had been looked at and amended by the Policy Working Party. These were then sent to all councillors.

It was **Resolved** that the Standing Orders be approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr Cullen

**Seconded:** Cllr Attrill

**All Agreed**

## **15/072 Electricity for streetlights**

The clerk gave a brief report on getting quotes for a different electricity supplier. She explained that the new monthly bill for Eon is £77.38 per month due to price rise at beginning of June

Before the price rise it was £66.36 one month and the next month it was be £68.58.

The clerk then went on to say that in the previous financial year the Parish Council spent £807 on electricity (inc VAT) and that with the price rise this cost would rise to approximately £928.56 per year (Inc VAT)

SSE have quoted £640.48 per year (approx. £53 per month inc VAT).

It was **Resolved** to switch electricity suppliers to SSE.

**Proposed:** Cllr Jackson

**Seconded:** Cllr Griggs

**All agreed**

## **15/073 LED light update**

The clerk gave the council an update on the new LED lights that were installed after the agreement of the council at their last meeting. The new LED lights have been installed at:

9022 – Outside 58 Harwich Road

9007 – opposite Public Footpath Rectory Road

9008 – outside 49 Rectory Road

## **15/074 TDALC Report**

Cllr Cullen gave a brief report about the TDALC meeting he attended.

The topics that were discussed were:

Community Agents

A120 Resurfacing – A120 letter proposal. Cllr Cullen to draft letter and send to clerk

**Proposed:** Cllr Hunnaball

**Seconded:** Cllr Attrill

Local Plan and planning

Grass cutting on verges.

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## **14/075 Mayes Lane corner – Ramsey**

Cllr Cullen reported that he had one of his men to cut the overgrown grass opposite the church as no-one is taking responsibility and cutting it.

Cllr Howard said he would check to see if it was still on the Highway Ranger's rota.

## **15/076 Bank Update**

The clerk reported that the new bank account was now open.

It was **Resolved** to transfer money from the savings account to the new account, but to keep the TSB bank accounts open for the time being.

It was further **Resolved** to add Cllrs Attrill and Churchwood to the internet banking and as cheque signatories and Cllrs Cullen, Jackson, Steer as cheque signatories.

**Proposed:** Cllr Cullen

**Seconded:** Cllr Hunnaball

**All Agreed**

## **15/077 Planning**

**Applications:** There are no applications since the last meeting  
**Determinations since the last meeting**

**15/00433/FUL** – Mrs G Cullen Two Storey Extension – 78 Harwich Road

**15/00586/Tellic** – Catsurveys Installation of DSLAM Cabinet – Cherry Tree Close

**15/00401/FUL** – Mr James Martin Change of use of land from a field to a football pitch

## **15/078 Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters

## **15/079 Finance**

The clerk distributed and went through the finance report and the payments due. See appendix 1

**Proposed:** Cllr Jackson

**Seconded:** Cllr Steer

**All Agreed**

It was **Resolved** to transfer £5000 to the cheque account

**Proposed:** Cllr Attrill

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**Seconded:** Cllr Cullen

**All Agreed**

It was further Resolved to transfer a further £2000 from the savings account to the cheque account at the beginning of July. This is to be transferred to the new bank account.

**Proposed:** Cllr Hunnaball

**Seconded:** Cllr Attrill

**All Agreed**

**15/080 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard**

Cllr Griggs asked District Councillor Howard about the Maybush Inn in Great Oakley. Cllr Howard gave a brief update.

**15/081 Report by County Councillor Erskine**

County Councillor Erskine said it had been very quiet and that there was nothing to report.

**15/082 Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking

**15/083 Items for next agenda and Updates/information only**

Footpaths – Cllr Griggs said that he had done the footpath check. The footpath by the side of the cottages by the Cherry tree needs to be cut back. Clerk will write to Mr Pile regarding this matter.

White Lines – The white lines through Little Oakley has now been repainted

Website – The new website is under way and should be completed in the next few weeks

The overgrown hedges/trees along Harwich Road opposite the Cherry Tree have been reported to Highway Rangers as being extremely dangerous.