

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September 2015

Meeting started at 19:06

Present: Cllr Howard, Cllr Griffith, Cllr Steer, Cllr Churchwood, Cllr Cullen and Cllr Jackson (19:10)

15/099 Apologies of Absence

Cllr Attrill, Cllr Hunnaball and Cllr Griggs.
County Cllr Erskine also sent his apologies

15/100 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard – Item 15/113 – Finance

15/101 Signing of the minutes from 22nd July 2015

It was Resolved to accept the minutes from the 22nd July as true and correct

Proposed: Cllr Steer

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

All agreed

15/102 Correspondence and Updates

The following correspondence was read out:

Invitation to the official opening of the 3G pitch to be held on 6th September at 2pm

Hedge cutting – Oakridge – Val Wrycraft reported that the hedge was overgrown.

The clerk had contacted Roger Pile who has asked for a map and advice as to what cutting equipment was needed. The clerk will reply to Roger Pile.

Air Ambulance – The clerk had received a letter from the Air Ambulance thanking the Parish Council for their donation last year and asking if we would be willing to donate again. This will be put on the agenda for the October meeting

15/103 Playground Vandalism

Cllr Steer reported a broken rail and loose nuts/bolts on the maintenance gates. When Cllr Howard and the clerk went to look, the bolts/nuts on the gate had disappeared.

The clerk contacted Playquip who came out and repaired the railing and the gate. Cllr Steer said that although the gate had been repaired, it still could do with something extra. Cllr Griffiths said he would take a look.

Proposed: Cllr Churchwood

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All agreed

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15/104 TDALC Report

Cllr Cullen read out some notes that he made while in attendance at the latest TDALC meeting. Items that were discussed at the meeting included:
Devolution – Talk from an EALC representative
Precept Cap
Training Courses
CIF Grant
Neighbourhood Planning
Updated Standing orders
A120

15/105 TDALC

A discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council stayed as a member of the TDALC or not. This came about after a public meeting, which the Chair of TDALC attended, was talking about the A120 road works. The Chair of the TDALC said that he represented the views of all Parish Councils in Tendring. This was not the case as the views he gave did not represent Little Oakley Parish Council's views. It was Resolved that Cllr Cullen would attend the next meeting and put forward some views.

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

All agreed

15/106 Village Field

The clerk got in touch with the Land registry and has copies of the deeds and covenants. There is nothing on there that says the field was given to the villagers. Clerk has looked through the old minute books and this is still ongoing. Cllr Cullen said that he would talk to someone he knows in Wrabness.

14/107 Part Night Lighting Consultation

The Parish Council received a letter from TDC regarding a Part Night Street Lighting consultation. Cllrs agreed a response (see appendix 1).

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

All agreed

15/108 Skip Business noise and fires at Gerald Stocks farm

Cllr Churchwood outlined her concerns about the skip business on Mr Stocks land. This was mainly smoke and noise. It was suggested that before the clerk writes a letter to Mr Stock that Cllr Churchwood might want to approach him informally.

15/109 Local Plan Consultation

It was agreed that the date for the Local Plan consultation meeting will be on Friday 2nd October at 7pm in the Millennium Room.

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15/110 Dog Bins

Cllr Churchwood said she did not think that there were enough dog bins. Cllr Attrill had sent the clerk a list of all the dog bins in Little Oakley. It was felt that there were enough dog bins at this moment and no further action is to be taken.

15/111 Urgent Matters

There were none.

15/112 Planning Applications

15/01246/FUL - Two storey side extension - 112 Rectory Road Little Oakley

The Parish Council have concerns that there will be two front doors and one should be removed. Neutral

15/01243/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension to form kitchen, utility and bathroom. - 15 Harwich Road Little Oakley

Neutral – No Objection

15/113 Finance

The finance was agreed (see appendix 2)

Proposed: Cllr Steer

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All agreed

It was agreed to set up a Finance Committee. The Cllrs wishing to sit on it are: Cllr Attrill, Cllr Howard, Cllr Cullen, Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Griggs

15/114 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

District Cllr Howard said that there was not much to report. He said that he had attended the Clacton Air show and that next year would be the Clacton Air show's 25th anniversary.

15/115 Report by County Councillor Erskine

(See appendix 3)

Cllr Howard mentioned that the initial request did not stem from Little Oakley Parish Council and said that he would contact County Cllr Erskine to let him know this and to say that that the Parish Council support the advisory 20 mph signs either side of Saltwater Bridge.

15/116 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking

15/117 Items for next agenda and Updates/Correspondence/information

Donations

Meeting Closed at 21:35

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Appendix 1 Part Night Lighting Consultation response

In response to your letter dated 17th August 2015 in regard to part night street lighting Little Oakley Parish Councils thoughts are as follows:

Although the Parish Council own a lot of the street lights in the Parish of Little Oakley, there are areas which do have ECC street lights. One area in particular, would benefit from having the light switched back on due to the elderly residents.

Little Oakley Parish Council therefore would like it recorded that they would like the lights back on if Tendring District Council are going to go ahead and pay for them to be switched on.

Furthermore, Little Oakley Parish Council would like it recorded that they are opposed to TDC paying for the lights to be switched on as:

1. Tendring District Council are not the lighting authority
2. It would mean that all of our parishioners would be paying for lights four times i.e Highways agency, Essex County Council (Lighting Authority) Parish Council Precept and Tendring District Council.

Little Oakley Parish Council feel it is unfair to expect our parishioners to pay for a service that they are already paying for. However, it would be unfairer still, for our parishioners to pay for Tendring District Council to light other areas while leaving our Essex County Council lights off.

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Appendix 2 – Finance

Summary

TSB		
Cheque Account Balance from 1st June 2015		£1388.16
Less cashed cheques:		
	Total	£0.00
Plus Income to TSB cheque account (transfer)		
	Total	£0.00
Less Direct Debits:		
Eon – 13 th July		£60.86
Eon – 27 th July		£26.38
A & J Lighting		£41.26
	Total	£128.50
Balance in TSB cheque account as of 30th August 2015		£1259.66
Income to TSB Savings Account		£0.00
Balance in TSB Savings Account as of 30th August 2015		£1857.98
Less Uncashed Cheques Listed Below		0.00
TSB Overall Balance as of 31st August 2015		£3117.64

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Unity Trust		
Cheque Account balance - 25th June		£1850.03
Less Payments		
Cllr Jackson Expenses		£9.90
Hire of Hall		£20.00
Accent		£22.29
Web maintenance		£33.00
Play inspection Company		£71.94
Clerk Expenses		£90.41
Clerk Wages (July)		£266.76
Clerk Wages (August)		£205.20
	Total	£719.50

Income to Unity Cheque Account		
Interest		£0.00
	Total	£0.00
Balance in Unity Cheque Account - 30th August 2015		£1130.53
Income to Unity Savings Account		£0.00
Total in Unity Savings Account		£2000.00
Unity Overall balance		£3130.53

Payments for approval this month

Playquip inspection	£144.00	
Playquip Repairs	£108.00	
Accent	£14.98	
Clerk Expenses – USB key x 2 & Land registry	£37.98	
Clerk wages August (Paid)	£205.20	
Hire of Hall	£20.00	
Ray Rowley Bus Shelter Cleaning (6 months)	£150.00	
TDC Bus Shelter Ground Rent	£5.00	
Transfer to Unity Account (from TSB) of £2000		
	Total	£685.16

Permission to transfer £1000.00 from TSB Savings to TSB Cheque account and then pay £2000 into the Unity Cheque account

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Appendix 3 – County Councillor Report

Unfortunately yet again Little Oakley parish and Harwich Town councils are having their meetings on the same evening. Please notify the chairman of apologies for tomorrow evenings meeting.

I have a small report to add to this, which follows on from a meeting I had with Highways officers at the beginning of August. During the meeting I requested that officers look again into the request for Rectory Lane to be considered for a speed reduction. It was noted by the officers that Highways could improve the advisory signage approaching the bend in the road where residents have concerns. I asked what that actually meant, and it is simply put as 20mph advisory signs. I am keen to find out what the parish council feel about advisory signage as it is not enforceable but it may reduce the average speed of vehicles in the immediate area. If this work was to be carried out it would be through the LHP. Again I am keen to know if the council would approve of an LHP Request throughout the system of rural roads from the Soils in Gt. Oakley through Rectory Road and on towards the Maltings. As the initial request stemmed from Little Oakley and the request falls over three parish areas, I am interested in your response in the first instance before talking with other parishes for their support.

I have also to report that I am currently awaiting a meeting with the PRow officers to look at a scheme to cut the footpaths and bridleways across my division. I think we all agree that the "one" cut that ECC are completing currently is not enough to maintain the footpaths and there needs to be another approach.