

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2015

Present: Cllr Howard (Chairman and District Cllr), Cllr Cullen (Vice-Chair), Cllr Hunnaball, Cllr Griggs and Cllr Steer,

Also present: County Cllr Erskine

Start time: 19:01

15/118 Apologies of Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Attrill, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Churchwood

15/119 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard declared a pecuniary interest in item 15/132 – Finance

15/120 Signing of the minutes from 2nd September 2015

It was **Resolved** to accept the minutes from the 2nd September as true and correct.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Steer

15/121 Police Report

On speaking to PCSO Ladkin there was One domestic dispute last month.

15/122 Correspondence and Updates

Playground gate

Cllr Howard read out the following email from Cllr Griffiths

“The lower hinge pin on the gate had not been drilled all the way through, I have drilled it out. Both top & bottom pins have a bolt through with spring washer under both the bolt heads & nuts. I have also used Nylock nuts which are self locking, so it now requires 2 spanners to undo them. I have also repaired the No Horses sign.”

Litter Bin

The clerk rang up Broxap and explained that we had no key for the playground bin. They very kindly sent two keys to the clerk to try free of charge. It is not known yet whether the keys fit.

Oakridge Hedge

This has now been cut back

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Village field

Cllr Cullen reported that he had made some progress and that it was still ongoing.

Skip Business – Mr Stock

There was no update from Cllr Churchwood regarding the skip business and fires at Mr Stocks as Cllr Churchwood was not present at the meeting. This will be added to the next agenda.

15/123 TDALC Report

Cllr Cullen attended the recent TDALC meeting. It had been generally felt at the meeting that Parish Plans were too expensive. Policing issues had been discussed as well as waste disposal. Cllr Cullen said that he mentioned at the meeting that TDALC do not fairly represent all Parish Councils and raised a few points. He reported that these were taken on board by the Chair of TDALC.

15/124 ECC Bus Consultation

The Councillors discussed the ECC Bus Consultation and it was **Resolved** that the Parish Council should respond.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball

15/125 ECC Devolution Consultation

With devolution being discussed at ECC and TDC it was **Resolved** to set up a working party for devolution. Members of this working party will be decided at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball

All agreed

15/126 Courthouse Consultation

It was **Resolved** to send in the response that the clerk had sent into TDC when they had asked for comments regarding this consultation.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All agreed

15/127 Remembrance Service

The Parish Council **Resolved** to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday and donate £35 for it.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball

All agreed

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15/128 Donations

It was **Resolved** to donate £120.00 to the Air Ambulance, CAB and the Churchyard at St Michaels.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Steer

All agreed

15/129 Local Plan Consultation

(see appendix 1)

It was **Resolved** to send in the Local Plan response which the clerk had written after the Local Plan meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Steer

Seconded: Cllr Howard

15/130 Urgent Matters

Cllr Cullen reported nuisance motorbikes in the village. It was **Resolved** to contact PCSO Matt Ladkin and ask him to contact Cllr Cullen direct.

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

All agreed

15/131 Planning Determination

15/01243/FUL Approval - Full 01.10.2015	Mrs C Hillion	Proposed single storey rear extension to form kitchen, utility and bathroom.	15 Harwich Road Little Oakley
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*Delegated
Decision*

15/132 Finance

(see appendix 2)

It was **Resolved** to accept the finance report and to pay all outgoing payments.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

All agreed

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15/133 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

There was no report by District Cllr Howard as it had been very quiet at TDC

15/134 Report by County Councillor Erskine

County Councillor Erskine mentioned the Mayflower project.

15/135 Public Speaking

There was no public Speaking

15/136 Items for next agenda and Updates/Correspondence/information only

NB. No decisions can be made under this agenda item

15/137 Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to **RESOLVE** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

It was Resolved to exclude the public and Press

15/138 Vexatious Requests

The minutes of this item is not available to the public and press and will be sent to Councillors separately.

Meeting ended 21:00