

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016

Present: Cllr Howard (Chair and District Cllr), Cllr Cullen (Vice Chair), Cllr Steer, Cllr Attrill (19:40), Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Griggs

Also present 1 member of the public.

Start time 19:05

16/018 Apologies of Absence

There were apologies from Cllr Churchwood and Cllr Hunnaball
There were also apologies from County Councillor Erskine

16/019 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard declared an interest in item 16/030 – Finance
Cllr Attrill declared an interest in item 16/029 - Planning – Planning application 16/00194/FUL

16/020 Signing of the minutes from 3rd February 2016

It was Resolved to accept the minutes from the 3rd February as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

16/021 Correspondence and Updates

Update by the clerk on the grant application

The clerk reported that the CIF Response application had now been submitted and that she would update the council when she has heard anything more.

Update by the clerk re playground bench

The clerk reported that she had confirmed that the wood being used was oak and that the original quote was still valid. The clerk said that she had given the go ahead for the works to be done and these had now been completed.

Update by the clerk re bus shelter opposite Seaview

The clerk reported that the bus shelter opposite Seaview had now been completed. ECC had sent all the paperwork and maps through and is now awaiting the bus shelter to be gifted to the Parish Council.

The cleaning pack that was given to the Parish Council will be passed onto Ray Rowley as he cleans and inspects the bus shelters in the village.

Update on the TSB account

The clerk reported that both the TSB Savings Account and the TSB Cheque account had now both been closed and the remaining balance of £1125.01 had been transferred into the Unity Trust Cheque Account.

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TDALC Letter

The TDALC had sent a letter to the Parish Council asking us to support a letter to be sent to our MP's regarding the closure of police stations and courthouses. The Parish Council said that they would support the writing of such a letter.

It was **Resolved** to support this letter.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen
Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

Police Letters

The clerk had been sent two letters from the police which she had circulated to the councillors. The letters were to do with Police Station opening times and police structuring.

16/022 Fire Service Consultation

After a discussion the question was raised about who would do the fire inspections on commercial and residential properties if the fire crew are on call only? Who would issue fire safety certificates?

Concern was also raised about Harwich being a port town and that there are 2 COMAH sites in the vicinity.

Would it be cheaper to close one and keep two open to the fire service?

Would it be viable to build a new station on the A120 to service, Harwich, Manningtree and Clacton.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to email a response to the Fire Service Consultation citing the above comments and the question below.

The Parish Council do not support any of the 3 options available. But have the following points and suggestions.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths
Seconded: Cllr Steer

16/023 Two Village School

Cllr Howard read out an email from Two Village School regarding donation for playground equipment.

The Parish Council think it is admirable that they have raised the money they have, but as the Parish Council is having to apply for a grant for their own playground refurbishment, it was felt the parish Council does not have enough money for the amount of donation required. After taking guidance from other authorities it was felt that it falls outside our remit and that it is an ECC responsibility.

We wish you well with the project

The Parish Council **Resolved** not to give a donation to two Village School. The clerk to write a letter outlining the above points

Proposed: Cllr Griggs
Seconded: Cllr Attrill

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16/024 Tendring Twinning Association

Cllr Howard read out an email from joy Phillips of Tendring Twinning Association saying that they are looking to produce a book to celebrate 50 years of twinning.

It was **Resolved** that The Parish Council would try and get some words and photos together to send in for the book

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

16/025 Rural Planning Review

Cllr Griffiths spoke about the Rural Planning review.

It was **Resolved** that Cllr Cullen will write as response and send it to the clerk for submission

Proposed: Cllr Howard

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

16/026 Hamford Water Consultation

This item was brought back to the meeting from last month. Cllr Cullen spoke to Zoe Ringwood – Head of Natural England for Essex and Hertfordshire about the consultation to get more information.

It was **Resolved** not to send in a response to this consultation

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

16/027 Queen's Birthday Celebrations

It was **Resolved** not to do anything on this occasion.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

16/028 Urgent Matters

The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Cullen with regards buying a new printer. As the printer had packed up. Cllr Cullen approved the clerk buying an HP Pro8620 and ink for £187 + £3.95 p+p

16/029 Planning Applications

To receive current planning applications and to decide any response.

16/00009/FUL

Update on 87 Rectory Road

A response has been submitted Objecting to the changes that have been submitted on the grounds of overdevelopment.

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16/00008/FUL Variation of condition 01 of Land adjacent 89 Mayes
Mr Rodger Alexander planning permission Lane Ramsey
14/01554/FUL Amendment
to approved drawings,
showing changes to
materials and alterations to
openings.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to be Neutral on this application

16/00131/FUL Variation of condition 2 of 114 Rectory Road Little
Miss S M Searle planning permission Oakley
14/01558/FUL - Relocation
of garage.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to be neutral on this application

16/00194/FUL Extension and alteration. 12 Lodge Road Little
Mr and Mrs C Leach Oakley

The Parish Council **Resolved** to remain Neutral on this planning application

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

16/030 Finance

To receive the finance report and to approve any payments

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Steer

16/031 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard

Cllr Howard had complained to the planning Department and the Chief Exec of TDC about the planning process e.g drawings etc. He also expressed concern about planning applications that have been approved and then put in for amendments later on which increases the size of the approved plans. These are often approved, whereas if they had been applied for in the first place they would have probably have been refused.

Broadband – myself and the leader are aspiring to have 100% coverage in Tendring and not 95% coverage

16/032 Report by County Councillor Erskine

There was no report

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16/033 Public Speaking –

Mr Parfitt said that he was very pleased with the Parish Council and finds it very interesting and that he has mentioned the Parish Council to his friends and neighbours. He also mentioned that he wife goes around collecting rubbish from the hedges.

**16/034 Items for next agenda and Updates/Correspondence/information only
NB. No decisions can be made under this agenda item**

Meeting closed: 20:34