

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes from the meeting held on the 1st June 2016

Cllrs Present: Cllr Howard (Chairman and District Councillor), Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Steer, Cllr Attrill, Cllr Cullen (Vice Chair), Cllr Hunnaball and Cllr Churchwood (19:15)

Also present: CC Erskine, Mr Parfitt (member of public)

Start time

16/074 Apologies of Absence

There are apologies from Cllr Griggs.

The Chairman, Cllr Howard, also announced that Alan Jackson has resigned.

16/075 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard item - 16/084 - Finance

Cllr Hunnaball item - 16/081 - War Memorial

16/076 Signing of the Minutes

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Attrill

Seconded: Cllr Steer

16/077 Updates and Correspondence

Clerk wages

The clerk reported that there had been a national pay increase for all employees on the NJC pay scale. This would be backdated to April 1st 2016.

Foulton Hall Corner LHP

The request for VAS signs for Foulton Hall Corner has been submitted to the Local Highways panel for consideration.

Contract Renewals

The Insurance, Electricity and Grass Cutting contracts have all been renewed as agreed.

Cherry Tree Close

The Kerbstones at Cherry Tree Close had been reported to the Chief Executive of ECC, Gavin Jones. He had written back to say that they had been inspected and did not meet the criteria for repair.

It was resolved to write back to Gavin Jones.

Proposed: Cllr Attrill

Seconded: Cllr Steer

Weeds – Lodge Road/Close & Bayview

It was reported by a member of the public that there were unsightly weeds and overgrown grass at Lodge Close, Lodge road and Bayview Crescent.

Cllr Hunnaball said that the grass has now been cut, but the weeds still remain.

Cllr Howard said if he could be kept informed if the grass has not been cut, then he will make sure TDC come out and cut it.

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With regard to the weeds, TDC used to come out and spray the weeds.
The Clerk to write to TDC about the weeds growing in the roads and Cllr Howard in his capacity as District Councillor will also chase TDC.

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

16/078 Transport Representative

It was resolved to defer this item until a later meeting

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Churchwood

16/079 Village Litter Picking event

Cllr Howard read out an email from a resident in Little Oakley.

It was Resolved to organise a litter picking event and for the clerk to liaise with Mr Thomas. Also the clerk to do a risk assessment. Item to come back to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Attrill

16/080 Hedges in the village

Cllr Attrill reported that the hedge he was concerned about had been cut back, and no further action is required.

It was also reported that there is a tree overhanging the pavement on the Harwich Road. It was resolved that the clerk will write to the householders to ask them to cut it back.

Proposed: Cllr Hunnaball

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

16/081 War Memorial

Cllr Hunnaball left the meeting for this item.

It was resolved to accept the quote from Hunnaballs for £156 inc VAT for cleaning the War Memorial.

Proposed: Cllr Churchwood

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

Cllr Hunnaball re-joined the meeting

16/082 Urgent Matters

Cllr resignation

Alan Jackson resigned from the Parish Council and there is now a Casual

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Vacancy. TDC have been informed and a notice will be posted tomorrow.

It was resolved to write to Alan Jackson to thank him for his service.

Proposed: Cllr Attrill

Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

B1414 Harwich Road

ECC have closed the Harwich Road without any notification. It was closed yesterday (31st May) and today (1st June) for 3 days. The dates have been changed a number of times.

There were no suitable diversion signs and buses and tankers have been doing 3 point turns at Foulton Hall Corner and have also been going down Rectory Road Which is unsuitable for buses and lorries.

Cllr Howard in his capacity as District Councillor has written to Gavin Jones - Chief executive of ECC and he encouraged anybody affected to write to ECC to complain.

It was resolved to encourage residents to write to ECC and for the Clerk to write to ECC on behalf on the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Churchwood

Seconded: Cllr Attrill

Motor Bikes

Cllr Cullen reported that there are a lot of speeding motorcyclists on a Sunday morning.

It was resolved to get the clerk to contact PCSO Matt Ladkin.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Howard

16/083 Planning Applications – There are none

Determinations – There are none

16/084 Finance
It was resolved to accept the finance report and to approve payments. (see appendix 1)

Proposed: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Steer

16/085 Report by District Councillor Tom Howard
Portfolio title has changed. It is now the Portfolio holder for Finance and Revenue & Benefits and Broadband

Local Plan progressing, draft version going to cabinet, local Plan and Full

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council then out for Consultation

Cost Reductions – TDC still need to cut costs

Boundary Commission – There are 60 Cllrs on TDC at the moment. TDC are looking to reduce the number of Councillors.

Neighbourhood Plans – TDALC are pushing parishes to do neighbourhood plans.

Corporate Plan (TDC) – this has now been redone. Now a 3 tier document. Simple, detailed, fully detailed.

Broadband – I have been pushing for a quote from BT for the whole of Tendring to have broadband. It is moving along slowly. I will know more towards the end of the year.

16/086 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine

Fire consultation – The fire service consultation is now closed.

Flooding Harwich Road – There is still ongoing problems with flooding on the Harwich Road.

16/087 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking

16/088 Items for next agenda and Updates/Correspondence/information only.

NB. No decisions can be made under this agenda item

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Appendix 1 – Finance Report

Main Account balance - 1st May 2016	£1,482.96
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Expenditure May 2016

Accent	£24.89
EALC Subs	£303.59
A & J Lighting	£41.26
SSE approx cost	£58.59
Clerks Wages	£210.07
Pension (inc Admin Charge)	£60.41
Insurance Renewal	£493.66
Hire of Hall	£20.00
Total expenditure for May	£1,212.47

Income to Main Account	
Internal Transfer	£1,000.00
VAT Refund	£487.28
CIF Grant for Playground resurfacing	£15,000.00
Total Income for May	£16,487.28

Total in Main Account end of May 2016	£16,757.77
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Balance in Savings account 1st May 2016	£11,860.90
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Income into Savings Account	£0.00
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Outgoings form Savings Account April **£1,000.00**

Total in Savings Account	£10,860.90
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Overall total in Main and Savings account	£27,618.67
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Payments for June

Hire of Hall	£20.00
TDALC Subs (2015 & 2016)	£20.00
A & J Lighting	£41.26
SSE approx cost	£53.61
Clerks Wages (inc 2 months back pay)	£216.40
Pension (inc Admin Charge)	£50.83
Clerk expenses	£22.60
Total expenditure for May	£424.70