

Little Oakley Parish Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017

Present: Cllr Howard (Chair), Cllr Cullen (Vice chair), Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Steer, Cllr Hunnaball, Cllr Churchwood, Cllr Griggs and Cllr Attrill

Also Present: Mike Bush, Robert Shephard and County Cllr Andrew Erskine (19:15) (all candidates for the Great & Little Oakley by election), District Councillor Richard Everett, (Rush Green ward), District Councillor Maria Fowler (Harwich West Central ward) and 2 members of the public

Start time 19:05

Cllr Howard announced that Val Wrycraft had sadly passed away on Monday 30th January. He said that she had been a Parish Councillor for 34 years of which 19 years of those were as Chairman of the Council

The Council held a minute's silence in remembrance of Val Wrycraft

17/001 Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Jewell

17/002 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Howard item 17/009 - Finance

17/003 Signing of the Minutes

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 21st December as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball

17/004 Correspondence and Updates

Update from A & J Lighting- LED Light 9024 Harwich Road

This has been reported to UK power Networks – will be repaired within 25 working days.

Update from Adrian Summons - New Bus Shelters

These have been validated and will be decided in March 2017.

Update - Emergency Planning

Tanya has been in touch with TDC emergency planning and will work with Andrew and Saul to develop our emergency plan.

Update from Joe Hazelton - VAS Foulton Hall Corner

This is still awaiting validation

Correspondence - Scouts

Cllr Howard read out an email from Brian Mayo regarding the opening for a Cub Leader

He also read out an email from Emma Manning regarding a maintenance

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weekend at the scout hut in Little Oakley to take place on the weekend of the 25th and 26th February between 11am and 3pm.

Correspondence -Little Oakley Football Club

Cllr Howard read out a letter from the football club stating that there will be an open meeting outlining proposed schedule of works.at the Memorial Club on Friday 3rd February at 7:30 pm

17/005 Minor Injuries Consultation

Cllr Howard read out an email from Cllr Jewell regarding the meeting she attended.

Cllr Churchwood attended a meeting – she said that there is a Drs surgery in the same building as the minor injuries unit in Harwich.

Cllr Griffiths attended a meeting and said that the minor injuries unit can do a lot more than listed – including x-rays.

Cllr Cullen also attended a meeting. He said we are near a port town and we need more services in Harwich.

It was **resolved** to respond to the consultation with the following points and choose option 4.

Drs surgery is in same building as the minor injury unit in Harwich as well as the pharmacy

Harwich is a port town and we need services to stay n Harwich e.g for when people come of ships ill or injured

Sports grounds - With Little Oakley football club expanding and other sports clubs around it would make sense to have a minor injuries unit in Harwich

Maximise the investment return in the current building

If they were to choose option 2 and 3 it would incur more costs to the ambulance service, as more people would call for an ambulance rather than drive, take a taxi (cost too much), or catch a bus (which would mean an hour bus journey to Colchester, then changing buses as there is no direct bus to the hospital)

Is Colchester sustainable with increased building in Colchester and surrounding areas

Parking and travelling – It could take up to an hour to get there at busier times and parking would be impossible, Also the cost of parking would be a concern

Cllr Howard suggested that to maximise resources – triage at Colchester and then shuttle bus to and from Harwich and/or Clacton hospitals to save time for all

There would be an increase on services due to housing development in Colchester and Tendring meaning that Colchester should not be taking on more services from Harwich and Clacton and that the demand would be better met by

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enhancing or at least maintaining existing services in the Harwich and Clacton hospitals.

It was **resolved** that the clerk would put all the above points into a response and circulate it to councillors for approval before sending it in to the consultation.

Proposed: Cllr Churchwood

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

17/006 Footpath – Oakridge to Memorial Club

Footpath should be 1.5metres wide and it is starting to get narrower due to over growing grass and weeds.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Cullen will spray the edges of the path and refill any problem areas. and the council will reassess the situation at the April meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Griggs

Seconded: Cllr Attrill

17/007 Urgent Matters

There are none

17/008 Planning Applications

16/02084/OUT

Mr T Palmby - Tocia
Properties

Alteration of one
dwelling and erection of
5 no. bungalows.

21 Mayes Lane
Ramsey

It was **Resolved** to object to this planning application for the following reasons:
Refers to the application site being in Ramsey when it is in Little Oakley.
Although site is smaller it is still the same density as the previous application
Little Oakley is classed as a smaller rural settlement and does not fall into the
Ramsey, Dovercourt/Harwich urban area.
This development is still a back land development

It was **resolved** that Cllr Attrill will write the objection response to TDC and then forward it to the clerk to submit.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths

Seconded: Cllr Attrill

Determinations

16/01736/FUL	Mr & Mrs	Single storey	Gunniver Tor
Approval - Full	Strachan	extensions to	Clacton Road
05.01.2017		form new living	Little Oakley
Delegated		spaces.	
Decision			

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16/02046/TPO	Mr G	3 No. Lime -	St Marys House
Approval - Full	Jenkins	pollard and	Clacton Road
10.01.2017		remove growth	Little Oakley
Delegated		from base	
Decision			

16/01722/FUL Little Oakley Football Club

This determination came to us on Monday 30th January and as it was a determination was included in the council's discussion under determinations. Cllr Attrill had noted that condition 5 stated that:

"Prior to the commencement of the development, the details of the number, location and design of cycle parking facilities, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved facility shall be secure, convenient and covered and provided prior to first use of the development and retained at all times."

It was **resolved** that the clerk would contact TDC to see if any details about the cycle parking had been submitted yet, as the letter from the football club read out earlier, said that work would be commencing on Monday 6th February.

It was further **resolved** that the clerk would contact Michael Good to clarify when the details of the cycle parking would be submitted to TDC.

Proposed: Cllr Attrill
Seconded: Cllr Griffiths

17/009 Finance

The councillors received two finance reports – one for January, as there was no meeting and one for February. These were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Griffiths
Seconded: Cllr Attrill

17/010 Report by County Councillor Andrew Erskine

County Councillor Erskine said he had noticed that the VAS and bus shelters were on the agenda under updates and correspondence, but as he had turned up late, he asked what we had said about the two items.

The clerk said that she had been in touch with the ECC officers concerned and had clarified that the:

- New Bus Shelters had been validated and will be decided in March 2017.
- VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) at Foulton Hall Corner was still awaiting validation.

County Councillor Erskine replied and said that this was correct and that the budget for works in 2017/18 had already been overspent and the panel had to decide what works they wished to be undertaken.

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17/011 Public Speaking

Mike Bush said that in regard to the application in Mayes Lane, that the Parish Council should stress to TDC that it is in the Parish of Little Oakley and not Ramsey.

17/012 Items for next agenda and Updates/Correspondence/information only.

Cllr Cullen told the council about the conversation he had with Mr Stock regarding the field opposite the Cherry Tree. The Parish Council's consensus was that this idea was a non starter.