

## Little Oakley Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Present:** Cllr Griffiths (Chairman), Cllr Hunnaball, Cllr Griggs

**Also Present:** District Cllr Bush, County Cllr Erskine

Start Time 19:00

<b>17/085</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Attrill, Cllr Cullen and Cllr Steer
<b>17/086</b>	<b>Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b> No interests were declared
<b>17/087</b>	<b>Signing of the Previous Minutes</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting held 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by Cllr Griffiths. Proposed: Cllr Hunnaball Seconded: Cllr Griggs
<b>17/088</b>	<b>Urgent Matters</b> Cllr Griffiths mentioned a large pothole outside 151 Harwich Road which is around 4 inches deep at the side of the road. It was felt that this could be dangerous to any cyclists especially at night. Cllr Erskine confirmed that this had already been reported. Cllr Griffiths had a photograph of the pothole and is to send this to both County Cllr Erskine and District Cllr Bush.
<b>17/089</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> Bus Shelters: Adrian Summons has been contacted and the bus shelters opposite Seaview Avenue and on the corner of Mayes Lane and Harwich Road will be replaced round about the end of September. Church Hall: Jeanette is liaising with the Treasurer of Ramsey Church and they are to look into any missing donations for usage of the hall for meetings and the best way to co-ordinate paperwork to cover usage of the hall.
<b>17/090</b>	<b>Finance</b> Cllr Griffiths produced the finance report for the month. These are included as a separate sheet. Cllr Griffiths went through the list of expenses which are to be paid this month, these were agreed and Cllr Griggs will sign these off. At present there is no need to make a transfer from the savings account into the current account.
<b>17/091</b>	<b>Planning</b> 16/02084/OUT – 21 Mayes Lane, Little Oakley, CO12 5EJ – original application. Cllr Attrill had previously sent out details as to why he thought the Parish Council should raise concerns regarding this application. Details of these are to be sent to Planning Services as follows: 1. Collection of refuse and recycling - concerns are to be raised as at present collections are to be from each individual property. It was felt a communal

	<p>collection point would be best as it would stop the problem of the refuse lorry blocking the road for a long period of time.</p> <p>2. Street Lighting – there are plans for 3 communal street lights. The Parish Council are to request these are LED lights which is in keeping with the majority of street lights in the village. Also that these are adopted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>3. To advise that the Planning Statement has the development within the boundary of Ramsey Parish and this should be in the boundary of Little Oakley.</p> <p>These concerns will need to be emailed asap as we have been granted an extension to send in any objections/concerns as our meeting was after the cut-off date.</p> <p>1 Beech Grove – the detached garage application for this property has been accepted.</p>
<b>17/092</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Cllr Griffiths has received a letter regarding the brambles, ivy and other foliage which are coming from the field across from Seaview Avenue and covering quite a lot of the pavement. It was agreed to ask James Martin to cut these back and also to add this to his list.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Griffiths</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Griggs</p> <p>An email had been sent to the Parish Council mentioning the road sign on the corner of Cherry Tree Close and Rectory Road asking that it could be removed. Another sign is also in the hedgerow opposite Seaview Avenue. These have been reported and will be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths had also received a note from Terry who cleans litter up around the village. He requested black bin bags and tools. After a discussion it was agreed to provide black bin bags and gloves but not tools. Providing tools could cause issues if there is an accident whilst using them. Cllr Griffiths will get the black bags and Cllr Hunnaball will get the gloves.</p>
<b>17/093</b>	<p><b>Closure of Ye Olde Cherrytree Inn</b></p> <p>The pub has closed owing to financial problems but will be re-opening with the original owner running it. No food will be available to begin with due to problems with kitchen equipment needing to be replaced. With the closure of the pub the defibrillator has been disconnected. Cllr Griggs has been in contact with the Fellowship for the Sick (Mick Button) and has information where these are now being placed in redundant phone boxes. The phone box is bought for a small amount and the Fellowship for the Sick will fit the defibrillator. BT will supply the electricity if the supply is still connected. If not connected then the box has to be maintained by the Parish Council so we would need to contact UK Power for costs. Signage is done by the Fellowship for the Sick. It was agreed to go ahead and look into this, the people living in the “old post office” are to be written to to let them know what is planned out of courtesy and to mention that we may need to trim</p>

	<p>back some of the plants growing over the box. All agreed that this was a good use of the old telephone box.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Griggs</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball</p>
<b>17/094</b>	<p><b>Report by District Cllr Bush</b></p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour - Cllr Bush reported that the anti-social behaviour problem in Mayes Lane is still ongoing. He is still working with the police, RSPCA and Social Care to try and resolve the problems both for the people involved and the neighbours.</p> <p>Hedges – Cllr Bush advised that the hedge opposite the Cherrytree had been cut back after he spoke to Roger Pyle and that the verge on Mayes Lane which TDC had previously cut has now been trimmed back.</p> <p>Helipad – The temporary helipad along with the new flight path has now been approved after problems with the port helipad due to wildlife in the area. Cllr Bush is monitoring this closely because of the implications in the future. The new flight path being approved means that helicopters will now be flying over villages and is close to two public footpaths so signage and fences may need installing for the protection of walkers. Also this now leads to the delivery of extra materials and traffic going into the area.</p>
<b>17/095</b>	<p><b>Report by County Councillor Erskine</b></p> <p>Bramble Island - County Cllr Erskine reported that Bramble Island had requested extra signs as traffic has been going around the 'S' bends too quickly which is causing problems for any tankers turning into Exchem from Great Oakley.</p> <p>Horse Rangers – County Cllr Erskine advised that the old horse rangers paddock has horses back in it as permission to build three properties on the land has been refused again.</p>
<b>17/096</b>	<p><b>Public Speaking</b></p> <p>No members of the public attended the meeting.</p>
<b>17/097</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Cllr Attrill has requested that when we send in the Special Expenses reply we add the working under Highways – Powers to maintain footpaths and bridleways. Highways Act 1980 S 43.</p>
<b>17/098</b>	<p><b>Items for the next meeting and update/correspondence</b></p> <p>Changing the last three street lights to LED before winter</p> <p>The telephone box</p> <p>Training Courses for the Clerk</p>

**The meeting closed at 20.07**

**Little Oakley Parish Council  
Finance Report**

<b>Main Account Balance – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>£1879.71</b>
<b>Income to Main Account</b>	£0.00
Transfer from Savings Account	£0.00
<b>Total Income for July</b>	<b>£1879.71</b>
<b>Expenditure for July 2017</b>	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£20.00
SSE D/D (approx.)	£54.33
Data Protection Registration Renewal D/D	£35.00
Accent Stationers	£29.44
James Martin (Grass Cutting Contract)	£250.00
Harold Griffiths Expenses (Software)	£9.48
Mrs Jeanette Sands (Administrative Services)	£80.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£519.51</b>
<b>Saving Account Balance – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>£10368.40</b>
<b>Income into Savings Account July</b>	<b>£1.31</b>
<b>Outgoings form Savings Account July</b>	<b>£10369.71</b>
<b>Overall total in Main and Savings Account</b>	<b>£11729.91</b>
<b>Payments for August</b>	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£20.00
SSE D/D (approx)	£49.71
Harold Griffiths Expenses (Software)	£9.48
<b>Total Expenditure for August</b>	<b>£120.45</b>