

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 18 October 2017

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

Also Present: District Cllr Bush

Start Time 19:00

17/115	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Cullen, Cllr Attrill and County Cllr Erskine
17/116	Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest No interests were declared
17/117	Signing of the Previous Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting held 20 th September 2017 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by Cllr Griffiths. Proposed: Cllr Hunnaball Seconded: Cllr Griggs
17/118	Urgent Matters The need for two additional Councillors was discussed. Councillors were advised by the Clerk that following advice from TDC Electoral Services notices had been placed in the notice boards, the Memorial Club and on the website. The closing date for applications will be October 30 th . The changes to Data Protection regulations were also discussed. EALC have a course which will explain the changes and how these affect the Parish Councils. Jeanette is booked to attend the course on 25 th January 2018.
17/119	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes An email from North Essex Parking Partnership has been received concerning vehicles parking on the pavement on Mayes Lane. NEPP are unable to enforce the parking as there are no parking restrictions. They advised the Parish Council could apply for parking restrictions but after a discussion it was decided not to do this. There has been no reply to the letter sent to The Fellowship of the Sick regarding their role if the defibrillator from outside the Cherrytree Inn was moved to the telephone box outside the old post office. Another letter is to be sent to chase this.
17/120	Finance Cllr Griffiths gave a breakdown of the October Finance Report including a breakdown of expenditure for the month. At present the expenditure for November is £120.45. A copy of the finance report is attached to the Minutes. The Reserves are to be discussed at the next meeting for the next financial year. The Finance Report was accepted Proposed: Cllr Hunnaball Seconded: Cllr Steer

17/121	<p>Planning</p> <p>17/01429/FUL – 96 Rectory Lane, Little Oakley. Erection of new sheds following demolition of existing sheds and stores, removal of existing waste and site tidied and cleared. This was discussed and the only concern was that the hedges are maintained for the safety of pedestrians and traffic.</p> <p>17/01150/DETAIL – 21 Mayes Lane, Little Oakley This was not an application but it was decided raise the Parish Councils concerns that site traffic would not be parked on Mayes Lane for safety reasons. The Parish Council would also like to know if the road is to be adopted, if the street lighting is going to be LED and if there is going to be communal refuse bin as opposed to individual properties having their own. It was felt this would help on collection days as the refuse vehicle would not have to be parked for so long outside the development.</p>
17/122	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>An email has been forwarded by County Cllr Erskine regarding a VAS sign for Foulton Hall corner. The email from Joe Hazelton and states that a VAS sign would not be possible but there are other work they are going to do to help with speeding traffic. These include replacing damaged chevron signs and bend ahead warning signs.</p>
17/123	<p>Mobile Libraries Survey</p> <p>An email has been received discussing future changes in the way the mobile library service may be run that rural areas may run a community library held in places such as a village hall, sports club, pub or shop and run by volunteers. This would remove the need to purchase new vehicles. A discussion followed in which it was thought to change to this model would make the service more volunteer run which would change the way it is at the moment. It was decided that the clerk would check next time the mobile library is at Oakridge and find out how busy it is. It was also felt that if some mobile services were removed then the cost of running these might be used to increase the opening hours of main libraries giving people more chance to use them. It was mentioned that some libraries such as Clacton offer facilities for other groups to use the building and that this library is very busy. Cllr Griggs thought that more data regarding the usage of mobile libraries was required as in some cases some rural villages are still close to a main library whereas others would benefit from a mobile library. The survey is to be filled in mentioning these views. Proposed: Cllr Griffiths Seconded: Cllr Hunnaball</p>
17/124	Rural Doctors Surgeries

	<p>Lucy Ballard from Harwich Town Council had forwarded an email onto the Parish Council which detailed the difficulty doctors surgeries in rural areas where having with recruitment. A discussion followed and it was decided that there is a CCG document that Councillors should have a look at and this can be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.</p>
17/125	<p>Report by District Cllr Bush</p> <p>District Cllr Bush discussed the new constituency boundaries and that the area will be Harwich and Clacton instead of NE Essex. The map of the boundaries shows how all the areas are broken down. This has been done to make all the constituencies a similar size. This will however result in some Parish Councils having to have less Councillors. District Cllr Bush also mentioned that Great Oakley and Little Oakley will be put together with Wix which will maintain their rural identities rather than adding Little Oakley to Dovercourt etc. It was also mentioned that the cut back in District councillors will leave parish councils with more to do.</p> <p>Crime issues were then discussed which it was felt was due to a lack of police in the area. There is now a Harwich and District Crime and Anti-Social Prevention Panel which consists of police, the fire service and Social Services. There is also another new group which has been formed due to the increase in domestic violence. Drug abuse is also on the increase and TDC has now appointed someone to go into schools to talk to children about drug problems.</p> <p>There is to be a Highways training session of Tuesday 14 November at Weeley between 2 and 4.</p>
17/126	<p>Report by County Councillor Erskine</p> <p>County Councillor Erskine had sent in his apologies as he is unable to attend.</p>
17/127	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>No members of the public attended the meeting.</p>
17/128	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>LED Lights – This is still being looked into.</p> <p>There is a finance committee meeting on 15th November to look at targets/budgets/reserves and the precept.</p>
17/129	<p>Items for the next meeting</p> <p>To look at the Local Services Fund from EALC (County Update)</p>

The meeting closed at 20.16

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Finance Report

Main Account Balance – 1st September 2017	£728.25
Income to Main Account	£0.00
Transfer from Savings Account	£1000.00
Total Income for September	£1728.25
Expenditure for September 2017	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£20.00
SSE D/D (approx.)	£52.84
Harold Griffiths Expenses (Software)	£9.48
Mrs Jeanette Sands (Administrative Services)	£155.00
PFK Littlejohn (Annual Return Audit)	£240.00
Total Expenditure	£518.58
Total in Main Account end of September 2017	£1209.67
Saving Account Balance – 1st September 2017	£9369.71
Income into Savings Account	£0.00
Outgoings form Savings Account	£0.00
Overall total in Main and Savings Account	£10579.38
Payments for October 2017	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£20.00
SSE D/D (approx)	£52.82
Harold Griffiths Expenses (Software)	£9.48
Total Expenditure for October 2017	£123.56