

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 In the Millennium Room, St Michaels Church, Ramsey Meeting Start Time 19.00

Present: Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman). Attrill, Bush, Griggs, Hunnaball and McNee.

Also Present: Jeanette Sands (Clerk/RFO)

18/199

Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

18/200

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared.

18/201

Signing of the Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting and these were duly signed.

Proposed: Cllr Bush

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

18/202

Urgent Matters

No urgent matters were reported.

18/203

Clerks Report

Bus Shelter – a resident had reported problems with the roof of the bus shelter near the old post office. Although the Clerk is looking into replacement bus shelters under the ECC scheme it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact a local company and get a quote for the repair.

Playground – Playquip will be chased for their quote for repairs as this has not yet been received.

Zebra Crossing – the request for a zebra crossing between the bus stops on Harwich Road near the junction of Mayes Lane has been refused.

Noticeboards – Cllr Griffiths advised these will be oiled again when the weather improves. The Clerk reported that the handle on the one at Oakridge has come off. Cllr Griffiths will look to repair this.

S106 Grants – this is still ongoing

18/204

Finance

The Clerk gave a breakdown of the finances for the year.

Income had been £17029.19 which included two precept payments of £8160.00, the other came from bank interest and bursary cheques for training courses undertaken by the Clerk. Expenditure came to £9095.91. This year had seen an overspend of the Training budget. This was due to the cost of the Clerks Qualification courses (CILCA) but once qualified a percentage of the cost will be refunded. Most of the items on the budget came in as an underspend. The end of year figures require one last check through before they are ready for the auditor.

2019-2020 – the Clerk advised the computer antivirus software renewal had been cancelled – this will finish at the end of May. This will be replaced by AVG which will result in a saving to the Parish Council. There will also be less expenditure going on computer costs as the Microsoft software being used has been bought and installed therefore the monthly contract is no longer required. The only possible new cost may be a new printer as the one currently in use has been causing a few problems.

Finance Report for April

Current Account balance 1st April £501.31

Expenditure for April = £603.20

Proposed Expenditure for May = £338.25

Savings Account balance 1st April £21796.15

Savings Account balance end of April – includes 1st instalment of precept £29992.15

A transfer of £500 was requested to cover April and May payments.

The insurance is due for renewal at the beginning of June. The Clerk is to look around for different quotes.

It was RESOLVED to accept the paylists list and the transfer.

Proposed Cllr Hunnaball

Seconded: Cllr Griggs

18/205

Planning

19/00479/FUL – 125 Harwich Road – this is for a side extension and a first floor extension over the existing ground floor extension. After looking at the plans for the proposed building work it was RESOLVED to give a decision of Neutral.

18/206

Elections

All Councillors wishing to be nominated have handed their forms in to TDC

18/207

Bus Shelters

Cllr Griffiths advised he now had the paint and will paint both bus shelters near the old post office when the weather allows. This will keep them in good order whilst replacements are being looked into

18/208**Oakridge and Little Oakley Signs**

Although the Oakridge road sign had been reported to TDC the Clerk has not yet heard back. The Little Oakley village sign is leaning and needs cleaning, it may also need replacing. Cllr Attrill will look to see what can be done to clean it up and Cllr Bush will look at costs for replacing the sign. There are some grants available for tidying up villages and these will also be looked into.

18/209**Report from District Cllr Bush**

District Cllr Bush reported that at present everything has gone very quiet as many are busy campaigning on the run up to the elections. A lot of items are being deferred until after the elections. District Cllr Bush advised the Parish Council of plans to build 5 – 8 bungalows near Two Village School, this will be in Ramsey not Little Oakley and will also provide extra parking for the school. There have also been problems with the 5 year housing plan with infrastructures to the building developments being queried. The rise in small developments was also discussed with many new developments being built in small block which keeps them under the size where they are required to pay S106 money.

18/210**Report from County Cllr Erskine**

County Cllr Erskine did not attend so no report was available.

18/211**Public Speaking**

No members of the public attended

18/212**Items for the next agenda**

Telephone Kiosk

Defibrillator

The meeting closed at 20.26

Current Account balance - 1st April 2019	£501.31
Income into Current Account	£0.00
Transfer from Savings	£500.00
Total Income for April	£1,001.31

Expenditure	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£40.00
SSE D/D	£65.65
1 & 1 Internet D/D	£11.99
Ramsey Church 2 x meetings	£40.00
Wages - Clerks wages	£200.00
Accent Stationers	£4.30
Grass Cutting	£200.00
Total expenditure	£603.20
Total in Main Account end of April	£398.11

Saving Account balance - 1st April	£21,796.15
Income into Savings Account	£8,196.00
Outgoings form Savings Account	£500.00

Total in Savings Account end of April	£29,492.15
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Overall total in Current and Savings account	£29,890.26
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Proposed Expendiure for May	
A & J Lighting D/D	£41.26
Hire of Hall	£20.00
SSE D/D (approx)	£65.00
Clerks Wages	£200.00
1 & 1 Internet D/D	£11.99

Total Proposed Expenditure	£338.25
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Reserves

Playground	£5,022.00
Website	£860.00
Street Lights	£500.00
Office Equipment	£500.00
Chairmans Discretionary Fund	£500.00
Total Reserves	£7,382.00

Unallocated Funds Available

Current Account	£59.86
Savings Account	£22,110.15
Total Unallocated Funds Available	£22,170.01