

Little Oakley Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020
In the Millennium Room, St Michaels Church, Ramsey
Meeting Start Time 19.45**

Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chairman) Griggs (Vice Chairman), Coates, Lane and McNee

Also Present: Jeanette Sands (Clerk/RFO)

19/126

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bush, Hunnaball and Nicholson
All agreed to accept the apologies.

19/127

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared

19/128

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

19/129

Urgent Matters

It was reported that the ECC street light on the approach to Oakridge is faulty and appears to have lost the cover. Another street light on the pathway from Rectory Road to Oakridge is also out but has already been reported. The collapsed drain near Foulton Hall corner has now been repaired.

19/130

Report from District Councillor Bush

District Cllr Bush was unable to attend therefore there is no report.

19/131

Report from County Councillor Erskine

County Cllr Erskine could not attend therefore there is no report.

19/132

Clerks Report

Playground Gate – this has now been repaired and is working well

Micro grant for BT Kiosk – still ongoing. Full quotes for cost of work need to be collected and added to application form. Some quotes have been obtained but a few need to be returned. Cllr Attrill will chase these.

19/133

Planning

Determinations – 17 Mayes Lane – this is the change of one of the buildings from weatherboard to brick and has received full approval on 18th December 2019
Applications –No applications have been received.

19/134

BT Kiosk

Galleywood Parish Council advised they have a kiosk as a book lending facility and this has been working very well. Usage picked up during the time their library was threatened with closure. They have a volunteer who opens and locks the kiosk up each day. This item is still ongoing.

19/135

Litter Pick

It was reported that the area from Strachan's farm towards Rectory Road is very bad and it may need a litter pick before the first week in March. Cllr Attrill will contact Katy and see if a swop with Great Oakley is possible.

19/136

Finance

Account Balances

1st January the accounts balances were
Current Acct £957.30
Savings Acct £30273.77
Expenditure for January £1260.10
Expenditure for February approx. £342.26 this is subject to change.
Transfer it was **RESOLVED** to transfer £1000.00 from the savings account to the current account.
The payments and transfer were accepted by all.

2020 – 2021 Budget

The Finance Committee presented their budget for the next financial year. The reserves are to be increased for the play area, street lights and office equipment. The website and Chairman's discretionary fund are to remain the same. There is a new reserve to be added towards development of a new recreational area.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget and changes to the reserve values.

The precept for the next financial year has been calculated and is £16825 which is an increase of 2.2 per cent on last year's precept. The increase per year works out to 0.90p per household.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the precept figure and the RFO will forward this to TDC.

Proposed Cllr Attrill

Seconded Cllr McNee

19/137

Website

The list from Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) was previously circulated to Councillors. Cllr Attrill has been looking at the various options and other Parish Council websites. At present one of the website companies looks the better choice for the Parish Council in terms of what it can do, support and cost. This item is still ongoing and Councillors were asked to look at these options before the next meeting.

19/137**Recycling**

It was felt that households in the Colchester area are able to recycle many more items including glass than in the TDC area. If more items were able to be recycled this would lead to an increase in the amount of recycling in the Tendring area and encourage more households to recycle resulting in less going into landfill. It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to TDC to enquire as to any proposals they have to improve and increase recycling.

Ramsey Memorial Hall have a recycling project (poster explains items that they accept on their website) and it was felt that this would help reduce household waste. The Clerk has contacted Two Village School and they are in the process of using this scheme, they will advise when they have everything in place.

19/139**Public Speaking**

No members of the public attended therefore no public speaking took place

19/140**Items for the next Agenda**

BT Kiosk

Recycling

Dog Bins

United in Kind

Website

Litter Pick

To agree meeting dates for next year

19/141**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday March 11th starting at 7.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00