

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish of Little Oakley,
held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Millennium Room, St Michaels Church,
Ramsey.

Present: Councillors Attrill, Griggs, Bush and Coates.

Also Present: Emma Haward, Clerk/RFO.

22/015A Housekeeping, Chairman's Report and Agreement of the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly held on 8th May 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019 be agreed as a true record and duly signed.

The Chairman's Report:-

Cllr Attrill thanked Harold Griffiths for his leadership in what was a difficult time. Little Oakley Parish Council's new website went live in March 2020 and is fully compliant with regulations providing access to all council, governance and policy documents. Cllr Attrill thanked Hugh Frostick, VCS Websites for his continued support in delivering an excellent service.

Little Oakley's Facebook page has also been useful in delivering relevant news and announcements and enabling the public to be more informed of planning applications; particularly around the application by Hutchinson Ports to realign the sea wall and to create a new wetland habitat. The Parish Council objected to the application along with 90 additional objectors due to the loss of the existing landscape and habitats, due to the loss of public access to Irlam's beach and it would devoid the public of Hamford Water's expansive views. As a result, petition gained 1345 signatures and a public meeting was held. Currently, we are trying to secure a meeting with Natural England.

The telephone kiosk near the Cherry Tree pub was adopted by the owners of the house whose land it was situated on and used as a book exchange. Cllr Attrill thanked the owners for its use, and stocking it with books. Other areas such as, the millennium sign, noticeboards, bus shelters and the Memorial Club playground have been maintained, and a new bench fitted, to ensure safety through several inspections and repairs.

Since we are the one of very few parish councils in Essex that do not own an open space, the Parish Council have been looking into acquiring a piece of land between Lodge Road and the back entrance to Two Village School for a recreational space. Discussions remain ongoing to negotiate a lease from Essex County Council subject to the site being cleared and made adequate before installing equipment. Grant opportunities are in the process of being explored.

Lastly, Cllr Attrill advised that the Parish Council has vacancies for three Councillors on the Parish Council, he advised that they were voluntary positions and that full training was

required to be undertaken. If you are interested in pursuing a position, please contact Emma, Clerk for Little Oakley Parish Council.

Cllr Attrill thanked all for listening.

22/016A Harwich and District Community Speed Watch Partnership

Dave Blackiston MBE on the Speed Watch partnership sent his apologies.

22/017A Questions and Answer Session

There were no questions.

The Annual Parish Assembly concluded at 19:06.