

# Little Oakley Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5th January 2022 in The Millennium Room,  
St Michaels Church, Ramsey starting at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Griggs (Vice Chairman), Bush, Coates and Lane  
Also Present: Jeanette Sands Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer and 6 Members of the Public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of planning application 21/02144/FUL (Land to The South East of Foulton Hall Harwich Road Little Oakley Essex CO12 5JA) and for the reason to call this extraordinary meeting.

## **EG22/01 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

## **EG22/02 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared.

## **EG22/03 Public Speaking**

The Chairman began the session with a brief overview of the Planning Application

Questions were then taken from the Members of the Public

Question - on a previous planning application the proposed idea of a bridge was refused by Essex County Council as they did not want the responsibility of the maintenance.

A discussion followed which considered that if left the bund as it is would disappear due to erosion. Also discussed was the sea wall footpath which it is planned to redirect along the new sea wall. It was duly noted that the footpath must be reinstated however the proposed new footpath is not the same as the one being removed.

Question - how/why will access to the beach be restricted/stopped?

There may be possible signage or the area fenced off and access stopped due to the path being diverted.

Question - The existing path - could this be kept? Hutchinsons Ports have said no to this due to conservation and safety.

A member of the public noted that - the circular walk to the Civic Amenity/Erlams/Essex Way will be lost as no longer public rights of way.

In general residents were concerned with the loss of the footpath and circular walk and were worried by the problems this will inflict on the wildlife already in that area which included species which were already on the at danger list.

## **EG22/04 Parish Council's Response to planning application 21/02144/FUL**

The Parish Council (PC) would like to know what the views of the Consultees are on this matter regarding marine and ecology implications. Also why no details regarding pf erosion are available.

### **Main Concerns are as follows**

Loss of beach access include the loss of the footpath

Loss of existing habitat

Loss of seal colonies

At present the wetland habitat is the only one being looked into, if this goes ahead the existing wildlife habitat will be destroyed in order to change this to a habitat for the creatures at Bathside Bay even though there is no research to show that they would relocate to this area.

Also noted was that the loss of the footpath goes against Tendring District Council policies for recreational space.

Policies/Benefits/Harm

It was thought this application should be called in and decided by committee.

It was noted that the footpath should be retained as it is the only access to the beach for Little Oakley residents.

### **Proposals**

It was Resolved Little Oakley Parish Council would OBJECT to the application and would prepare a response before the next full council meeting for it to be approved at that meeting before submitting to TDC. Cllr Coates agreed to prepare the objection and it was duly noted that the footpath order had not been applied for at this stage.

It was also proposed and all agreed to encourage residents to comment on the TDC planning portal through the Parish Council website and Facebook page

It was also proposed and seconded that District Cllr Bush should call this in with TDC

It was Resolved that an online petition was started and Cllr Griggs agreed to arrange this. Details will to be presented at the next full council meeting prior to being published.

It was Resolved to contact the Harwich and Manningtree Standard with a press release.

It was Resolved to contact the ramblers to alert them to the footpath issues.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and invited them to the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.03