

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:15pm.

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Present: Cllrs Coates (Chair), Attrill, C Aubrey, Coates, Griggs Harbour, Lane, Sanderson.

Also in attendance: Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public: There were no members of the public present.

25/163 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

25/164 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs J Aubrey, Pearce, District Cllr Bush and County Cllr Land, and accepted by all.

25/165 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

25/166 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Attrill, and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Wednesday 9th April 2025.

25/167 Public Speaking

There were no speakers present.

25/168 Report from District Councillor Bush

No report due to absence.

25/169 Report from County Councillor Land

In County Cllr Land's absence, Cllr Attrill advised that Cllr Land would be soon offered a Locality Fund, predominantly for pavements. It was agreed to discuss suggestions at the next meeting.

25/170 Clerks Report

The Parish Council has received correspondence from SSE regarding an increase in rates. Clerk called SSE who confirmed that the Parish Council was on a 2-year fixed term tariff. The statement for April shows an increase of 0.08p.

It has been some months since a play inspection report has been received so the Clerk has contacted Play Inspection Company for details. An annual inspection has since taken place, where the reports were circulated to the appropriate representatives of the Council. Clerk awaiting quote from PlayQuip to be able to schedule bi-annual inspections dependent on price comparisons.

25/171 Finance

Previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Harbour, and RESOLVED to approve the payments and expenses for May 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Attrill and RESOLVED to transfer £1,500 from the Savings Account.

25/172 Asset Register & End of Year Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to accept the Asset Register for submissions to the Internal Auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED to accept the End of Year Accounts for submission to the Internal Auditor and as part of the Annual Governance & Accountability Statement.

It is noted that the Parish Council is exempt from an External Audit for 2024/25 as the Council's net income or net expenditure do not exceed £25,000. An exemption certificate will be presented for resolution at the next Full Council meeting.

25/173 Planning Applications Applications

There were no planning applications.

Determinations

There were no determinations.

25/174 Oakley Coronation Park

Cllr Coates contacted Land Agents regarding the accessway, and ECC's Legal Department haven't progressed with the Parish Council's land ownership. It has also been just under a year since the Parish Council submitted retrospective planning permission.

Cllr Attrill to contact Cllr Land to advise of the Parish Council's change of Chair and ask for support in relation to permissions.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Pearce for his efforts in planting and maintaining the trees in the park.

25/175 Lodge Road Greensward

Following recent gas works undertaken by Cadent, the greensward on the corner of Bay View and Lodge Road has been left in poor condition. Cllr Attrill shared images, the containers pictured have since been moved.

A local resident also complained to Cadent where an update was provided stating that Cadent would return to clear loose debris and redress the area in topsoil and seed it. The path and curbs are being measured to be reinstated upon obtaining a permit.

It was agreed that Cllr Attrill writes to the complainant to thank him for his correspondence and confirm that the Parish Council will monitor the situation.

25/176 Irlams Seawall Rubbish

Mr Tip-it removed the rubbish at the seawall. Costs were presented as expenses in the payments agreed. It appears that rubbish is collected from the beach and placed there. Cllr Attrill wrote to Andrew Cullen to thank him for allowing access to the tip.

Cllr Attrill to take photos and obtain a quote from Mr Tip-It for the removal of the mattresses dumped along Harwich Road, opposite Seaview Avenue.

25/177 Streetlights

It is unknown what kWh is being used, it was agreed to calculate what we are being charged as opposed to what it should calculate as. Cllr Harbour has produced a spreadsheet detailing figures and totals.

25/178 Noticeboards and Bus Shelters

Cllr Attrill shared pictures of the noticeboards located on Oakridge and Bay View and bus shelters.

Cllr Attrill to obtain quotes for the sanding and re-oiling of the noticeboards, and for the bus shelters to be repaired and painted.

25/179 Items for Next Agenda

- Oakley Coronation Park
- Allocations for Locality Fund
- Streetlights
- Rubbish

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th June 2025 7pm – Full Council Meeting

Meeting concluded at 20:34pm.