

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2025 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:15pm.

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Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chair), C Aubrey, J Aubrey, Coates, Harbour, Lane, Pearce and Sanderson.

Also in attendance: Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

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

24/148 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

24/149 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received by Cllr Griggs, and accepted by all.

24/150 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Pearce declared a personal interest in Planning Application **25/00498/VOC - 52 Rectory Road, Little Oakley Harwich Essex** due to being neighbour of the property.

Cllr Coates declared an interest in Planning Application **25/00490/TELLIC - The Old Rectory, Rectory Road Little Oakley Essex** due to residing nearby the proposed apparatus.

24/151 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Pearce, and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Wednesday 12th March 2025.

24/152 Public Speaking

There were no speakers present.

24/153 Report from District Councillor Bush

No report due to absence.

24/154 Report from County Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

24/155 Clerks Report

Received correspondence from SSE regarding an increase in rates, Clerk to call SSE to confirm which tariffs the Parish Council hold and how the increased rates effect the Parish Council.

It has been some months since a play inspection report has been received so the Clerk has contacted Play Inspection Company for details of the upcoming annual inspection and asked for a timescale of interim inspections. Clerk to obtain quotes from PlayQuip for inspections.

24/156 Finance

Previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr C Aubrey, and RESOLVED to approve the payments and expenses for April 2025.

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

Clerk to include incoming payments in future reports.

24/157 Planning Applications

Applications

25/00490/TELLIC - The Old Rectory Rectory Road Little Oakley Essex - Installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

It was strongly advised by Tendring District Council to reroute the proposals however, it is general permitted development and *deemed consent*, this application was therefore determined on 2nd April.

25/00498/VOC - 52 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 16 (Provision of obscure glass and non-opening windows) of application 23/01422/FUL to remove reference to non-opening element and Discharge of condition 6 (Construction Method Statement).

A clear window has been fitted where an obscure window was proposed as part of the application, however it has been advised that a replacement obscure window has been procured. The issue has been raised with Tendring Council's Building Control Team.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the above application as follows:-

Condition 16 was placed on the planning application so that the privacy and amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring property (54 Rectory Road) would be protected. To retrospectively vary Condition 16 now to allow opening windows in the kitchen and bedroom 3 on the east facing elevation apparently due to the architect's error would be extremely concerning to the Parish Council and we fully endorse the objection comment made by the neighbouring property on 2nd April and request that the original condition be upheld.

Clerk to submit comment to Planning Portal.

Determinations

There were no determinations.

24/158 TDC Local Plan Consultation

Cllr Attrill agree to submit the Parish Council's comments by close of play Monday 14th April.

24/159 Tarchon Interconnect Proposal

Cllr Coates advised that the proposal allows the UK to obtain electricity from Germany and vice versa where demand is required. Major concern was expressed at a recent briefing set up around the infrastructure near the Sea Wall Realignment. It appears that there is no excessive infrastructure in Little Oakley but essentially an aluminium man-hole cover at the land fall site, with limited visual

disturbance and underground infrastructure to Ardleigh where 10 hectares of land will occupy a plant to house operations. The proposal is expected to span across 5 years.

The consultation expired on 7th April, it was agreed to await a formal Planning Application to submit the Parish Council's comments.

24/160 Oakley Coronation Park

No further update. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Pearce for planting and the upkeep of the trees gifted.

24/160 Saltwater Bridge

Works are now completed by H&B, contractors for Essex Highways, and the village sign is yet to be installed. It was agreed to write to H&B to thanks for their efforts in repairing the bridge and replacing the sign.

24/161 Irlams Seawall Rubbish

Cllr Attrill obtained a quote for the removal of the accumulated garbage at Irlams (£2 per bin bag) and it was agreed that this should go ahead subject to Cllr Attrill getting access permission for the contractor (who has a waste carrier licence) from the landowner.

24/162 Items for Next Agenda

- SSE New Rates
- Streetlights
- Oakley Coronation Ground
- Saltwater Bridge
- Clean Up of Rubbish at Irlams
- Asset Register & Year End Accounts 2024/25
- Schedule of Meetings 2025/26

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday May 7th 2025 7pm – Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 14th 2025 7pm – Annual Council Meeting

Wednesday May 14th 2025 7.15pm – Full Council Meeting

Meeting concluded at 20:57pm.