

## ***Little Oakley Parish Council***

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Griggs (Vice-Chairman), 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.

### **24/103 Public Announcements**

There were no public announcements.

### **24/104 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs C Aubrey and J Aubrey, and Cllr Attrill, with Cllr Griggs (Vice-Chair) acting as Chairman and accepted by all.

### **24/105 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations.

### **24/106 Signing of the Minutes**

It was noted that minute 24/092 of the previous minutes should read 'Cherry Tree **Close**', and minute 24/098 should read that the gentleman read the poem '**For the Fallen**'. It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED, subject to the above amendments, to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **24/107 Public Speaking**

There were no speakers present.

### **24/108 Report from District Councillor Bush**

No report due to absence.

### **24/109 Report from County Councillor Land**

No report due to absence.

### **24/110 Clerks Report**

Updates were circulated and mentioned in the relevant agenda items below.

### **24/111 Finance**

Previously circulated.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Ready Reckoner has been submitted for the Parish Council's precept of 2025/26.

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Lane and RESOLVED to transfer £2,000 from the Savings Account.

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED to approve the payments and expenses for January 2025.

#### **24/112 Planning Applications Applications**

There were no applications.

#### **Determinations**

**24/01014/FULHH - St Clair Rectory Lane Ramsey Essex CO12 5HA** - Householder Planning Application - Outbuilding and swimming pool with paving, decking, install pre-built sauna and steam room. Full approval was granted on 21 Nov 2024.

**24/01492/FULHH - 112 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex** - Householder Planning Application - Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a replacement single storey rear extension and the erection of a two-storey side extension and detached single garage. Full refusal was granted on 17 Dec 2024.

**24/01578/LUPROP - 37 Oakridge Little Oakley Essex CO12 5LL** - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Use or Development for use of a (C3a) dwelling for a children's home for a maximum of three children, with three carers, with two of whom sleep overnight, working on a rota basis (C2). A Lawful Use Certificate was granted on 20 Dec 2024.

**24/01670/HHPNOT - 35 Mayes Lane Ramsey Harwich Essex CO12 5EJ** - Application to Determine if Prior Approval is Required for a Proposed Larger Home Extension for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.05m in depth, 2.37m at the eaves and 3.489m in height. (Validated 14 Nov 2024, Determined 11 Dec 2024 - Prior Approval was Not Required.

#### **24/113 Oakley Coronation Park**

The Parish Council is still awaiting contact from Land Agents.

Ellisons Solicitors acted on the Parish Council's behalf in dealing with the land lease. Councillor Coates has been informed that the case was handled by a junior colleague and the protected accessway recorded on the title was missed. A risk assessment commissioned by LOPC has identified measures that can be taken to mitigate the risk of the vehicle accessway. These would incur additional costs and reduce the value of the lease. Cllr Coates received contact from Ellisons to advise that the Parish Council could contact ECC, and state that the benefitted owner of the accessway is required to install fencing.

It was agreed that the Parish Council act and request from Ellisons the following: -

1. Reimbursement of Ellisons fees.
2. Reimbursement of the cost of the additional risk assessment that has had to be undertaken.
3. Payment for the additional fencing that is required to separate the play area from the right of way, to the extent that LOPC are responsible for this cost.
4. Compensation for the value of the lease as it now stands, having effectively lost the use of the land which is subject to the right of way. The area which we cannot use was intended to provide a

tree screen as a barrier between the play area and neighbouring houses. It was when trees were planted on the land that the presence of the right of way was discovered.

#### **24/114 Footpath Little Oakley FP8 - Oak Ridge to Memorial Club**

Great Oaktree Land Services submitted a quote of £690.00 for the following work to be completed for Footpath FP8 – Oak Ridge to Memorial Club: -

1. To remove the top soil and grass that has encroached back onto the path and spread this over the grass areas next to paths, creating a gully.
2. To use an Avant to relevel existing material and import more road planning to fill low points.

Subject to writing to **ECC** to ensure that work can be completed on the path, it was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Harbour, and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Great Oaktree Land Service of £690.

#### **24/115 Village Community Event**

Deferred to the next meeting.

#### **24/116 Skylark Signage**

A quote was received of £37.54 per A5 sign for Skylarks.

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Coates and **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the purchase of Skylark Signs due to not knowing exactly where Skylarks reside or nest so it is unsure where signs should be placed.

#### **24/117 Saltwater Bridge Works**

Blue hi-vis barriers were placed along Saltwater Bridge following a faulty fence.

It was agreed for Cllr Attrill to continue to liaise regarding the fixing of the original fence and removal of barriers.

#### **24/118 Governance and Policy Documents**

Safeguarding Policy agreed at Full Council Meeting of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### **24/119 Items for Next Agenda**

Saltwater Bridge Works

#### **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Full Council Meeting

Meeting concluded at 19:36pm.