

# *Little Oakley Parish Council*

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7.30pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Griggs, Bush and Coates.

**Also Present:** Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

**Members of the Public:** 4 members of the public were in attendance.

## **22/001 Public Announcements**

There were no public announcements.

## **22/002 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hunnaball and Lane, and accepted by all.

## **22/003 Declarations of Interests**

No interests were declared.

## **22/004 Signing of the Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED that the minutes from the Full Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

## **22/005 Public Speaking**

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak on **Item 10 - Planning**.

In addition, members of the public spoke about the serious pooling of water on the road after heavy rain outside nos. 38-44 Harwich Road and it was RESOLVED that the parish council would follow this up with Essex Highways.

## **22/006 Report from District Councillor Bush**

Cllr Bush advised that the Tendring Community Fund of £356,000 from Tendring District Council has officially been launched for various community groups to apply for funding to help wellbeing in the community.

Parishes, community and entertainment groups can apply for up to £25,000 which will be vetted by Committee. Applications are to be first submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> June. The first vetting of applications for the first round of funding will be 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June where a decision will be made around 20<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Bush suggested that the recreational ground would be a potential opportunity to apply.

Each County Cllr has been given a 38 pothole allocation for repairs. Essex Highways have introduced the fund to be allocated on a first come first served basis. Members of the parish are asked to provide the clerk with photos and locations to report as part of the scheme.

The Council Tax Rebate Scheme has recently been experiencing technical difficulties which have now been resolved. The scheme has now been officially launched and payments are to be rolled out for Council Tax bands A-D by the end of May.

An additional fund is also being generate to offer £200 to those eligible to support residents following the rise in energy costs.

#### **22/007 Report from County Councillor Land**

No update due to absence from meeting.

#### **22/008 Clerk's Report**

Previously circulated. Please see Appendix A.

The Clerk contacted Essex Highways and Tendring District Council to confirm the correct spelling of Bay View Crescent, the current street sign 'Bay View Crescent' is correct and is incorrect on Google Maps.

Clerk to inform resident that the street sign reading 'Bay View Crescent' is correct.

#### **22/009 Finance Report and Expenses**

Previously circulated. Please see Appendix B.

It was RESOLVED to accept the payments and expenses for May. They were duly checked and signed by two Councillors as being correct.

#### **Year End/Annual Return**

The Finance Committee had met and after discussion and questions accepted the annual figures and presented this to the Full Parish Council.

It was moved by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED that the End of Year Accounts be submitted to the Internal Auditor.

#### **22/010 Planning**

##### **Applications**

**22/00613/FULHH – 40 Harwich Road, Little Oakley, Harwich CO12 5JF** – Proposed two storey rear extension and roof alteration and front porch for private use.

The Parish Council raised the following concerns:

1. The size of the rear extension is considered overdevelopment as it is approximately 4.5m further out from the existing extension and not in keeping with the majority of neighbouring properties in that row (nos. 34 to 44) and might cause a loss of daylight to nos. 38 and 42.

2. To the front of the house, the street view is considered to be altered unsympathetically, in that the front porch is considerably larger than any of the existing porches in that row of properties.
3. The development of a balcony terrace at roof level will cause a loss of privacy in neighbouring gardens, not just to nos. 38 and 42 but further NE and SW along the property line too.
4. To the rear of the house, the roof alteration is considered unsympathetic in relation to all the other properties in that row, ie from a single gabled end to a double gabled end.
5. Non-compliance with the application form, section 10 where it states that all planting to the site boundaries will remain. All planting from all the boundaries has been removed but this could be remedied with compensatory planting of a natural hedgerow, especially on the south boundary adjoining the farmer's field.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Coates and RESOLVED that the parish object to **Planning Application 22/ /FULHH – 40 Harwich Road, Little Oakley CO12 5JF** for the above reasons stated.

Clerk to submit comments on the Planning Portal on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Determinations**

There were no determinations since the previous meeting.

### **22/011 Proposed Lodge Road Recreation Ground**

The Head of Terms have been submitted to solicitors – Cllr Attrill advised that £570pa was previously agreed, this is to be amended.

Heads of Terms to also include 3 years, rent-free in draft lease agreement whereby, the rent commencement date is 2025, subject to the tenant undertaking works for submitted use.

It was RESOLVED that Essex County Council's surveyor's costs and legal fees of £3,535 plus VAT are transferred to our solicitors account when requested.

Cllrs Attrill and Griggs are sourcing quotes for play equipment from different manufacturers. Cllr Coates to submit Tendring Community Fund grant application by June if possible.

### **22/012 Little Oakley Sea Wall Realignment Planning Application**

Cllr Coates to continue to arrange a meeting with Sir Bernard Jenkin MP. An identical coastal realignment development in Levington has recently been completed as a compensatory project for habitat. It has been recommended to Cllr Coates that a member of the Parish Council to look at the Levington development by Hutchison Ports.

### **22/013 Queen's Jubilee Big Lunch**

Cllr Coates purchased the bunting as agreed as the previous meeting.

### **22/014 Jubilee Planter**

It was confirmed that the Platinum Jubilee Fund of £250 had been received. Invoice to be received from Horticulturalist for planting and labour.

The Platinum Jubilee plaque has been fitted.

### **22/015 Multi-Use Waste Bins**

It was resolved at the previous meeting to purchase three plastic multi-use litter bins to be placed at the following locations:

- Little Oakley Memorial Club near to the footpath. This is to be replaced with a multi-use (litter and dog waste) bin.
- At the opposite end of the greensward at Oakridge adjacent to the path, plus change over to multi use bin too.
- At the bottom of Seaview Avenue on the Clacton side of the road next to bus shelter. A new multi-use (litter and dog waste) bin.

Contact has since been received from the Waste Team to advise that no bins were being replaced until further notice due to supply issues.

### **22/016 Rectory Road Post Box**

Correspondence has since been sent to the Royal Mail Group including the informative details, and requesting the Complaints Procedure with OFCOM.

*Awaiting response.*

### **22/017 New Village Sign**

The new village sign has been received and is to be fitted in the near future.

### **22/018 Trees at St Mary's Church Yard**

Correspondence found within the Parish archives dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 1988 from the Archdeacon of Colchester suggested that the churchyard was closed and 'transferred' to the responsibility of the Parish Council in 1973. Wording from the legislation relating to this (Section 215, Local Government Act 1972) was previously distributed.

It was RESOLVED to not take any action until the Parish precept application is submitted to source funds for the appropriate surveys to be undertaken.

### **22/019 Drainage Ditches, Rectory Road**

As agreed at the previous meeting, correspondence has since been sent to Morton Cullen directly.

### **22/020 Items for the Next Full Council Agenda**

- Donation to the Ramsey Church

### **22/021 Date, Time and Venue of Next Full Council Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Millennium Room, St. Michael's Church, Ramsey, starting at 7:00pm.

The meeting of the Parish Council concluded at 20:59.

Signed ..... Date .....