

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:15pm.

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Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Coates, Griggs, C Aubrey, J Aubrey, Pearce and Sanderson.

Also in attendance: District Cllr Mike Bush, Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

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

24/001 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

24/002 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Harbour and Lane and accepted by all.

24/003 Declarations of Interests

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interests.

24/004 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 10th April 2024.

24/005 Public Speaking

There were no public speakers.

24/006 Report from District Councillor Bush

Yesterday, the start of the planning inspection for the Colchester Garden Community Borders began. The inspectorate will look at the proposals for 4 days, with development plans for 3,500 homes and while considering contributions from various parishes and organisations.

In December 2025 and January 2026, the District Council's street cleaning and general waste contracts are up for renewal. East of England LGA consultants are currently working with Tendring District Council to renew these contracts. A Cabinet meeting will take place in June to review the circumstances. The Council's long-term aim will be to encourage residents to correctly dispose of their waste which will come as part of media communications.

The Council's Climate Action Plan is also currently behind schedule in reducing carbon.

24/007 Report from County Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

24/008 Clerks Report

Previously circulated.

24/009 Finance

Previously circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs and RESOLVED to transfer £3,000 to the Savings Account.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Pearce, and RESOLVED to approve the payments and expenses for May.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Pearce, and RESOLVED to agree the Assets Register and Year End Accounts for 2023/24 submission to the Internal Auditor.

24/010 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

Determinations

24/00224/FUL - Land Between No. 9 and Walcot Harwich Road Little Oakley Essex - Construction of detached house.

Full approval was granted on 25th April 2024 with 12 conditions.

24/011 Oakley Coronation Park

Cllr Attrill obtained a quote from Great Oaktree Land Services to rehang the gate to allow easier access for the developer. Clerk to contact Great Oaktree Land Services to advise that the Parish Council cannot proceed at present with their quotation to rehang the gate.

Attrill and Griggs met with a PlayQuip inspector at the park to be able to manage the risk of the accessway, signage has been placed as a result. Cllrs Attrill and Griggs also met with the ECC Land Agent yesterday and it was suggested that a 'land swap' is still possibly the best way forward, but solicitor and surveyor fees will need to be paid. The Land Agent will meet with Mr Palmby in due course.

It was agreed to continue with the initial claim against Ellisons Solicitors.

24/012 Footpath Little Oakley FP8 from Memorial Club to Oak Ridge

Cllr Griggs contacted Andrew Cullen and it was proposed to undertake a walkthrough of the footpath and Mr Cullen could source road plainings.

24/013 Rectory Lane Bridleway

Clerk to write to Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council to advise of concerns of intimidating dog pens close to the bridleway. To send Cllr Bush video and location to be able to raise with Environmental Team at Tendring District Council.

24/014 Signage

Cllr Attrill has reported to ECC the overhanging Willow Tree apparently being supported by the footpath finger post sign near Oak Ridge.

Cllr Attrill has reported to ECC the bramble covered footpath finger post sign close to Saltwater Bridge, though it is officially in the parish of Great Oakley.

It was agreed to defer discussions around Skylark Protection signs to September Full Council meeting. Clerk to contact Colchester City Council to ask where the signs were located and purchased

from. LOPC website to be updated with appropriate information concerning the disturbance of ground nesting birds.

24/015 Governance and Policy Documents

Review of Lone Worker Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED to agree the updated Lone Worker Policy.

Review of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED to agree the Standing Orders.

24/016 Items for Next Agenda

None suggested

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th June 2024, 7:00pm – Full Council Meeting

Meeting concluded at 20:28pm.