

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Coates, Hunnaball, and Lane.

**Also Present:** Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO) & County Councillor Land

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

### **22/085 Public Announcements**

There were none.

### **22/086 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence was received by Cllrs Bush and Griggs, and accepted by all.

### **22/087 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **22/088 Signing of the Minutes**

It was also proposed by Cllr Lane, and seconded by Cllr Hunnaball, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting of **20<sup>th</sup> July 2022** were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Lane, and seconded by Cllr Coates, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Full Council meeting of **28<sup>th</sup> September 2022** were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

### **22/089 Public Speaking**

There was no public speaking.

### **22/090 Report from District Councillor Bush**

No update due to absence.

### **22/091 Report from County Councillor Land**

- Due to an increase in energy costs and interest rates, Essex County Council are financially in a 'managed decline', capital projects where loans have been sought will increase in costs.
- Tendring District Council propose to issue a further increase council tax.
- Road resurfacing has taken place between Great Oakley and Little Oakley, and Mayes Lane. Hot summers have increased the movement of the road surfacing and so cracks are appearing.
- ECC's pothole scheme was a successful initiative allocating 18 potholes per County Cllr for filling.
- The Locality Fund assisted costs relating to the recreational ground.
- A new round of LED lights have been placed across the district.

- A new contractor has undertaken the cutting of footpaths, positive feedback has been received.
- Registered potholes on bottom of Church Hill by the war memorial hall.
- A Microsoft Teams meeting will be taking place, this Friday to discuss future project plans for the A120, Cllr Land to send further details.
- Cllr Lane is experiencing drainage issues outside her property along Harwich Road. Cllr Lane to send images for Cllr Land to raise.
- Cllr Attrill raised the issue of a diversion sign ditched in the parish, Cllr Attrill to forward details of the location in order to resolve.
- Cllr Lane raised concerns regarding the A120 sign approaching Ramsey appearing to be unhinged, Cllr Lane to send further images for actioning.
- Cllr Land has been invited to the Cubs and Beavers Christmas Party, he has kindly offered to give a tour of Essex County Hall.

It was proposed to bring items 16 and 19 forward for County Cllr Land's participation.

#### **22/92 Extension of pavement, Triangle Point (Junction of Oakridge and Rectory Road)**

Evidence of previous walls appear on the ground at Triangle Point.

Cllr Land to look for land ownership and request information as to why these walls were originally removed.

#### **22/93 Drainage Ditches, Rectory Road**

On 20th September, Clerk made contact with ECC County Cllr Dan Land to assist from a ECC perspective.

Cllr Land advised that the responsibility of maintenance of these ditches are of the adjacent land owners.

Clerk to write to Cullen Farm to inform them of the advice received and ask if any progress/further information was sought from their solicitors.

County Councillor Land left the meeting.

#### **22/094 Clerk's Report**

Report previously circulated.

Clerk to chase Royal Mail for a timescale of the reinstatement of the post box.

Awaiting contact from UK Power Networks regarding replacement of light.

#### **22/095 Finance Report and Expenses**

Report previously circulated.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Clerks Salary increase backdating to April 2022 in line with the LGA National Joint Salary Pay Award 2022/23.

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

Following a review of the Council's expenditure between April-November 2022 at the Finance Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022, it was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED that the precept for 2023/24 be agreed £20,125.

It was also RESOLVED for £5,000 to be transferred from the Savings Account.

## **22/096 Planning Applications**

### **Applications**

**22/01614/LBC – War Memorial, Bayview Crescent (at Junction With B1414)** - Proposed cleaning of war memorial using an alkaline based cleaner and the inscribed lettering will be recoloured using black sign writers enamel paint.

Noted.

**22/01848/NMA - 40 Harwich Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JF** - Non-material Amendment to application reference 22/00613/FULHH for changes to the finishes on the external walls to incorporate slate grey hardboard.

Noted. It was proposed that the Parish Council holds a neutral position on this application.

**22/01849/DISCON - 84 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JZ** - Discharge of condition 3 (Scheme of Soft Landscaping) of 21/00371/FUL.

Noted.

**22/01531/COUNOT - Newhouse Farm Clacton Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JH** - Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the proposed conversion of an agricultural building into one dwelling.

Noted.

### **Determinations**

**22/01531/COUNOT - Newhouse Farm, Clacton Road, Little Oakley, Harwich, Essex CO12 5JH** - Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the proposed conversion of an agricultural building into one dwelling.

Noted. Prior approval not required on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**22/01849/DISCON - 84 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JZ** - Discharge of condition 3 (Scheme of Soft Landscaping) of 21/00371/FUL.

Noted. Full approval granted on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**22/01482/LUPROP - 61 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5LA** -

Proposed single storey rear extension.

Noted. Lawful use permitted development granted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**22/01211 Land North of Rectory Road, Little Oakley Harwich** – Proposed change of use of agricultural land to use for dog walking and associated development.

Noted. Full approval granted on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

**22/00795/FULHH - 19 The Hornbeams Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5NL** - Proposed log cabin in the back of the garden measuring 4 metres x 6 metres for part time use for personal training and yoga sessions.

Noted. Full approval granted on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**22/00888/FUL - Land to The rear of The Old Rectory Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5LB** - Proposed retention and relocation of stables and the erection of a tack room in association with the use of the land for equestrian purposes.

Full approval granted on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It was noted in the Decision Report that this application only addressed the use of the buildings, not any change of use of the land.

**22/097 Little Oakley Sea Wall Realignment Planning Application (21/02144/FUL)**

Amendments to the application allows permissive access to the beach – this could potentially be withdrawn if it is found to be causing harm to wildlife. Recent objections do not appear to have been addressed.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council maintains their objection to this application on the basis of their comments submitted on 14 January 2022 in which they raised four concerns namely:

1. Loss of the footpath along the top of the seawall
2. Loss of access from Little Oakley to Irlams Beach
3. Loss of existing habitat and landscape
4. Impact on the seal population

Clerk to submit comments to Planning Portal.

**22/098 Lodge Road Recreational Space**

The Parish Council have signed the lease and fees have been paid, ECC are required to sign in order for funds to be transferred and for us to take possession of the site. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Coates will draft a letter of intent to the solicitors / ECC advising that work will begin on the clearance.

It was noted that the Parish Council was successful in receiving a grant for the proposed recreational open space. Further information to follow in due course.

**22/099 Boundary Commission Consultation**

Noted.

The Parish Council believed that the Boundary Commission Consultation would not necessarily affect the parish but potentially open opportunities and be particularly helpful in terms of the Sea Wall Realignment.

**22/100 Vehicles on pavements, Harwich Road**

Clerk to write, on behalf of the Parish Council, to each of the residents in the terraced properties to request that they follow legal parking rules and leave enough space for pedestrians, buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

**22/101 Vehicles on Greensward, adjacent to 19 Rectory Road**

Vehicles between 19-25 Rectory Road are parking on the greensward, and the greensward has been taken up and hardcore has been placed to gain access to some front gardens.

Clerk to contact Tendring DC to raise concerns regarding the greensward along Rectory Road and request enforcement action against vehicles parking on it.

#### **22/102 War Memorial**

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hunnaball and the Clerk for their efforts arranging the Remembrance Sunday Service. Around 60 people attended.

Clerk to send a letter to thank Reverend Claire Scargill for leading the service.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchases a £20 gift voucher for Maisie, the bugler to thank her for attending.

#### **22/103 Multi-use Waste Bins**

Clerk has contacted TDC's Waste Team to advise a timescale by which the multi-use waste bins will be installed, as per the below locations:-

- Corner of Oakridge/Rectory Road – Dog bin to be removed.
- Corner of Oakridge Green – Replacement multi-use bin.
- Between Lodge Road and Memorial Club lane - Dog bin to be removed.
- Memorial Club car park near Essex Way footpath into field - Replacement multi-use bin.
- Clacton/Colchester bound bus stop at the bottom of Seaview – new multi-use bin.

Clerk to continue to chase TDC Waste Team.

#### **22/104 Governance and Policy Documentation**

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED that the Safeguarding Policy be adopted.

#### **22/105 Items for Next Agenda**

- Sewage, Rectory Road

#### **22/106 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Full Council Meeting, Wednesday 11th January 2023, Millennium Room, St Michaels Church, Ramsey at 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 20:55.