

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Griggs, Lane and District Cllr Bush.

Also Present: Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO).

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

23/070 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

23/071 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coates and Harbour and accepted by all.

23/072 Declarations of Interests

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interests.

23/073 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Lane and RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Wednesday 13th September 2023.

23/074 Public Speaking

There were no public speakers.

23/075 Report from District Councillor Bush

- Cllr Bush gave an overview of the Corporate Plan consultation, the new administration is keen to progress in leisure, environment and finance.
- Waste and Street-cleaning contracts are due for renewal in the near future, ECC have distributed a Waste Strategy Consultation with hopes of zero landfill by 2050 with details around food waste.
- Cabinet Members plan to review the parcels of land on Bay View Crescent and Seaview Avenue, subject to being sold off or used for residential properties.

Items 13 and 16 were taken ahead of item 7 on the agenda.

23/076 Report from County Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

23/077 Clerk's Report

Report circulated.

23/78 Finance

Report circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to transfer £20,000 from the Current Account to the Savings Account for reserves.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to approve expenses and payments for October.

It was also proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED to accept the budget recommendations presented by the Finance Committee and agree the proposed precept of £22,820 for 2024/25.

The increase of 13.4% from 2023/24 was as a result of increases in the Parish Council's insurance, electricity costs, Oakley Coronation Park, and building a reserve for the potential maintenance of the cemetery.

Clerk to contact A Thomas to request confirmation of work completed for Bus Shelters and Maintenance, via email/receipts.

23/079 Planning

Applications

23/01222/ROC - Land South East of Harwich Road Little Oakley Essex - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act, for removal of condition 4 (Provision and retention of road, turning, driveways and parking bays) of 19/00795/DETAIL to allow earlier occupation of No. 82.

The Parish Council agreed to not to comment on the application because the condition appears to have been fully met already.

Determinations

23/01121/HHPNOT - 60 Rectory Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5LA - Prior Approval Application under Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed single storey rear extension (Depth 4.6m, Maximum Height 2.93m, Eaves Height 2.58m).

Full approval was granted on 13th September 2023.

23/80 Sea Wall Realignment Planning Application

Clerk contacted the Case Officer at Tendring District Council to request an update on the progression of the application – awaiting response.

Clerk to seek clarity of the 'Agreed Expiry Date' noted on the Planning Portal being 31st December 2023.

23/081 Rectory Road Light

Cllr Coates to contact UK Power Networks directly to challenge the quotation since the lamp was originally removed by their contractor.

23/082 Electricity Supply to Parish Council LED Streetlights

Clerk to obtain number of lights and consumption details from A&J Lighting, sending details Cllr Bush to look into a collective quote with neighbouring parishes i.e Great Oakley and Wix.

Clerk to contact A&J Lighting to seek advice for supply of electricity.

23/083 Oakley Coronation Park

The remedial works are progressing.

It has been brought to the attention of Councillors that there is a lack of fencing around the nearby construction site, which could pose a safety hazard. Clerk to contact TDC's Planning Department to advise of this.

The Parish Council received information in relation to the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to apply for £12,000 as part of Stage 1 of the REPF application.

23/084 Waste Bins

Cllr Griggs monitored the use of the bin on Cherry Tree corner and reported that the bin is frequently used and emptied.

23/085 Irlams Beach litter

Cllr Bush informed the Council that he has asked TDC's Waste Team to assist in clearing the litter and displaying signage to advise people to take their litter home.

23/086 Filled in Pond by Essex Way on Parish Boundary

Cllr Attrill to find out details of Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council meetings and look into potentially contacting Natural England to raise environmental concerns.

23/087 Remembrance Sunday Service

The Clerk has obtained a wreath and finalised the Order of Service which Hunnaball's has agreed to print. John Wallace LLM at St Michael's Church and the bugler have also agreed to attend the service.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Lane and RESOLVED to offer the bugler a £20 gift card for attending on this day.

23/088 Governance and Policy Documents

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to accept and adopt the Parish Council's Financial Reserves Policy.

23/089 Items for the Next Agenda

- Waste Bins – to discuss and agree actions for installing a new bin to be added to schedule.

Meeting concluded at 20.37 pm.