

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Griggs, C Aubrey, J Aubrey, Harbour, Lane and Sanderson.

Also in attendance: Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public: There were 7 members of the public present.

24/068 Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Items 11 and 12 were brought forward to include Public Speaking.

24/069 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Coates and Pearce, and accepted by all.

24/070 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Lane previously declared an interest in Planning Application **24/00833/FULHH - Stowford House 99 Harwich Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JA** however, the application was granted permission on 30th September so no further discussion took place.

24/071 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr C Aubrey, and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 11th September 2024.

To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 1st May 2024 at the next Full Council meeting.

24/072 Public Speaking

There were 3 public speakers concerning items 11 and 12.

24/073 Report from District Councillor Bush

No report due to absence.

24/074 Report from County Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

24/075 Clerks Report

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

24/076 Finance

Previously circulated.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED to transfer £10,000 to the Savings Account.

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED to agree the budget recommendations and precept of £23,405 for 2025/26, an increase of 2.6% subject to the Council's tax base.

24/077 Planning Applications

Applications

24/01349/WTPO - 31 Oakridge Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5LL - Works related to Tree Preservation Order (94/00028/TPO) - T1 - Oak Tree - Re-pollard to previous cutting points approx. 3m off.

Full approval was granted on 3rd October.

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.

The Parish Council agreed to hold a neutral position for this application.

Clerk to submit comments to Planning Portal.

Determinations

24/00833/FULHH - Stowford House 99 Harwich Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JA - Householder Planning Application - Construction of detached art studio.

Full Approval was granted on 30th September 2024.

24/078 Lodge Road/Bay View Crescent Parking

Concerns were raised by residents of Lodge Road and Bay View Crescent at the meeting and previously by written correspondence regarding nuisance and obstructive parking by visitors to the Football Club on youth match days potentially restricting access to their properties and that of Emergency Services.

A representative of the Football/Memorial Club expects the number of visitors to reduce next season and confirmed that the club can accommodate up to 168 parking spaces, including an overflow car park. They also advised that they do encourage club visitors, by issuing pre-event information, to park in the designated parking places and not park on the roads. On the particular date where photos (previously distributed) were taken of the greensward parking causing issues in the area (29th June 2024), a special memorial event with a higher than expected number of visitors occurred which the club representative apologised for. The Representative said that they wanted to work with residents and the Parish Council to improve the situation.

It was acknowledged that the football club uses a marshal on youth match days to direct traffic to the on-site parking places wherever possible and it was suggested that the club use more such

marshals if volunteers are forthcoming, to direct visitors to use the designated places and prevent further parking on Lodge Road and Bay View Crescent. It was acknowledged that this is a difficult job which does come with its challenges, including occasional verbal abuse.

The Football Club plan to display further signage on Harwich Road to direct visitors in to the site with possibly further signs on the Greensward and traffic cones at junction pinch points.

It was noted that the Football Club website was lacking in parking details and the representative advised that this will be looked at.

The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

24/079 Little Oakley Football Club

Concerns were raised regarding the level of sound of the PA system at the Football Club.

The Football Club Representative agreed that the level of the PA system has at times been excessive and has worked with residents in the past to limit the use on Tuesday evenings and lower the level of music on Saturday's. However, they do have to have a PA system in place due to F.A. rules.

24/080 Tendring District Association of Local Council's (TDALC)

A new Housing policy is proposed to come into force from Tendring District Council, with proposals to build more than the previously agreed 550 homes every year for 5 years. The Government has since advised that another 1,043 houses a year is required to meet Local Plan requirements. A 'call for sites' consultation will be held in due course.

Cllr Harbour to circulate minutes of the TDALC meeting.

No Parish Council action necessary at this time.

Clerk to invite Gary Guiver to attend a Parish Full Council meeting to present the details in relation to the new housing policy.

24/081 Footpath Little Oakley FP8 from Memorial Club to Oak Ridge

Mr Cullen has visited the footpath more recently and he felt that the types of chemicals required may be too dangerous to use in such areas. Cllrs to obtain quotations from licenced contractors for work to be undertaken.

24/082 Village Fete in collaboration with Two Village School

It was agreed that Cllr C Aubrey liaises with Two Village School's PTA to collectively hold a village fete. Cllr C Aubrey to give feedback at the next meeting.

24/083 Laptop Projector

It was proposed by Cllr Griggs, seconded by Cllr Attrill and RESOLVED to purchase a laptop projector from Amazon at a cost of £59.99.

24/084 Meeting Dates

It was agreed to postpone the Full Council meeting on 8th January 2025 to 15th January 2025.

24/085 Items for Next Agenda

- Signing of Finance Committee Minutes 1st May 2024

- Village Fete
- Skylark Signage

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Full Council Meeting

Meeting concluded at 20:52pm.