

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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

Also Present: Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO).

Members of the Public: There were none.

22/064 Public Announcements

Terry Mulgrew (Little Oakley resident and prolific volunteer litter picker in the village) passed away recently; the funeral will be held on 5th October.

22/065 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

22/066 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Coates, declared a personal interest in Item 10 - Planning Applications, due to being the adjacent neighbour to the site. She was pre-determined and therefore, did not participate in the Council's decision-making for this item.

Cllr Hunnaball, declared a personal interest in Item 17 – War Memorial, due to business purposes. He was not pre-determined and therefore, participated in the Council's decision-making for this item.

22/067 Signing of the Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Coates, and seconded by Cllr Griggs, and RESOLVED that the minutes from the Full Council meeting on 13th July were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

22/068 Public Speaking

Cllr Coates spoke on Item 10, Planning Application **22/01211/FUL - Land North of Rectory Road Little Oakley Essex** due to being the adjacent neighbour to the site.

22/069 Report from District Councillor Bush

Cllr Bush spoke of the recent Planning Committee meeting he attended when he spoke against the expansion of the chicken farm in Wix. He was disappointed that the committee approved the expansion by three chicken sheds to five in total whilst only giving the opportunity of two full time jobs. He was also concerned about the carbon footprint of HGV movements to the site from Norfolk and from other sites supplying straw for the biomass boiler.

Concerns have been raised by a resident of Bay View Crescent regarding vehicles parking along the grass verge / greensward and on the pavement of Bay View Crescent. Cllr Bush visited the site and a

vehicle was seen parked on the pavement, this was found particularly difficult for residents with mobility issues. Clerk to follow up with North Essex Parking Partnership.

Cllr Bush advised that the Pride of Tendring Awards 2023 nominations are open and asked that suggestions for nominees to be submitted to him by 31st October.

Cllr Bush informed the Parish Council of the Tendring Business 4 Growth events taking place starting next week, driven by Cabinet Members for Economic Growth. Sessions will take place with various speakers for networking, and the Annual Jobs Fair and Women In Business Awards will take place in the weeks following.

Thurrock DC are under extreme circumstances in financial difficulty. Loans have been sought from other Council's such as Tendring DC, it is found that Thurrock District Council are in debt of £1.6 billion with special measures.

It was also noted that Catherine Cocker will be holding the Great Oakley litter pick on Sunday 2nd October and Little Oakley on 6th November.

22/070 Report from District Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

22/071 Clerk's Report

Report previously circulated.

Cllr Hunnaball left the meeting (19:40).

22/072 Finance Report and Expenses

Report previously circulated.

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

It was also RESOLVED for £2,000 to be transferred from the Savings Account.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Bush, and RESOLVED that the Parish Council donates £30 to Royal British Legion, via Frinton Co-op Funeral Services in memory of Terry Mulgrew.

22/073 Planning Applications

22/01211/FUL - Land North of Rectory Road Little Oakley Essex - Proposed change of use of agricultural land to use for dog walking and associated development.

Cllr Coates, declared a personal interest in this application, due to being the adjacent neighbour to the site. She was pre-determined and therefore, did not participate in the Council's decision-making for this item.

Cllr Coates left the meeting (20:02).

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Griggs that the Parish Council objects to the above Planning Application on the following grounds:-

1. Non-compliance with Local Plan policy PPL 9 in that the siting of the application site detrimentally affects the setting of the two listed buildings at either end of the site, the Old Rectory and the White House. The Parish Council also has concerns that the Historic Environment (Section 7) and in particular, paragraphs 7.7.1 and 7.7.3 of the Local Plan are not being taken in to account and that the District Council may not be following their statutory obligations.
2. The Parish Council believe that users of the application site will impact a loss of privacy to the residents of the houses on the north side of Rectory Road towards the eastern end of the site, including that of the Old Rectory.
3. The possibility of noise pollution caused by out-of-control dogs, which this type of development is designed for, throughout the extended opening hours, and arguably by owners calling their OOC dogs to heel.
4. The increase in traffic flow in this narrow country road (Rectory Road). Colloquially, this road is often referred to as the Back Road, because that is exactly what it is, a narrow, often flooded, sometimes dangerous road.
5. The perimeter fence, that has already been installed, is out of keeping with a normal rural fence and is visually intrusive to the residents of the aforementioned houses.
6. Concerns that no plan has been submitted for the provision of dog waste bins, their emptying and the disposal of their contents.

The Parish Council wishes Mr Cullen and East Newhall Farm success in their diversification process, but feel the dog walking enclosure at the application site is not in the most appropriate location for the reasons above.

Clerk to submit the above comments on behalf of the Parish Council to the Planning Portal. It was noted that Cllr Bush will call-in the application to Tendring District Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Coates returned to the meeting (20:10).

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

Proposed single storey rear extension.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Coates that the Parish Council supports the above Planning Application. Clerk to submit comment on behalf of the Parish Council to the Planning Portal.

Determinations

22/00988/FULHH - 6 Lodge Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5ED - Proposed single storey side extension (following demolition of existing structure), provision of new boarding and render to existing house.

The Parish Council previously supported the application raising concerns regarding boarding and rendering combination. Full approval was granted on 22nd July 2022.

22/00613/FULHH - 40 Harwich Road Little Oakley Harwich Essex CO12 5JF - Proposed two storey rear extension and front porch for private use.

The Parish Council previously objected to the application. Full approval was granted on 27th July 2022.

Cllr Hunnaball returned to the meeting (20:18).

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.

The Parish Council previously objected to the application due to there being no formal application for change of use, the detrimental impact on the neighbouring listed buildings, and loss of privacy. Full approval subject to conditions was granted on the 14th September 2022.

A maladministration complaint has been submitted to Tendring District Council's Planning Department by Cllr Coates (in a personal capacity) due to various concerns relating to a lack of notification, lack of permission to change the use of the site.

22/074 Proposed Lodge Road Recreation Ground

Cllr Attrill advised that two manufacturers have provided quotes of £27,761 and £19,147 for the initial phase. A total cost of the initial phase of £50,000 has been projected.

Cllr Bush advised that we have experienced difficulty in finalising agreements with the solicitors. Tendring District Council advised that there are other potential funding opportunities. A meeting will take place on 15th October to discuss the current position.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Bush for his enthusiasm and efforts towards the proposed Open Space.

22/075 Little Oakley Sea Wall Realignment Planning Application

Cllrs Attrill, Coates and Griggs, and representatives from Natural England, HPUK and Haskoning DHV visited the site on 14th July. Representatives were receptive to keeping open the footpaths to either end of the beaches and to install a footpath on top of sea wall.

Cllr Coates to contact Jane Albins, HPUK for an update.

22/076 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.

22/077 Rectory Road Post Box

On 23rd August, we received notification from Centre of Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) to advise that our case was not within scope for investigation and suggested that we go through the Postal Review Service.

The Clerk then wrote to the Postal Review Service requesting information regarding the process to open a dispute.

22/078 Drainage Ditches, Rectory Road

A further response was received from East Newhall Farm to advise that the farm had no responsibility for the ditches but would seek clarification from their Land Agent. On 20th September, Clerk made contact with ECC County Cllr Dan Land to assist from a ECC perspective.

22/079 Governance and Policy Documentation

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED that the Equality and Diversity Policy be adopted.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Lane, and RESOLVED that the Dignity at Work Policy be adopted.

It was proposed to introduce a Safeguarding Policy, Clerk to source a template from EALC/NALC.

22/080 War Memorial

Cllr Hunnaball, declared a personal interest in Item 17 of the agenda, due to business purposes. He was not pre-determined and therefore, participated in the Council's decision-making for this item.

Two quotations were sourced for cleaning and repainting the lettering of the memorial with the hope to apply for a grant from the War Memorial Trust. Cllr Hunnaball supplied a quote of £772 +VAT and Wood for Stone £875 +VAT. The War Memorial Trust grant will cover 50% of the lower quote, if successful. The next grant assessment date is the 31st October, we hope to source funding before the end of 2022.

The grant application form asked if listed building consent has been applied for. Cllr Attrill has completed a listed building consent form to see if this is required. Awaiting confirmation from TDC Planning Department.

- Clerk to purchase wreath for Remembrance Sunday service.
- Clerk to contact church for Vicar from St Michael's Church, Ramsey to lead the service.
- Cllr Hunnaball to read out veterans' names, and ask bugler if she would be kind enough to attend again this year.
- Clerk to produce Service Sheet.

22/081 Lodge Road Planter

It was RESOLVED to agree for Carmel Ovenden to replace the annual plants with bulbs for Spring.

22/082 Meeting Dates

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, and seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED that the next Full Council meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 12th October** be **cancelled** and the November's meeting take place on **Wednesday 23th November**.

22/083 Items for Next Agenda

- Sewage in Rectory Road
- Footpath - Rectory Road

22/084 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday 5th October 2022, Millennium Room, St Michaels Church, Ramsey at 7:00pm.

Meeting concluded at 21:00.