



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman:

Vice Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Councillors: Cllrs S Harris, Y Bailey, Browne, C Bush

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

5 members of the public were in attendance.

01 / 2024- 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

01 / 2024 – 02 | Apologies for absence

The clerk noted that Cllr Daniels had submitted a resignation letter and that Cllr Bush will sit in as Vice Chairman and a Chairman will be appointed at a later meeting of the Parish Council.

01 / 2024 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

01 / 2024 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (19th December 2023)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Harris – all in favour.

01 / 2024 – 05 | Outcomes from the actions of the last meeting

These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

01 / 2024 – 06 | Public Forum

MOP mentioned that the heaters in the hall had not been operating properly, it was noted that there are carbon monoxide monitors in the hall. **ACTION: DL to check the last heating service and action accordingly.**

Question about the open fire – **ACTION: refer to the VH committee**

MOP attended and advised she was now the liaison between the Community Hub and the Parish Council. It was noted that the shop might be closing.

MOP asked about the Post Office – the recent events were noted.

01 / 2024 – 07 | Clerks report / correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

Letter from MOP about the allocated numbers that can use the hall (60– the village hall committee reviewed the basic calculations of how many can safely sit in the hall and provided the number which is now in play.

A letter of resignation was received from Cllr Daniels.



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Village Conservation area appraisal – 6th February 2-6pm in the Village Hall TDC engagement session with public.

01 / 2024 – 08 | Chairman's Report

The Vice Chair had nothing to report at this time.

01 / 2024 – 09 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- TDC council tax is on the agenda and being rolled out across the parishes.

01 / 2024– 10 | County Councillor Report / Devolution

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- Number of roads around the village have been put into the capital scheme for 2024-25 in the village.

01 / 2024 – 11 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Bailey provided an update.

- Burial ground has a memorial garden team who are looking after the space, they are doing a fantastic job. Planting and upgrades are underway. The aim is to attract as many people to the area who can enjoy the tranquillity. The old burial ground does need funds spent on it to bring it up to a better standard, this will be considered in a 3-year plan.
- The replacement bin on the recreation field appears to be less capacity and frequently overflowing. It was advised that the capacity was the same but not the same opening which did not allow for the overflow which was a specific problem after football matches. **ACTION: MB to speak with the football club.**
- Greenswards are regularly being used for parking from the school. **ACTION: DL to find costs for posts or boulders.**

Public Rights of Way / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported that owing to disruptive weather there had been little chance to walk the PROWs.

Great Oakley Environment, Villages in Bloom, Planters

Cllr Bailey suggested that the planters that are looking tired should be monitored.

TDALC

Cllr Bailey reported no meeting until February 2024.

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

Cllr Bailey gave an update on the new kitchen, upgraded plaques on the wall, thanks to Rhys for his time and efforts. Applied for funding for replacement heating system – await result. The kitchen is stocked with cutlery and plates, etc. Step outside still to be done. The hall has been painted FOC and new fencing erected. A new booking system is up and running online. Storerooms are leaking with mould, initial



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quotes to fix, upgrades for the storerooms and toilets have been sought. The budget moving forward will provide for further works over a 3-year period. **ACTION: CB to seek quote from first home improvements windows and doors.**

Yellow Bin – cancellation of contract. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Harris – all in favour.

01 / 2024 – 12 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council.

There were none.

01 / 20234 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval

Resolved: Cllr Bailey, Seconded Cllr C Browne – all in favour.

01 / 2024 – 14 | To approve the precept for 2024-25

Resolved: that this year's precept is set at £29,590. Proposed Cllr Bailey Seconded Cllr Browne - all in favour.

01 / 2024 – 15 | Motions

To approve all motions on block before the council this evening.

Items 1 and 3 were approved. 2 deferred. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Bailey - all in favour
Reworded 3 - Approve the donation for the purchase of a defib from Oakstones. PC to provide the electrical connection and ongoing maintenance.

01 / 2024 – 16 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

How we communicate with the Public.

Meeting closed 21:20pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 16th April 7pm 2024 | Village Hall