



**GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Clerk: Mr D Land**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM  
PRESS AND PUBLIC WELCOME**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Cllr M Bush

**Vice Chairman:** Cllr C Browne

**Councillors:** Cllrs Eddy, C Bush, Southern, D Timmis

**District Councillor:** Cllr M Bush

**Essex County Councillor:** Cllr D Land

2 members of the public were in attendance.

**01 / 2026- 01 | Welcome**

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**01 / 2026 – 02 | Apologies for absence**

None received.

**01 / 2026 - 03 | Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**01 / 2026 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Eddy, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

**01 / 2026 – 05 | Public Forum**

MOP asked about the archives owing to the passing of the village recorder. ACTION: speak to Kim.

MOP congratulated the PC on the Christmas tree

MOP asked about Red House – update provided

**01 / 2026 – 06 | Clerks report / Correspondence**

Clerk reported the following matters:

- thanks to Cllr Timmis for his attendance with the contractor – works on recreation field
- email from local resident about the overgrowth in the corner of the field
- attended the site at Ardleigh for the proposed node - cabling and pylons
- accidents on MOZÉ corner – update from ECC, this corner has been put in for safety upgrades in the current financial year
- banking – direct debits are slowly being transferred to the new accounts
- ACTION: ask ECC about the car parked on the pavement

**01 / 2026 – 07 | Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- thanks to those that helped the Christmas decorations
- the playgroup has been awarded a Pride of Tendring award

**01 / 2026 – 08 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bush reported on the following matters:

- Cllr Bush gave an update on development matter in the village
- Cllr Bush to report back on soils after a meeting next month



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**01 / 2026– 09 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform**

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- Moze Corner, safety improvements will take place

**01 / 2026 – 10 | Reports**

**Parish Council Maintained Areas**

Cllr Browne reported:

- recreation field has now been cut both inside and out of the boundary
- bin was fixed
- a rose bush has appeared on the recreation field
- bins need emptying in graveyard
- the village sign needs some TLC

**Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements**

Cllr Browne reported:

- nothing to report

**TDALC**

Cllr Eddy reported:

- Cllr Eddy – no meeting

**Village Hall / New Community Facilities / Soils**

- ADR finished the toilets (painting)
- water heater needs de-scaling

**01 / 2026 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council**

Nothing to report.

**01 / 2026 – 12 | To agree the precept for 2027-28**

**Resolved:** that a precept amount of £32,990 be proposed to TDC. Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr Eddy - all in favour.

**01 / 2026 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation**

To consider this month's payments for approval.

**Resolved:** that this month's cheques be signed. Proposed Cllr Timmis, Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

**01 / 2026 – 14 | Motions**

**Resolved:**

**01 / 2026 – 15 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration**



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**Meeting closed 20:50pm**

**Date and Time of next meeting | 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm 2026 | Village Hall**