GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 21st JULY 2026 AT 7.00 PM
PRESS AND PUBLIC WELCOME

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush
Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne
Councillors: Cllrs C Browne, Timmis, Southern, C Bush
District Councillor: Cllr M Bush
Essex County Councillor: Cllr Jeff Bray

5 members of the public were in attendance.

07 / 2026 - 01 | Welcome
Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting

07 / 2026 – 02 | Apologies for absence

07 / 2026 - 03 | Declarations of Interest
Cllr Southern noted a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the application on the soils being presented this evening.

07 / 2026 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (26th May 2026)
Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr C Southern – all in favour.

07 / 2026 – 05 | Public Forum

07 / 2026 – 06 | Clerks report / Correspondence
Clerk reported the following matters:

- bank mandate – now closed the two Santander accounts
- ECC grass cutting grant received
- VAT claim submitted and received
- Stones Green triangle – Cllr Timmis said he would look into the cut branches and logs left.

07 / 2026 – 07 | Chairman's Report
The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- we have a bi-election shortly

07 / 2026 – 08 | District Councillor Report
Cllr Bush reported on the following matters:

- nothing to report

07 / 2026– 09 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform
Cllr Bray gave an update

07 / 2026 – 10 | Reports
Parish Council Maintained Areas
Cllr Browne/Timmis reported:

- everything looking ok. The Wheelie bins are now in the churchyard and have signs on them indicating they belong to the Parish Council. A provisional timescale for the new ground's maintenance contract was presented to the council.

Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported:

- the burial ground has a flower bed which has become untidy. An idea to make clean, lay weed membrane and plat some more manageable plants was put forward by Cllr Browne. An idea to get a few community minded people together to offer some time was well received.
- The planters that are now not being maintained so can be removed where applicable.
- PROWS have been reported to ECC which are overgown

TDALC

Cllr Browne will take on the roll

- no meeting

Village Hall / Soils

- Cllr Browne outlined the work she had put into finding out our options for the site – talks are ongoing.
- Cllr Southern explained some of the logistics around the community litter pick, the resources and the need for further promotion. The first proposed community pick is **Sunday 13th September 2026 10.30am from the Village Hall.**

07 / 2026 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

26/00954/FUL. Object on the following grounds. Overdevelopment, outside of the settlement boundary, back land development, impact on the highway. Proposed by Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr S Southern – all in favour.

07 / 2026 – 12 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval.

Resolved: that this month's payments be approved. Proposed Cllr Timmis Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour

07 / 2026 – 13 | Motions

Resolved:

07 / 2026 – 14 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Meeting closed 21:01pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 15th August 7pm 2026 | Village Hall