



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 26th MAY 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:

5 members of the public were in attendance.

05 / 2026 - 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting

05 / 2026 – 02 | Election of Chairman

Nominations for Chairman were sought. Cllr M Bush was nominated by Cllr C Bush, seconded Cllr Timmis - all in favour. There were no other nominations.

05 / 2026 – 03 | Election of Vice Chairman

Nominations for Vice Chairman were sought. Cllr Browne was nominated by Cllr M Bush, seconded Cllr Southern - all in favour. There were no other nominations.

05 / 2026 – 04 | Schedule of Meetings 2026-27

Noted.

05 / 2026 – 05 | Resignation of a Cllr

The Chairman noted that Cllr Eddy had submitted his resignation

05 / 2026 – 06 | Apologies for absence

05 / 2026 - 07 | Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

05 / 2026 – 08 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (17th March 2026)

Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Browne, Seconded Cllr C Bush – all in favour.

05 / 2026 – 09 | Public Forum

MOP asked about any proposals for bungalows at Sparrows Corner

05 / 2026 – 10 | Clerks report / Correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- bank mandate - should now have the last direct debit transferred
- claim for Grass Cutting made to ECC
- claim for reimbursement from resident who supports the planters

05 / 2026 – 11 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the following matters:



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- reform got a clean sweep of the County Council elections in May. We now have to see how things unfold
- The new Chairman TDC is Cllr Ann Oxley

05 / 2026 – 12 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush reported on the following matters:

- nothing to report

05 / 2026– 13 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform

Cllr Bray is the new County Councillor and we hope to see him in due course.

05 / 2026 – 14 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Browne/Timmis reported:

- covered in annual parish meeting

Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported:

- covered in annual parish meeting

TDALC

Cllr Browne will take on the roll

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Village Hall / Soils

- Cllr Browne raised the point that Cllr C Bush had done a lot of work behind the scenes and should be thanked publicly.

05 / 2026 – 15 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

Nothing to report.

05 / 2026 – 16 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval.

Resolved: to approve the accounts for 2025-26. Proposed Cllr Timmis Seconded Cllr Browne - all in favour

Resolved: that this month's cheques be signed. Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr Timmis – all in favour

05 / 2026 – 17 | To agree the AGAR part 1 for 2025-26

Proposed Cr Bush, Seconder Cllr Browne – all in favour

05 / 2026 – 18 | To agree the AGAR part 2 for 2025-26

Proposed Cllr Southern, Seconder Cllr C Bush – all in favour

05 / 2026 – 19 | Motions

Resolved: that contractor B be approved to carry out works on the village hall store rooms. Proposed by Cllr C Bush, Seconded Browne – all in favour.

Resolved: to agree to close down both Santander Accounts once the last Direct Debit has transferred. Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr Timmis – all in favour



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Resolved: that £25 be granted to the flower group. Proposed Cllr Timmis, Seconded Cllr Browne – all in favour.

05 / 2026 – 20 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Planters

Cherry Trees

Meeting closed 21:01pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 21st July 7pm 2026 | Village Hall