



GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM
PRESS AND PUBLIC WELCOME**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush

Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne

Councillors: Cllrs C Bush, Browne, Eddy, Southern

District Councillor: Cllr M Bush

Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

3 members of the public were in attendance.

11 / 2025 - 01 | Welcome

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11 / 2025 - 02 | Apologies for absence

None received.

11 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest

None declared.

11 / 2025 - 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (21st October 2025)

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

11 / 2025 - 05 | Public Forum

MOP mentioned about the road re-surfacing in the High Street.

MOP asked about the planters and the sporadic nature of their upkeep and condition.

11 / 2025 - 06 | Clerks report / Correspondence

Clerk reported the following matters:

- bank transfer is now 80% complete
- walk around with Cllr Timmis to identify areas of responsibility and potential projects
- 100 potential new houses in the latest TDC special strategy for the updated/new local plan

11 / 2025 - 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted:

- Tarchon project – could affect the Great Oakley. We are monitoring
- toddler group nominated by Cllr Bush for Pride of Tendring award – they have been successful
- left over funds from GOCI has been identified and £250 has been granted to the Toddler Group the remaining money in the fund has been gifted to Great Oakley Parish Council

11 / 2025 - 08 | District Councillor Report

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- nothing of note really taking place locally. Waste contract is due to renew in the new year.

11 / 2025 - 09 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:



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- Local Government reform presses on. Advertising of the proposals on the table is coming through the letterbox.

11 / 2025 – 10 | Reports

Parish Council Maintained Areas

Cllr Browne reported:

- all ok

Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements

Cllr Browne reported:

- all ok

TDALC

Cllr Eddy reported:

- Cllr Eddy said he had been unwell and was unable to attend the last meeting

Village Hall / New Community Facilities / Soils

- will purchase the carpet for front
- still in discussion with TDC about the soils

11 / 2025 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council

11 / 2025 – 12 | To consider the precept for 2026-27

Resolved: That the recommended precept be accepted. Proposed Cllr Timmis, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour

11 / 2025 – 13 | Cheques and finance authorisation

To consider this month's payments for approval.

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

11 / 2025 – 14 | Motions

Resolved: that a quote for £960 from Great Oakley Land Services be approved for cutting the recreation field.

Proposed Cllr Eddy Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour

Resolved: that a quote for £300 be accepted for a training session for the sound system – Proposed Cllr M Bush Seconded Cllr C Bush – all in favour

Resolved: that a grant of £200 be granted to the Toddler group for support with a capital cost for a storage unit Proposed Cllr Eddy Seconded Cllr Southern – all in favour.

11 / 2025 – 14 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Soils | Grants | Bank change / Tarchon

Meeting closed 20:50pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 20th January 7pm 2026 | Village Hall