



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman:** Cllr M Bush

**Vice Chairman:** Cllr C Browne

**Councillors:** Cllrs C Browne

**District Councillor:** Cllr M Bush

**Essex County Councillor:** Cllr D Land

3 member of the public were in attendance.

**09 / 2025- 01 | Welcome**

Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**09 / 2025 – 02 | Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Eddy, Timmis and Southern.

**09 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**09 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025)**

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

**09 / 2025 – 05 | Public Forum**

MOP asked about a planning application at the EPC site – query over which village is consulted in relation to a planning application.

**09 / 2025 – 06 | Clerks report / Correspondence**

Clerk reported the following matters:

- allotments contacted.
- EDF update on electricity contract in hall
- audit completed

**09 / 2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report**

The Chairman noted:

- we have a Barclays account now and are working 'slowly' towards getting the second account.
- Soils to be discussed further
- Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Brown to purchase Wreath

**09 / 2025 – 08 | District Councillor Report**

Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- conversation with TDC has taken place about the SOILS and a proposal needs to be put in place to submit to the council.

**09 / 2025– 09 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform**

Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:



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- ECC have put forward a proposal for three unitary councils, two other submissions have been put forward to the government. The final decision will be decided by the government in the new year.

**09 / 2025 – 10 | Reports**

**Parish Council Maintained Areas**

Cllr Browne reported:

- the hedge around sign is shrouded with vegetation. **ACTION:** investigate quote for hedge

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

Cllr Browne reported:

- parking is still taking place on the grass verge near school. **ACTION:** contact school to tell parents to not park on the verge. **ACTION:** investigate unlicensed adverts on railings next to school.

**TDALC**

Cllr Eddy reported:

- sent apologies

**Village Hall and New Community Facilities**

- store room roof has been replaced
- disabled toilet, outside front wall and lobby have been painted by Cllr C Bush.
- lights have been replaced with soap dispensers added
- **Motion:** to approve the fitting of a new carpet in the entry space at the hall. All in favour

**09 / 2025 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council**

No comments.

**09 / 2025 – 12 | Cheques and finance authorisation**

To consider this month's payments for approval.

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

**09 / 2025 – 13 | Motions**

Resolved that all motions be approved. Proposed Cllr Browne, Seconded Cllr M Bush - all in favour

**09 / 2025 – 14 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration**

Soils | Grants | Bank change

**Meeting closed 20:50pm**

**Date and Time of next meeting | 21<sup>st</sup> October 7pm 2025 | Village Hall**