

Little Oakley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 in the Millennium Room, St Michael's Church, Ramsey starting at 7:00pm.

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Present: Cllrs Attrill (Chairman), Coates and Lane

Also in attendance: District Cllr Bush, Emma Haward (Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public: There were 4 members of the public present.

23/106 Public Announcements

The Parish Council welcomed Mr Phil Sanderson, Mr Peter Pearce, Miss Jill Aubrey and Mr Chris Aubrey, to the Parish Council as co-opted members, and signed the Declaration of Office and Members' Code of Conduct.

Clerk to email the new Councillor Signpost pack to co-opted members, notify Tendring District Council and update the Parish Council's website accordingly.

23/107 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Harbour and Griggs and accepted by all.

23/108 Declarations of Interests

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interests.

23/109 Signing of the Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th November 2023 were not approved at the above meeting due to apologies received from the members in attendance.

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th November 2023 to be approved at the next Full Council meeting in February 2024.

23/110 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking.

23/111 Report from District Councillor Bush

- Cllr Bush advised that Tendring District Council's Waste and Street Cleaning contract is due for renewal in 2026. The Council is looking at a 7-8-year contract where a Waste Project Board meeting is taking place on 14 December with ECC to discuss the next steps.
- New legislation for 'simpler recycling' is due to be rolled out evaluating the opportunities to co-mingle with fortnightly collections, reviewing recycling credits and the potential for glass or textile collections. As a result, the Council is looking to mitigate cost pressures of red and green recycling boxes where replacement boxes can be supplied for broken boxes however; additional boxes can be requested at a charge.

- Cllr Bush also noted that a review has been carried out by ECC on recycling centres, the booking system will remain.
- With regards to the parcels of land on Bay View Crescent and Seaview Avenue, these are being rationalised.
- In terms of planning policy and local plan, Cllr Bush advised that the District Council is currently ahead of targets and policies for the current Local Plan.
- Freeport status has been granted to Harwich, there are indirect issues with Hutchinson Ports Ltd and the sea wall realignment application as it appears that application monies have been used to offset costs for the sea wall realignment. The application is projected to go to the District Council's Planning Committee in March 2024.

23/112 Report from County Councillor Land

No report due to absence.

23/113 Clerk's Report

Report circulated.

Cllr Bush advised that other local Parish Council's use N-Power as their electricity supplier. Cllr Bush to provide further findings to Clerk.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bush and other Parish Council's to co-ordinate a collective electricity supply to mitigate SSE's increased costs.

23/114 Finance

Report circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Attrill, seconded by Cllr Coates, and RESOLVED to approve expenses and payments for December 2023 and January 2024, subject to confirmation of invoice for Great Oaktree Land Services.

Clerk has previously contacted Great Oaktree Land Service to seek clarification/refund relating to the value of invoices for grass cutting. A quotation (#105) was previously submitted in January 2023 for 12 cuts per year, at £120.00 per cut, this invoice and previous payments were the value of £125.00.

23/115 Planning

Applications

There were no planning applications.

Determinations

23/01222/ROC - Land South East of Harwich Road Little Oakley Essex CO12 5JA - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act, for removal of condition 4 (Provision and retention of road, turning, driveways and parking bays) of 19/00795/DETAIL to allow earlier occupation of No. 82.

The application was withdrawn on 10th November 2023.

23/116 Oakley Coronation Park

The Parish Council has agreed to withdraw and not proceed with Stage 2 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund as the Parish Council could not provide sufficient evidence of permissions from the land owner. No further play equipment can be installed until the land swap has been finalised with Essex County Council.

Two further quotations have been obtained for potential equipment in future.

23/117 Two Village School

Deferred to next meeting.

23/118 Items for the Next Agenda

- Financial Regulations – for review.
- Code of Conduct – for review.

Meeting concluded at 20.00 pm.