GREAT OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Mr D Land

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, 22nd JULY 2025 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr M Bush
Vice Chairman: Cllr C Browne
Councillors: Cllrs W Eddy, C Bush, C Browne, S Southern, D Timmis
District Councillor: Cllr M Bush
Essex County Councillor: Cllr D Land

1 member of the public were in attendance.

07 / 2025- 01 | Welcome
Cllr Bush welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07 / 2025 – 02 | Apologies for absence
The clerk noted that there were none.

07 / 2025 - 03 | Declarations of Interest
None declared.

07 / 2025 – 04 | To agree the minutes of the last meeting (17th June 2025)
Resolved: That the minutes be agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour.

07 / 2025 – 05 | Co-option of Councillor to GOPC
Resolved: Proposed that **Duncan Timmis** is accepted onto the Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Eddy, Seconded Cllr M Bush – all in favour.

07 / 2025 – 05 | Public Forum
MOP brought up that the footpath from the vehicular access sign up to the village hall entrance is bad in places. MOP indicated that two seal pups had been found dead on Earlhams.

07 / 2025 – 06 | Clerks report / Correspondence
Clerk reported the following matters:

- Mr Wiseman sent a letter about village maintenance matters – later in agenda
- Partridge Close – inconsiderate parking on the green. We own the green and could take measures to stop this.
- allotments have been contacted about the brambles coming over onto the path – no reply yet
- Soils update
- domains – web addresses

07 / 2025 – 07 | Chairman's Report
The Chairman noted:

- cover during meeting

07 / 2025 – 08 | District Councillor Report
Cllr Bush gave updates on the following points:

- cover during meeting

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07 / 2025– 09 | County Councillor Report / Local Government Reform
Cllr Land gave an update on the following matters:

- chevrons on bend near exchem installed

07 / 2025 – 10 | Reports
Parish Council Maintained Areas
Cllr Browne reported:

- bins need emptying – this Thursday
- overhanging brambles near school and encroachment of grass onto pavement
- sign in park to stop dogs entering play area

Public Rights of Way / Environment / Highways / Pavements
Cllr Browne reported:

- footways from Hamford Drive to recreation field is being encroached

TDALC
Cllr Eddy reported:

- meeting this week – Cllr Eddy to report back

Village Hall and New Community Facilities

- asbestos results have come back as 'clear from asbestos'
- quotes have been sought for various works including the roof and the storeroom
  Resolved: £4750 + Vat be approved for repairs on the roof. Proposed Cllr C Bush, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour
- we have now instructed ADM to do the painting in the gents/female toilets

07 / 2025 – 11 | To consider planning applications received from Tendring District Council
No objections.

07 / 2025 – 12 | Cheques and finance authorisation
To consider this month's payments for approval.
Resolved: that this month's cheques be signed. Proposed Cllr Southern, Seconded Cllr Eddy – all in favour.

07 / 2025 – 13 | Motions
Resolved that all motions be approved. Proposed Cllr Browne, Seconded Cllr M Bush - all in favour

Resolved to agree to move our banking operations for both the Great Oakley Parish Council and Great Oakley Village Hall Management Committee accounts from Santander to Barclays Bank and to include the use of a card reader for online payments (dual signatory) and the inclusion and use of a debit card for both accounts as per direction in the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

07 / 2025 – 14 | Agenda Items for Future Consideration
Soils | Oaktree | Grants | Bank change

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Meeting closed 20:50pm

Date and Time of next meeting | 23rd September 7pm 2025 | Village Hall