

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12th April 2016, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Fairs, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Williamson.

Clerk Mr D Williams and 1 member of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Barron, Borough Cllr Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th March 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i). A parishioner thanked the parish council for the communications regarding the works to Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG).

(ii). A parishioner referred to the recent coppicing of the hedge and trees on the border of HFRG and his rear garden. He said that it will take some time to get privacy back as it is clear that it will not grow back into a hedge quickly. The chain link fencing also needs repairing. He asked if the parish council will be installing temporary willow fencing.

(iii) He said that there may be some problem with clay heave with the removal of these trees. Cllr Bartleet said that the houses predate the hedge and the trees.

(iv) The parishioner referred to the ground works at HFRG removing the tennis courts, and asked if certificates will be provided regarding the soil brought into the site. Cllr Fairs confirmed that certificates will be provided.

The member of public left.

Members instructed the clerk to ask Essex Association of Local Councils whether or not the parish council has a legal obligation to put up a fence having coppiced to ground level a line of trees on the boundary with the rear of properties that back onto the playing field.

The meeting was resumed.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101537	Great Tey Village Hall Committee hall rental	£ 57.00	
101538	R Fairs – litter pick barbeque expenses	£ 60.80	
101539	D Williams-clerk salary £462.91 less PAYE £184.80	£ 278.11	
101540	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 184.80	
101541	Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) - subscription	£ 267.72	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £15,733.17, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The clerk advised that the application to EALC for a grant of £75 for a new copier, printer, scanner to enable the parish council to properly scan and record parish information on the web site had been agreed, and members agreed that a new machine could be purchased with these grant monies.

(d) It was agreed that Louisa Tippett be appointed as internal auditor to audit the accounts to 31 March 2016.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

160597 Tocia, Chappel Road - proposed build of a new garage to the rear of the house – we object to this application as it is development outside the village envelope.

160699 12 Farmfield Road - part two storey, part single storey side extension with associated alteration – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Approvals by Colchester Borough Council

160307 Barn To South Of Tey Cross Farmhouse, Earls Colne Road - Change of external appearance and enlargement of cellar in relation to the two storey rear extension only

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(c) Appeals

Planning Inspectorate APP/A1530/W/15/3137094 Foresters, Lamberts Lane - prior approval for a change of use from agricultural building to dwellinghouse.- appeal allowed

7. RURAL PLANNING REVIEW

Members considered that no response was required to the Call for Evidence.

8. HIGHWAYS

Members agreed to the response from Essex County Council (ECC) suggesting carriageway roundels and dragons teeth markings in response to the parish council’s request for countdown signs to reduce speeding from A120 into the village. The clerk was asked to respond accepting the proposals.

The clerk was instructed to ask the Highway Rangers to clean the signpost at the junction with Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road, and also to clean the 30mph sign on the gateway from Chappel on Chappel Road.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs said that the defibrillator box will be fixed to the front wall outside the main entrance shortly.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that now that the trees and hedging had been coppiced at the rear of the properties which borders with the recreation ground, it has revealed that the restraining wire on the chain link fence needs replacing in parts and he will ask the handyman for a quotation for this.

Cllr Fairs referred to the play equipment and said that Playquip have quoted to repair the bridge, and the handyman has quoted to repair it. He will meet him to discuss the specifications. The arched bridge also requires repair to the boards and Cllr Fairs will also ask the handyman for a quote to repair this. The clerk will establish the other quotation received for the arched bridge.

Cllr Fairs said that he will ask the handyman to quote to move the bench in the tennis court area, make good and relocate it to where the picnic bench was situated.

Cllr Fairs said that the tennis court area ground works had started, and he will liaise with the contractors regarding the disposal of the basket ball hoop.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that overhanging trees are affecting the plots on the right side and he will ask the handyman for a quotation to cut them back.

Cll Hamer will ask the allotment holders if they would like a stall at the Village Weekend.

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The meeting was arranged for next month prior to the parish council meeting. The clerk was asked to invite the Essex County Councillor and Colchester Borough Councillor.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Rural Community Council of Essex inviting parishes to enter the Essex Village of the Year Competition. Members noted that this was in a different format and decided not to enter this year.

Email from a parishioner asking for clarification on their boundary with the Old Playing Field. Cllr Fairs said that he would look at the issues and discuss with them if possible.

Email from a parishioner advising of further damage in Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

Email from ECC in response to the email regarding the unacceptable Saturday bus service. ECC advise that this matter was not raised during the area review consultation, but there is a possibility that the timetable could be revised to allow for a further Saturday service around 11.30am. ECC advise that the parish council will be kept informed. The clerk was asked to reply and ask for a successful outcome.

Copy correspondence from Bernard Jenkin MP to ECC Cabinet Member asking for comments following the parish council’s email concerning the unacceptable Saturday bus service.

Email from the Village Weekend organising committee asking for permission to use the Old Playing Field (OPF) from 23d to 27th June for the Village Weekend. They will have liability insurance as will third party suppliers and they will leave the OPF in good order. Members agreed.

Email received from a parishioner asking whether planning permission is required for a building recently erected at Great Tey Business Centre and whether the cladding will remain. Cllr Fairs declared an interest and said that he had been in contact with the parishioner, advised that the cladding will change, and a planning application will be submitted by the tenant which will have a letter of support from the parishioner.

Three emails received from three parishioners regarding the future use of the tennis court site, stating that they do not wish to see any activity introduced there which would encourage anti- social behaviour. The clerk was asked to reply and advise that due to lack of funds, the area will be levelled and grassed over.

14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The clerk was asked to circulate details of the sub committee responsibilities prior to the Annual General Meeting next month.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.24 pm.