

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 13th August 2013, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne,
Cllr Veash, Cllr Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P. Chillingworth and 5 members of public attended.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th July 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i).The transport representative said that Colchester Borough Council (CBC) is to take action regarding the seating at Colchester bus station. He said that because of health and safety requirements, a pedestrian crossing is required across the car park to get access to Colchester bus station.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he will enquire regarding the pedestrian crossing requirement and report back to the council.

The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Planning Committee will consider the planning application for Chrysmond Croft at the meeting on 22nd August.

He said that permitted development without the requirement for a planning application is to be extended. He mentioned that this would affect ground floor property extensions at the rear of a property, and the conversion of redundant farm buildings to residential use.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

| Chq.No. | Payee | Amount (£) / of which VAT:- |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|
| 101360 | Anglian Water – estimated allotment use | £ 51.09 |
| 101361 | D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.60 | £ 358.90 |
| 101362 | HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary | £ 89.60 |
| 101363 | I Dyer – grasscuts | £ 79.20 £ 13.20 |
| | Youth Activity Club Account | |
| 100062 | Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental | £ 34.00 |

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £16,130.80, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 636.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 21.50. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

131301 2 New Cottages, Brook Road – single storey extension and alterations to existing house – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

131435 Land South East of Tocia, Chappel Road – change of use of land to extension to garden of Tocia and erection of a garden shed on the land – we object to this change of use of the land as it is beyond the village envelope.

(b) Approvals

131207 2 East Gores Road – erection of two storey rear extension – approved subject to 2 conditions.

(c) It was agreed to take no further action regarding the advice from CBC that paper copies of planning applications will not be sent in future.

8. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that the allotment gate post has not been replaced, and the clerk was asked to contact the handyman regarding this.

Cllr Fairs said that he inspected the fence between the OPF and the rear gardens of Brook Road, and established that one property requires the hedge to be cut back, and he will ask the householder to do so.

9.VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs referred to the forthcoming refurbishment of the village hall and said that he had established with the contractor that all the hall bookings for August and the first week in September were to be cancelled and he will liaise with the village hall treasurer and the hall users regarding this. The refurbished hall will re open on 9th September. Some cost additions will be necessary for work now required which was not necessary when the quotation was submitted in 2011.

10.HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that the grass around the play area should be strimmed when the field is next cut, which is now due. The clerk was asked to contact the handyman regarding this.

Cllr Fairs said that he had prepared a report on the play area which had been circulated to members. Cllr Beesley said that he would research repairs required to seats and Cllr Williamson said that she would liaise with Cllr Beesley and approach Playdale for a quotation regarding other repairs required.

11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said that he is in contact with Essex County Council (ECC) Highways regarding several outstanding Highways issues. He said that the responses received to our enquiries are not satisfactory. These cover general resurfacing, the pothole repair near the Old Rectory, the Old Ford Crossing at Tey Brook, and the road signs at Moor Road and New Barn Road. He said that he had been in contact with Essex County Councillor Anne Brown. She said that she would contact the ECC councillor who is the Highways portfolio holder to relook at these issues. Cllr Brewer said that we await the decision regarding our request for an improvement to the junction of Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road.

Cllr Fairs said that he had arranged for a family member to machine cut the hedge at the junction of Chappel Road and Earls Colne Road at no cost to improve vision to road users, and together with Cllr Langthorne he will contact householders whose hedges are restricting pavements and roadways.

12.CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE –None.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Brewer said that he had been in contact with the home fire safety service giving them dates in September and October when they could make a presentation to residents.

Cllr Fairs said that the Village Hall Management Committee require a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer/booking official. Cllr Brewer and Cllr Williamson said that they would meet with the current treasurer to detail his job role and responsibilities. It was agreed to arrange for an emergency village hall committee meeting, inviting all hall users and villagers interested in the village hall, to seek volunteers for the committee posts. It was considered that if no volunteers are forthcoming, then the treasurer post would have to be a salaried job, and funded by a reduction in parish council subsidies and increased hall rentals. This meeting would be advertised in Round and About, and be held before the next parish council meeting.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.55pm.

Chairperson.....

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