

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

At the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th August 2016, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Barron, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Fairs, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 25 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Cllr Fairs declared an interest in Minute 8 regarding the Colchester Local Plan as his family own land in and around Great Tey.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th July 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Williamson said that she had emailed Marks Tey Parish Council to establish whether or not they wished to become involved in a joint parish response to the Colchester Local Plan consultation regarding the proposals for West Tey. She had not received any response.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(i) A parishioner asked if any reply had been received from Essex County Council (ECC) regarding the parish council's complaints concerning the deterioration in the bus service recently, and if not ask that ECC Cllr Anne Brown and the ECC officer responsible attends the next parish council meeting.

Cllr Beesley said that no reply had been received, and this will be chased and a copy sent to ECC Cllr Brown.

(ii) A parishioner asked what is the preferred site proposed in Great Tey.

Cllr Beesley said that it is on the right hand side of Brook Road coming into the village, opposite the existing houses.

(iii) A parishioner said that there is the site on the left hand side of Brook Road coming into the village before Warrens turning, and the site on the right hand side of Brook Road, are there any more sites.

Cllr Beesley said that the only preferred site in the Local Plan is on the right hand side of Brook Road coming into the village, opposite the existing houses.

(iv) A parishioner asked if the parish council has a view on the site on the left hand side of Brook Road coming into the village. The article in Round and About talks of the merits, but there are minus points also to consider.

Cllr Beesley said that the parish council does not have a view on this site.

(v) A parishioner asked if the parish council has discussed any other site other than the preferred site in Brook Road opposite the existing houses.

Cllr Beesley said that the parish council has not discussed any other site.

(vi) A parishioner asked if the public will know the parish council's view on the preferred site in Brook Road opposite the existing houses.

Cllr Beesley said that this will be considered later in this meeting.

(vii) A parishioner said that there needs to be an agreement, if the development of the preferred option site to go ahead, for a footpath on the left hand side of Brook Road. Is this an opportunity to give priority in certain directions still allowing residents to park there. We previously wanted to have a roundabout and speed bumps but were told by ECC Highways that this was not possible as the road was a County Route, but a priority system has since been introduced along this road in Chappel.

(viii) A parishioner asked if this development is outside the current village envelope. If so it would be part of a new village envelope if the development goes through.

(ix) A parishioner said that we need to see continuous development in Great Tey otherwise we will lose the post office, pub and the school. Moor Road is the area where development should be concentrated. This would keep the village as a centre. Can the parish council work with Colchester Borough Council to plan this. Further industrial development is needed at Tey Brook and Warrens Farm.

(x) A parishioner asked what are the public rights of way for vehicles along The Chase to the allotments which has been denied.

(xi) A parishioner said that the parish council has rights to access its land by vehicle.

(xii) A parishioner said that allotment holders have vehicle rights of access from the parish council. The grass on the Old Playing Field is being resown at present which is why access is not possible.

Cllr Fairs said that allotment holders ask the parish council in advance for permission to access the allotments by vehicle. The key is held by Tey Farm Systems close to the gate, and by the clerk.

(xiii) A parishioner said that he noticed that vehicles are parked on the Old Playing Field from time to time.

Cllr Beesley said that the parish council will ask that access to the Old Playing Field is kept clear at all times.

(xiv) A parishioner said that he encourages the parish council to contact local parish councils to co-ordinate a reply regarding the proposed West Tey development. Will there be a special meeting in the parish.

Cllr Beesley said that a meeting depends on the response received from other parish councils. At present we have nothing to respond.

(xv) A parishioner asked on what framework is the proposed West Tey site.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the site has not yet been defined, the outer limit is in the plan but it cannot be defined until the A12 and the A120 routes and development have been done.

(xvi) A parishioner asked if the parish council has put a picnic table in the Old Playing Field near Nuts End.

Cllr Fairs said that the parish council had not put a picnic table there. UK Power Network has recently taken down a conifer tree.

(xvii) A parishioner asked if an open meeting will be arranged once the parish council has met to consider the West Tey development.

5. REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth referred to page 144 of the preferred options plan regarding Great Tey. He said that if the village wants to consider further development he recommends that a neighbourhood plan is drawn up. This would then be adopted by Colchester Borough Council and included in the Local Plan.

He said that a Locality Budget is being introduced this financial year, and every Ward Councillor has £2,000 to allocate, and with 3 Ward Councillors and 11 parish councils in the Ward, he suggests that proposals are put forward before February. These proposals could be small at approximately £500, or larger in excess of £3,000. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6.FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101564	D Williams-clerk salary £462.91 less PAYE £184.80	£ 278.11
101565	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 184.80
101566	Anglian Water – allotments water use	£ 19.99

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £20,296.28, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7.PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

161951 5 East Gores Road - Proposed Single Storey Side Extension together with Detached Double Garage (Demolition of Existing Garage) – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

Cllr Beesley said that Borough Cllr Chillingworth recommends a neighbourhood plan for Great Tey. This would involve a group outside the parish council and if anyone is interested or knows anyone who is, then please advise the parish council.

8. COLCHESTER LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Beesley said that the preferred site was on the right hand side of Brook Road coming into the village, being opposite the existing houses. After considerable discussion the agreed response is:-

We support this proposed development subject to:-

We wish to see this development have consideration to investigate traffic calming measures for example priority traffic flow (as in Chappel);ensure that there is a continuous footpath/footway on the west side of Brook Road; a mix of housing to include low cost and “affordable” housing; and suitable access with off road parking, so that there is no additional parking on the east side of Brook Road. This is subject to our ongoing involvement.

We would be interested in further discussions regarding future development on a small scale that would bring sustainability to existing village amenities.

The response to the proposed development at West Tey will be considered at the next parish council meeting on 13th September which will start at 7pm.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Williamson referred to the ROSPA report and the possible restructure and replacement of the play area. One quotation has been received for this, and she has approached a further two providers, but no quotations have yet been received. She will chase these quotes and this matter will be considered at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to put the following in Round and About:- The parish council wish to advise that they are obtaining quotations for the refurbishment of the play equipment at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground, which they hope to carry out as soon as possible.

A resident of Greenfield Drive has asked that the weeds near the fence that backs onto the playing field need spraying with weed killer and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to do this, avoiding the hedge. The handyman is also to be asked to top cut the new grass sown to strengthen it.

10. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that he would look at the picnic table previously reported, and also look at the silver birch tree which has been taken down.

The clerk was asked to bring the deeds of the Old Playing Field to the next meeting to try to establish the boundary.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that he would establish if the overhanging trees have been cut back and if the Essex Way has been cleared.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From A120 Study Group giving details of the next meeting. Cllr Fairs confirmed that he could attend.
From Essex County Council advising that there are no funds available to cover the cost of the reintroduction of the Saturday mid day bus service. Members proposed that Essex County Cllr Brown is asked for assistance here.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Hamer said that the funding for the swimming pool could be considered for the Locality Budget. Members said that proposals from the organisers would be required.

Cllr Hamer said that there is vegetation overhanging the footpath from the bus stop to the junction with The Street. The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to clear the footpath, and also to ask Strutt and Parker, who are the agents for the landowners, to cut back the trees as they have done before.

The clerk asked councillors to reply to emails where a decision is required before the next meeting, so that a majority supporting a decision can properly authorise any action needed.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 10.03 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....
