

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

091660 Great Tey Reservoir & Booster, Tey Road – Construction of a booster pump station within the grounds of the Great Tey Water Reservoir site to provide the Supply Network with a contingency to allow essential maintenance to be carried out on other Assets within the Supply Network – No objection subject to the Parish Council being satisfied that the booster pump does not operate continuously and that there is no noise pollution to the surrounding houses. We would ask that the proposed hedging at the front of the pumping station is planted in accordance with the landscaping on the design and access statement.

(b)The clerk advised that further guidance had been requested from Colchester Planning Department regarding the relocation of the parish council notice board and the requirement for planning permission. This was repeated twice. They were then advised that if no response was received then we would presume that we can relocate it. Receipt of our communication was confirmed but no reply was received. It was therefore agreed that the notice board can be relocated now, and the clerk was asked to inform the owners of The Bell House who have kindly agreed to this, and also to ask the handyman to relocate it.

Cllr Traube said that a parishioner had asked him whether the development at Collups Barn, Brook House Road was in accordance with the planning approval as the house is detached and not attached to the stables. The clerk was asked to investigate and advise parish councillors accordingly.

8. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that the owner of Monticelli, Brook Road had kindly agreed that a water pipe could be passed under his garden either by a trench or pipe boring so that the community project of providing water to the allotments could proceed. Cllr Fairs said that he would circulate a draft letter to parish councillors regarding this, and the works would be done as soon as the weather improves.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that he had prepared a list of minor repairs for the annual maintenance of the hall and he will obtain a quote from Mr Hermon and discuss it with the Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee. The notice board will be varnished when it is placed at its new location. This was included in last year’s maintenance invoice.

10. ANNUAL LITTER PICK

It was agreed to have the village litter pick on Saturday 13th March, and to advise Cllr Coy so that he can make the usual arrangements for equipment etc.

11. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Essex County Council (ECC) Highways enclosing details of the bus timetable which can be posted on the web site.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i)Where are the salt bins located in the parish? He was advised that the parish council is seeking clarification from the Borough.

The meeting resumed.

12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Traube said that the Local Transport Questionnaire published by ECC was being completed and returned by a number of parishioners and local groups including the school. He proposed that the parish council also submitted comments stating that:- the current bus service meets government guidelines for a minimum bus service and 2 buses in and out of the village each day are essential; there is an increased need as the local shop has closed and the buses are even more necessary; and an improved service would be welcomed. This response was agreed and the clerk was asked to write accordingly.

Cllr Traube said that the covering of the waste bin near the bus shelter has been removed. The clerk was instructed to ask Colchester Borough Council to mend it.

Cllr Fairs said that a contractor had been instructed to complete the one outstanding job on the play area.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairperson.....

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