

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

At the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017, at 7.30 pm

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

Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of the public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Bartleet.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Fairs declared a family interest but no financial interest in the proposed development of land off Greenfield Drive.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 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). Will the response to the Local Plan be finalised tonight?

(ii). Should the response come from the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee?

(iii). Will it change from the response to the Preferred Options Document?

(iv). I would like to see the original response repeated.

Cllr Fairs said in answer to these questions, the response will be considered by the Parish Council and take into account the thoughts of the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee.

The meeting continued.

**5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Borough Cllr Chillingworth referred to the Colchester Draft Local Plan and said that in regard to West Tey he has drafted a response being an objection. He has suggested that West Tey should be withdrawn and considered again after 2033. The plan should proceed with East Colchester Garden Village before the larger development at West Tey is considered after 2033. He said that Great Tey Parish Council should respond to the West Tey proposal in the Draft Local Plan.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the sum of £590 had been paid to the parish from last year's Locality Budget and projects for this year are now invited, with half the budget being considered for payment now, and £400 is available for each parish.

He said that local parishes are seeking improvements to the road from A120 to Mount Bures which passes through Great Tey, and a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall. Parish Councillors were invited to attend, and members of the transport sub committee were suggested. Cllr Hunt agreed to attend and the clerk was asked to contact Cllr Bartleet to ask if he could attend as well.

**6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Hamer said that Colchester Borough Council say that a planning officer will be allocated to the sub committee to assist with the plan. A questionnaire to all the parishioners is being prepared. She has been in contact with the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) who give support to parishes preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. A fee of £50 will be payable to access the RCCE guidance on the Plan, and members approved to this expenditure. A grant for Plan expenses can be applied for, but it will not include expenditure already made.

**7. COLCHESTER LOCAL PLAN**

Responses to the draft local plan are required by 11<sup>th</sup> August. After considerable discussion the following responses were agreed as draft responses for further consideration. These will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee who will report back to the Parish Council before the next meeting. The final responses will then be considered and agreed by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

1. Brook Road development.

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 like to see a development of at least 17 houses on this site that were mentioned in the preferred options plan.

2. Land off Greenfield Drive

Cllr Fairs said that he is not discussing this response in view of his family interest.

We agree in principle with development in Great Tey to sustain existing amenities. We are drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with parishioners and local landowners with the purpose of identifying numbers and location of dwellings.

3. West Tey development

Members asked to see the details of the objection that is being proposed by other local parish councils, and the clerk was asked to obtain this from Borough Cllr Chillingworth.

**8.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101623	Rural Community Council of Essex – subscription	£ 72.60	£ 12.10
101624	D Williams-clerk salary £467.50 less PAYE £186.80	£ 280.70	
101625	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 186.80	
101626	Great Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rent	£ 57.00	
101627	Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA report on the play area	£ 100.80	£ 16.80
101628	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grasscuts	£ 775.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £19,931.83, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

**9. BUS SERVICE**

Cllr Williamson said that she attended the Passenger Transport meeting in Colchester, and there is no movement to improve the Saturday service based on costs. The bus service seems to have improved recently. 2 members of public left the meeting.

**10. GREAT TEY WEB SITE**

The clerk advised that Mr Collier has been in contact with the web site hosting company, and has made good progress with a new web site based on the Wordpress system. The clerk suggested some new pages and alterations which were agreed. Mr Collier was thanked for his work.

**11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Fairs said that the possible unauthorised access and parking on the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) and car park was discussed at the last meeting and it was agreed that he would obtain quotations for the installation of an overhead height restrictor. These have been received, one for £2,500 plus VAT and one for £2,995 plus VAT. He said that it is necessary for fencing to be installed on the side of the height restrictor, and the quotation for £2,500 does not supply fencing. The quote for £2,995 does supply fencing, and a further cost of £1,400 plus VAT is quoted. The quotation for £2,995 was for an improved product and the increased in costs was justified. Cllr Fairs said that bollards could be installed in place of the fencing which would be just as effective and at a reduced cost.

Members therefore agreed in principle to accept the quotation from C & W Fencing for £2,995 plus VAT, and also the installation of bollards by C & W Fencing at a cost less than £1,400 plus VAT. This cost can be found from the Parish Council reserves.

It was agreed that the clerk asks Borough Cllr Chillingworth to consider a payment from the Locality Budget once the cost of the bollards is known.

Cllr Fairs said that the ROSPA report for the play area had been received, and there were only four items for action. The clerk was asked to send the report to the handyman and ask him to attend to two items, quote for a third item, and monitor the fourth item.

**12. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Beesley and Cllr Fairs said that they had not visited The Chase with an allotment holder to discuss the issue of access to the Old Playing Field (OPF) and the allotments, and will do so. The situation can then be monitored and further action considered if it does not improve. Members asked for an update on previous correspondence.

Cllr Hunt said that the plot holders are considering an allotment association. He said that the trees on the right side of the allotment plots have not been cut back and this should be done in November. Cllr Hunt said that he would look at the unused allotment plots and report back.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Correspondence received from a parishioner regarding a fencing issue, and Cllr Fairs said that he would speak to the neighbouring landowner and report back.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.06pm.

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

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