

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

At the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12th September 2017, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Beesley (later), Cllr Fairs(Chairman), Cllr Williamson.

Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth and 10 members of the public attended.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None

3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDENS COMPETITION AND BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

The chairman congratulated all the certificate winners and said that the time spent working in their garden was appreciated by the village. Cheques were presented to the Garden winners. Certificate winners were:-

Best Kept Large Front Garden

First Prize - Bucklers Farm, Buckleys Lane

Third Prize - Braziers, Dowsland Green

Highly Commended – Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane

Second Prize - Tey Cross Farm, Earls Colne Road

Highly Commended - Windells Farm, Earls Colne Road

Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - 1 Saucelands Cottages, Coggeshall Road

Third Prize - 16 Holliland Croft

Highly Commended – 3 Holliland Croft

Second Prize - Tye Cottage, 4 East Gores Road

Highly Commended - Scenterfields, Chappel Road

Highly Commended - 10 Holliland Croft

Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - Plot 3, C Lucock

Third Prize - Plot 6, A Coy

Highly Commended – Plot 1a, J Appleton

Second Prize - Plot 2a, D Frost

Highly Commended – Plot 10b, D Ellis

The clerk was asked to put these results in Round and About Great Tey. 6 members of public left the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th August 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Cllr Beesley joined the meeting.

The meeting was suspended

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(i) There is a water leak in The Street at the top of The Chase from a hydrant. Anglian Water advise that they will attend to this within 10 days.

(ii) Footpath 16 down the side of Scenterfields, Chappel Road does not have a sign, and the footpath is blocked.

The meeting continued.

The clerk was asked to report to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways the lack of a sign and the blockage for footpath 16.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the minutes for the five parishes highways meeting have been circulated. He asked that the speeding information requested is sent to him by the end of September.

He also said that the Local Plan Committee met recently and there were no further recommendations and no changes to the plan which will now be sent to the Inspector.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that Local Development Corporations have been proposed by Government to manage the proposed garden communities.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Williamson said that the committee met on 5th September and has arranged a drop in at the village hall on Saturday 30th September from 12 noon until 4pm when parishioners can raise issues concerning the plan. The responses will form the basis of the survey questionnaire which will be distributed to every household in the parish.

Cllr Williamson said that the committee are considering the possible involvement of a planning consultant and they are investigating the cost.

7.FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No. Payee

Amount (£) / of which VAT:-

101632 A Bartleet - Winner Best Kept Large Garden Competition

£ 20.00

101633 N Veash - Winner Best Kept Small Front Garden Competition

£ 20.00

101634 D Williams-clerk salary £467.50 less PAYE £186.80

£ 280.70

101635 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary

£ 186.80

101636 Anglian Water – allotment water

£ 33.66

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £18,904.23, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38.

The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

8. PLANNING MATTERS (a) Applications

Cllr Beesley registered an interest in the following application as he is a potential neighbour. He will remain in the meeting and make a statement but will not vote on the matter.

172102 Land adjacent The Laurels (formerly Marshalls Bungalow), Chappel Road - Temporary stationing of a mobile home in connection with the development of an agricultural holding - after discussion the agreed response is:- we find it very difficult to comment on this application at present as it has been brought to our attention that the site plan may be inaccurate and we are unsure about the vehicular access of the applicant to the site.

172128 Marshalls Manor, Chappel Road - Conversion of existing double garage with loft space above to single garage and living accommodation at ground and first floor level - no objection subject to (i) the conversion remains part of Marshalls Manor (ii) neighbours' views.

172208 Roselea, Broad Green – two storey domestic extension - no objection subject to neighbours' views

172344 and 172345. Up Hall Farm, Salmons Lane - proposed change of use of redundant agricultural buildings, including a grade II listed cartlodge, to a B1 office use – we support this application subject to neighbours' views.

(b)Advice of Planning Applications Approved by Colchester Borough Council

171032 Land adjacent The Laurels (formerly Marshalls Bungalow) – erection of farm building.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Fairs said that contact had been received from the new affordable housing officer at CBC asking if the parish is interested in pursuing the rural exception site route for affordable housing in Great Tey. After discussion members agreed to respond saying that we are in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and when matters have progressed we will be in contact. The clerk was asked to reply.

10. GREAT TEY WEB SITE

The clerk advised that Mr Collier has made good progress with the new web site. He has suggested some alterations which were agreed.

11.VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs said that the Trustees of the Village Hall are obtaining three quotations for the repair and replacement of the roof, and they are now seeking funding support for the works. The clerk was asked to approach Rural Community Council of Essex and a local contact to obtain recommendations for an architect to supervise the project.

Cllr Fairs referred to the response received from the pre school manager following the parish council’s request to remove the advertising sign in the car park. The parish council have been asked to agree to the sign remaining in place to acknowledge the work done for the pre school at no cost, and a list of the work done was provided. It was agreed to reply stating that whilst appreciating the work that has been done by the contractors, the council would prefer to being asked in advance and agree that it can remain in place, but suggest that if they wish to retain it after June next year, that an approach to the parish council is made again at that time. The clerk was asked to reply.

The clerk said that the village hall manager is obtaining quotations for an asbestos survey. Cllr Fairs asked that he is advised of those quotations.

12.HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that the order had been placed with C & W Fencing to install the agreed overhead height restrictor and bollards at the entrance to the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) and car park. He will forward the reduced quotation to the clerk.

Cllr Fairs referred to the request for a replacement fence from a resident whose rear garden borders the HFRG. Members agreed that there are no plans to replace the fence as the fence installed there has two strands of wire to denote the boundary. The clerk was asked to advise the resident.

13.OLD PLAYING FIELD

Members agreed to advise the residents of Nuts End when parking arrangements are made on the Old Playing Field as they are affected by the resultant traffic along The Chase.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Essex Air Ambulance requesting a donation from the Parish Council. Members agreed to consider this when the budgets are agreed in January.

Letter received from The Planning Inspectorate enclosing further correspondence regarding Footpath 64 off Lamberts Lane stating that Essex County Council have provided further information regarding the proposed upgrading of the footpath to a Bridleway and asking whether the Parish Council has further comments to make. Members agreed that the objections remain, but there is nothing further to add.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Beesley said that he was no longer able to attend parish council meetings, and so he tendered his resignation from the parish council with immediate effect. His resignation was accepted, and members thanked him for all that he had done during his time on the parish council. The clerk was asked to make the usual arrangements to advertise the vacancy, and to put a note in Round and About Great Tey regarding the vacancy.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.52pm.