

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th April 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Veash, Cllr Williamson,
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Beesley, Cllr Fairs

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11th March 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer asked if details are being provided to Zurich Insurance for an alternative insurance quote. The clerk confirmed that is so and the policy is due for renewal on 1st June and the details will be available at the next meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

There were no public questions or statements.

The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that Moor Road is to be repaired at Aldham. The black waste sacks are to be distributed during the week of 6th May. White garden refuse sacks cost £3.64 for a replacement bag. Food caddies are available at Marks Tey Parish Council offices. Colchester Castle reopens on 2nd May. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Credit received – VAT refund

£ 3,213.04

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

Chq.No. Payee

Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-

101408 D Williams- clerk salary £453.00 less PAYE £90.60

£ 362.40

101409 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary

£ 90.60

101410 Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental

£ 57.00

101411 Essex Association of Local Councils – subscription

£ 258.73

101412 I Dyer – handyman

£ 276.76

£ 46.13

101413 I dyer – grasscutting

£ 79.20

£ 13.20

Youth Activity Club Account

100069 Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental

£ 34.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 10,283.28, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 415.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

142507 Great Tey Business Centre, Brook Road - Demolition of 4no. grain silos and ancillary equipment replacing with commercial building.- No objections subject to neighbours' views, and no movement of vehicles during unsocial hours (11pm until 6am)

143711 Chequers Inn, The Street - Clad external walls of existing toilet as weatherproofing – No objections

(b) Approvals

140530 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – proposed infill to existing open porch – approved subject to 2 conditions.

8. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Langthorne said that the heating of the village hall needs to be managed and this can be addressed when the system is serviced in June.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Brewer proposed that the council asks Mr R. Fordham, tree surgeon to inspect the conifers at the tennis courts in August and quote for both topping the trees and also cutting down and removing. This was agreed.

It was agreed that Cllr Williamson liaise with Cllr Beesley as to what Play Area work could be undertaken by the Handyman. Thereafter Cllr Williamson to instruct Playquip to replace play equipment in accordance with their quotation to the cost of £400 being the Locality Grant paid to the Parish Council by Colchester Borough Council. The Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall are also instructing Playquip with the remainder of the works quoted.

It was agreed to ask the handyman to quote for the replacement of wooden posts around the skateboard park as some have rotted, and the clerk was instructed to obtain the quote.

Cllr Langthorne said that parishioners had said that the area from the path to the play area becomes muddy and it was agreed to ask the handyman to quote for the labour of laying of slabs and to ask how many are required as a parishioner is providing the slabs.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Following a complaint it was agreed that the clerk advises allotment holders in writing that no parking is permitted in The Chase and that permission is required from the parish council before cars or motor cycles are driven on the Old Playing Field. Advance permission can be given for occasional vehicle access.

11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said that he had circulated to members the correspondence he has had with Essex County Council Highways (Highways) and Essex County Cllr Anne Brown regarding the highways work required. He said that ECC Cllr Brown has advised him that Highways wish to attend a Parish Council meeting in May. He awaited further details but proposed that they attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May instead. This was agreed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk was asked to circulate the details of councillors' sub committee responsibilities prior to the Annual General Meeting in May.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairperson.....

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