

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

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

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 3 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None

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

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Beesley said that the minutes on the web site are now up to date.

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(i). What was the Parish Council's response to Colchester Borough Council (CBC) regarding the proposed development of 40 houses between Greenfield Drive and New Barn Road. Answer – Cllr Beesley read out the response from the minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

(ii). Was anything else put in Round and About regarding the planning proposal. Answer – The clerk advised that parishioners were advised that the report of the Open Meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 regarding the proposed development of 40 houses between Greenfield Drive and New Barn Road was on the parish council notice board and on the web site.

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that the locality budget estimates submitted were being considered.

He also advised that the CBC are making available free recycling boxes for bottles which are the same as those for tins.

These can be collected from Marks Tey Village Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 3.30 pm. The clear recycling sacks will be delivered in May.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that CBC are encouraging parishes to have a neighbourhood watch scheme.

A full discussion with the public and with parish councillors followed concerning neighbourhood plans with particular reference to Great Tey.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

## 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the application for a change in the Preferred Option Local Plan of a proposed development of up to 40 houses between Greenfield Drive and New Barn Road, two parishioners have contacted the parish council to advise that they would join a committee to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Williamson suggested that the appointment of a parish council sub committee be made after a forthcoming meeting with CBC on 25<sup>th</sup> April when further information regarding a neighbourhood plan will be given. This sub committee would represent the parish council on a neighbourhood plan committee. Cllr Hamer said that she would be happy to lead a sub committee and asked for a show of hands of other parish councillors who would join the sub committee as this would demonstrate to the public our support of a neighbourhood plan. Those who are to attend the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April with CBC advised the meeting.

The meeting was suspended, and a general discussion followed with the public regarding the process of a neighbourhood plan. The meeting continued.

Members agreed an article in Round and About regarding the proposed neighbourhood plan and asking parishioners to support it and to join the neighbourhood plan committee.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT
101605	Great Tey Village Hall Committee hall rental	£ 57.00	
101606	D Williams-clerk salary £467.50 less PAYE £186.80	£ 280.70	
101607	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 186.80	
101608	M Williamson – travel expenses- bus meeting at Essex County Cncl	£ 19.70	
101609	Essex Association of Local Councils – annual subscription	£ 272.11	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £14,544.75 , Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

**8.PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a)Advice of Planning Applications Approved by Colchester Borough Council  
170323 Rojo 6 The Street – single storey front and side extension – approved subject to 6 conditions and 1 informative.
- (b) Advice of of Planning Applications Refused by Colchester Borough Council  
170355 Site of Former Barn, South of Teybrook Farmhouse, Brook Road - Variation of conditions 2, 5, 6 and 9 of  
planning permission 101834  
170400 Tocia, Chappel Road - proposed to build a new garage to the rear of the house.
- (c) Cllr Hamer said that she attended an event at CBC concerning planning which was helpful. She said that CBC advised that they would distribute information for other parish councillors but this has not yet been received, and the clerk was asked to obtain this from CBC.

**9. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Beesley said that the pothole on Brook Road near Tey Brook Orchard has been repaired.

**10. BUS SERVICE**

Cllr Williamson said that she attended a meeting at ECC County Hall with ECC Cllr Brown and the cabinet member regarding the Saturday bus service timetable and the bus timetable and service generally. The reinstatement of the Saturday mid day service was requested in place of the 08.50 bus which is not helpful to bus users. This request is being considered. Cllr Williamson said that she will attend the Passenger Transport meeting in Colchester in June.

**11. GREAT TEY WEB SITE**

Cllr Beesley said that he had not yet contacted Mr D Collier and the web site manager regarding the construction of the new web site, but will do so. The minutes are now up to date and the financial information will be updated when this year's information has been completed.

**12.VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Williamson and Cllr Fairs said that they will arrange to meet the village hall manager for the annual review.

**13. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Bartleet said that the contractor should be asked to cut the hedge between Lower Langley and the school now as it is near a public highway and encroaching onto it.

**14. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Beesley said he had not visited The Chase with Cllr Fairs and an allotment holder to discuss the issue of access to the Old Playing Field (OPF) and the allotments, and will do. The situation can then be monitored and further action considered if it does not improve.

**15. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the meeting on 9th May at 7pm before the next parish council meeting. A CBC representative will attend to advise the parish about the new CBC waste strategy and waste collections. The chairman's report is to be at the end of the meeting.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Bartleet said that the sign post at the junction of Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road needs cleaning. Cllr Beesley said that he would attend to it.

The clerk reminded the signatories of the Trustees' investments that identification details need to be reconfirmed to the investment managers before any further withdrawals can be made.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

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

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