

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10th April 2012, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Beesley, Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Fairs (Chairman), Cllr M Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth, and 2 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Traube, Cllr Veash

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13th March 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that work had started on the village hall rose bed, and he has been advised that some roses may need removing. He suggested that we wait and see what happens to the roses this year.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he met with Essex County Cllr Brown, Cllr Brewer and Cllr Traube to inspect the roads around the village and a report has been prepared by Cllr Brewer. This will be presented to the new Highways Panel which will meet after the May elections. He also said that there will be training for parish councillors regarding neighbourhood plans in May. He referred to the new National Planning Policy Framework announced by the Government, and said that a Local Plan is to be prepared by the Borough Council within 12 months.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i). A parishioner asked for permission to use the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground on Sunday 3rd June from 12 noon until 2pm for a Diamond Jubilee Celebration picnic. This was agreed subject to the usual requirements of arranging public liability insurance and advising the clerk of the details, together with tidying up after use.

(ii). The transport representative said that he would attend a bus meeting in May, and will report back.

The meeting resumed.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following funds have been received

Essex County Council – Olympic Legacy Grant	£ 400.00
H M Revenue & Customs – VAT refund	£ 633.14

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101264	Essex Association of Local Councils – subscription	£ 251.33
101265	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 52.80
101266	D Williams – clerk salary £444.08 less PAYE £88.82	£ 355.26
101267	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 88.82
101268	Colchester Association of Local Councils	£ 35.00
101269	Great Tey Golden Jubilee Fund – ECC Olympic Legacy Grant	£ 400.00

Youth Activity Club Account

100047	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 46.80
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(b) A transfer from Business Saver Account to Community Account was not required and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 831.71, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 1,093.83 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 9,313.23. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) The clerk reported on the grant funding position for the two projects being considered.

An application for grant funding for the removal of the tennis courts has been made by The Trustees of the Village Hall for £10,000 to Peoples Health Trust Lottery. This application was not successful as previously reported. An application for £5,000 is prepared and will be made to BIFFA by the Parish Council once a second quotation for these works has been received. Cllr Fairs has said that he will arrange this quotation.

Applications for £13,582 to BIFFA by The Trustees of the Village Hall, and £10,000 to Cory by the Parish Council for the redecoration and repairs to the village hall have been submitted. BIFFA have responded by asking for a further application with more detail. This is being prepared.

7. PLANNING MATTERS Applications

120576 Oak Lodge, Moor Road – erection of new fence to enclose garden area - We have no objections to the erection of a fence but this

is subject to Condition 10 of Approval of the Planning Application 112435 dated 12 January 2012 and approved on 7 March 2012, and also subject to neighbours' views.

120595 Oak Lodge, Moor Road – retention of existing swimming pool building - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

120182 Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road – new access crossing over public footpath to provide off road parking – approved subject to 12 conditions

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY

The information given by the Rural Housing Enabler from the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) at the presentation at the last meeting was discussed. As it was some years since an affordable housing survey was last undertaken in the parish Cllr Beesley proposed that one was arranged in June, Cllr Brewer seconded this, and all agreed. The clerk was asked to contact RCCE to make the arrangements.

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said that with Cllr Traube they met ECC Cllr Brown and Borough Cllr Chillingworth to inspect the state of the roads in and around the village. He has prepared a report which will be presented to the new Highways Panel. Cllr Brewer said that he would put a note in Round and About updating parishioners regarding this and reminding them to report potholes to ECC Highways.

10. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs asked the clerk to contact UK Power Network to arrange another meeting regarding the tree work that they have been asked to undertake.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Williamson said that she will attend the Annual General Meeting of the Hall Management Committee and report back.

12. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

The quotation from Mr Dyer for £340 plus VAT to repair the steps to the mound was considered, and it was agreed to accept this subject to a site meeting within 14 days with Cllr Fairs and then for the job to be completed within 14 days of the site meeting. It was also agreed that the Trustees of the Village Hall would be asked for a donation to cover this cost.

13. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold this at 7pm on Tuesday 8th May, with an agenda item for Highways - an update on the repair of roads in the parish. The clerk was asked to advertise the meeting in Round and About.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Mr S Boulter in replying to the parish council article in Round and About advising that he has a handyman business. The clerk was asked to thank him and advise him that the council will keep his name on file and contact him if and when an opportunity arises.

From the allotment holder of Plot 10b asking for permission to erect a shed size 6 feet by 4 feet on the plot in the right hand corner. This was agreed.

From Mr P Fairs in response to the parish council enquiry regarding the water lying on Coggeshall Road advising that he will investigate whether or not there is a blocked pipe down the side of the highway.

From Mr S Hall on behalf of Village Weekend planning group asking for use of the Old Playing Field from 21st to 24th June. Liability insurance for £5million is in place and third party suppliers who are providing stands will have insurance in the same amount. They will leave the field in good order, clearing all rubbish and replacing any divots. This was agreed.

16. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Williamson said that a parishioner had asked her for an update on the missing finger post on the junction of New Barn Road and Earls Colne Road. The clerk said that ECC Highways had advised that this post is being repaired, but they could not give a date when it would be back on site, and this matter is being followed.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairperson.....

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