

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th August 2012, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Beesley, Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Fairs (Chairman) Cllr R Traube,
Cllr N Veash, Cllr M Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams, Essex CC Cllr A Brown, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 5 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. PRESENTATION BY H DAVIES, COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND P MILES, ESSEX COUNTY

COUNCIL REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW BUS STATION IN COLCHESTER

Mr Davies made a presentation to the meeting when he outlined the arrangements for the new bus station in Colchester. He then took questions, and was asked why Colchester Borough Council (CBC) have stated that consultation had been undertaken, when in fact no CBC officers had attended passenger transport representatives meetings. He said that CBC have met with bus user groups on 2 occasions and have also met bus operators, and he would investigate this complaint. Cllr Traube asked why the original budget of £420,000 had increased to £2 million. Mr Davies said that the increased figure also includes improvements to the area including highways, and also it includes town centre improvements. Cllr Traube asked why the existing bus station was not refurbished, and Mr Davies advised that the land around the First Site nearby was subject to a joint agreement with Essex County Council (ECC) to remain as a green site. Essex C Cllr Brown asked if leaflets regarding these alterations would be circulated to the parishes, and Mr Davies confirmed that this would be done.

Mr Davies and Mr Miles were thanked for their presentation and for taking questions. They then left the meeting. The clerk was asked to write to them and thank them for their attendance.

4 members of public left the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th July 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Colchester Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Colchester Bus Station plans had changed as the recession had altered the developers' plans. He referred to the grant funding of £2,000 available for one parish in his ward for a community project to help the community and said that this has to be spent by February.

6. REPORT FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Essex County Cllr Brown said that the Local Highways Panels have been set up and she is Chair of the panel that is responsible for Great Tey. This panel has 8 councillors from CBC of which 2 are from rural areas and 6 from urban areas. There is a budget of £800,000 remaining for Highways issues, improvements and road signage. It is not for pothole repairs. She asked for any projects to be submitted in the next 6 weeks.

Cllr Traube referred to the waste recycling policy and said that household plastic waste is recycled by CBC, but not at Shrub End recycling centre where it is regarded as general waste. ECC Cllr Brown said that she would investigate the policy at Shrub End with the portfolio holder and report back. She said also that Well being Boards are being developed so that ECC, District and Borough Councils, and the National Health Service can work closer together.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth and Essex CC Cllr Brown left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i). The transport representative thanked the Parish Council for arranging the CBC presentation on the proposed new Colchester bus station.

(ii). The transport representative asked if the Parish Council had been advised by ECC of the timing of the closure of Chappel Road for road repairs as this would affect the bus service. Cllr Brewer said that the bus companies and ECC Highways must be in contact regarding this.

The meeting resumed.

1 member of public left the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101293	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 55.60
101294	D Williams – clerk salary £444.08 less PAYE £88.82	£ 355.26
101295	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 88.82
101296	Anglian Water – allotments water	£ 20.11
Youth Activity Club Account		
100051	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 34.00

(b) A transfer from Community Account to Business Saver Account was not required. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £521.02, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £993.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £12,814.59 . The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

8. COMMUNITY PROJECT

Colchester Borough Cllr Chillingworth has grant funding of £2,000 available for one parish in his ward for a community project to help the community. If a project is not identified, then this grant will be paid to the ward parishes so that £400 per parish will be received. No response has been received from parishioners following the article in Round and About. Suggestions for funding included a bench for Harold Fairs Recreation Ground, supporting wildlife in Chappel, and a defibrillator for the First Response Unit. After discussion it was agreed to make a grant application for a defibrillator and Cllr Brewer agreed to contact Borough Cllr Chillingworth.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Approvals

120946 Tey Rise, Chappel Road – proposed partial two storey rear addition & partial single storey rear addition – approved subject to 3 conditions.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Parish Council have been advised by a parishioner that she is in contact with the Neighbourhood Police concerning the establishment of a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and the clerk was asked to liaise with her regarding progress.

11. OLD PLAYING FIELD

A request from a parishioner to use the field next year for parking for his guests attending a church wedding was agreed subject to the field not being wet which would cause damage to the surface.

12. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube proposed that the clerk writes to the new occupiers of the property next to the village hall car park advising them that there is no right of way from the car park to their rear garden, and asking them to replace the existing gate with a fixed panel. They are also to be advised that car parking in the village hall car park is for hall users only. All councillors agreed to this.

13. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that he had received a second quotation for the removal of the tennis courts and making good the area. It was agreed to proceed with a grant application to BIFFA for £5,000 to cover the total cost of £8,700 using the first quotation and the separate quotation to remove the trees. The remaining funds are to be covered by a donation from the Trustees of the Village Hall. The clerk was asked to complete this grant application.

14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Traube asked the clerk to chase ECC Highways regarding the repair of the footway outside Toccia (previously Homagen)

Chappel Road, together with the repair of the signpost at the top of New Barn Road, with a copy to be sent to ECC Cllr Brown.

Cllr Brewer proposed that he write to ECC Cllr Brown, Chair of the newly formed Local Highways Panel, with a proposal to improve the road junction at Chappel Road and Tey Road. This would be done with the removal of the central grass area, but if this is not approved, then the alternative proposal is for the existing junction to have new signage and new road painting. This was agreed.

The clerk asked that the new Register of Interests Forms should be completed by all councillors and sent to him for onward transmission to the CBC Monitoring Officer.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairperson.....

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