

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12th August 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Barron, Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Hamer, Cllr Williamson.

Clerk Mr D Williams and 2 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Borough Cllr Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th July 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The clerk advised that the Earls Colne doctors' surgery had replied to our enquiry advising that they are not offering a surgery on Fridays at Great Tey due to changing and increasing demands on the surgery from the NHS. They hope to reinstate this in early 2015. Surgeries at Great Tey are held on Tuesdays at 9.30am and pre ordered medication can be collected from the Village Hall on Fridays at 9.15am. These details will be put in Round and About.

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cllr Fairs said that Shane Langthorne had resigned due to work commitments, and thanked him for his considerable efforts regarding the restructuring of the village hall operation and management. The vacancy is presently being advertised by Colchester Borough Council, but if no candidates come forward then the parish council can co opt, and councillors were asked to consider any nominations.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i) A parishioner said that the new operator for the number 83 bus service is First Essex Buses.

(ii) A parishioner said that he understood that the planning application for Tocia, Chappel Road has been called in for planning committee consideration.

The meeting was resumed.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101436	I Dyer – grasscutting	£ 79.20 £ 13.20
101437	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard maintenance	£ 600.00
101438	D Williams- clerk salary £453.00 less PAYE £90.60	£ 362.40
101439	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 90.60
101440	Anglian Water – allotments water	£ 21.67
	Youth Activity Club Account	
100073	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 42.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £13,078.88 , Youth Activity Club Account Cr 289.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £22.38 . The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

145264 - Tocia, Chappel Road - Application for variation of a condition 3 (restriction of use) and 4(alterations) attached to planning permission 081527- To allow use as annexe to Tocia and for external alterations – We object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The barn is outside the village envelope
2. The building would have an adverse impact on the surrounding landscape and visible from the Essex Way highway
3. It does not meet the criteria set out in policy DP13 (1) as:-
 - (i) it can be subdivided from the main dwelling as it is not physically attached
 - (ii) it does not retain demonstrable dependence on the main dwelling as doorways are not shared
 - (iii) it incorporates facilities to enable it to be used as a separate dwelling.

(b) Approvals

145060 Trumpingtons Farm, East Gores Road - Installation of 2 x Samsung 9kw air sourceheat pumps, - ground mounted –approved subject to 2 conditions

145061 Trumpingtons Farm, East Gores Road - Installation of 2 x Samsung 9kw air sourceheat pumps, - ground mounted – approved subject to 4 conditions

(c) In line with the forthcoming local plan being prepared by Colchester Borough Council (CBC), the parish council have been asked to consider any sites that may be suitable for development. Cllr Williamson said that the village needs a small development to encourage younger people into the village. We have lost the shop and numbers in the school are struggling. Cllr Barron said that semi-detached two bedroom properties are needed.

After discussion it was agreed to instruct the clerk to ask CBC to alter their proposed attendance at the parish council meeting from October to September, as guidance is required to enable a response to be given by 6th October.

(d) Cllr Fairs said that Borough Cllr Chillingworth has advised the parish council that funds are due to the parish regarding the development at Chrysmund Croft, Moor Road. The sum of £827 is available for the village hall, and £3,604 is available for leisure or open spaces. He asked for proposals. Cllr Hamer said that further fencing may be required at the village hall by the pre school, and a contribution towards this would be welcomed by the pre school. No cost is known at this stage. Cllr Williamson said that new pigeon deterrents to the play area could be considered. Spikes are preferable, and she will do more research. Cllr Fairs said that the removal of the tennis courts and the trees, and the tidying up of the area could also be considered. The quotations in 2011 were for £8,685 plus VAT. The clerk was asked to obtain up to date quotes and refer back.

8. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Correspondence received from a parishioner stating that the parish council should have asked the community whether or not they wanted the art work painted on it. The clerk was asked to reply and advise that the subject of the shelter was advertised to the community on the parish council agenda on 8th October 2013, and the result of that, being improvements, was advised in the parish council minutes of the same date. It was mentioned again in the minutes of 12th November 2013. Both the current agenda and minutes are posted on the notice board at the top of The Chase.

9. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Barron said that the commemoration chestnut tree has an infection, possibly honey fungus, and if so it should be cut down. The clerk was asked to check the last tree survey for clarification of ownership, see if this is mentioned on the new tree survey just completed, and ask Mr Richard Fordham for a quotation for removal of the tree.

10. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised that two allotment plots are not being properly worked, and he will write to the plot holders asking whether they are to work the plots or give them up.

11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Fairs asked the clerk to ask Essex County Council (ECC) Highways why the road repairs were not done when Moor Road was closed from 4th to 8th August. The clerk was also asked to chase up the replacement signposts for the junction of New Barn Road and Earls Colne Road, and also for the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road, the latter having recently been removed.

Cllr Beesley said that he would contact the railway station at Marks Tey regarding the unlocked gate at Aldham railway bridge, Moor Road, which leads down to the railway track. This gate and the area around it should be properly secured.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

The clerk reported correspondence received regarding Neighbourhood Watch.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.23pm.

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