

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Hamer, Cllr Williamson.  
Clerk Mr D Williams. No members of the public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Barron, Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Essex CC Cllr Brown, Borough Cllr Chillingworth.  
Cllr Fairs was voted as chairman for this meeting.

**2. DECLARATION 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> July 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  
None

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**  
None.

**5. CO OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY**  
Cllr Fairs asked if there were any nominations for the vacancy of a parish councillor. Cllr Hamer said that there may be a possible candidate, and so she was asked to extend an invitation to the next parish council meeting.

## **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101501	D Williams-clerk salary £458.33 less PAYE £91.60	£ 366.73
101502	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 91.60
101503	Anglian Water – water for allotments	£ 24.81

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 17,984.94, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

**7. PLANNING MATTERS**  
None

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

Essex County Council (ECC) Highways have replied to the council's enquiry regarding the work required to Brook Road and Great Tey Road by advising that there are no plans to resurface this road during this financial year. Members agreed that the clerk replies and sends a copy of the report prepared in May last year by their senior engineer which stated that work is required once the drainage has been sorted out. The road has since been closed twice, we presume for drainage works, and ask again for their plans for repairs and resurfacing. A copy is to be sent to ECC Cllr Brown who attended the site visit for the engineer's report.

## **9. FACEBOOK**

Members discussed a possible Facebook page for the parish council as another method of communication, and agreed to explore further issues. Cllr Hamer said that she could help with the updating of the web site if required.

## **10. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Fairs said that the village hall manager has recommended further improvements to the hall exterior lighting, and so the cost of £363 already approved by Colchester Borough Council (CBC) under the S 106 grant monies of £844, would increase to £596. It was agreed to seek the additional grant monies to fund this, subject to the lighting being controlled by movement sensors, and the clerk was asked to clarify that and then contact CBC.

## **11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Williamson said that the trees are to be removed around the tennis court during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September. The cost is £2,400. A grant of £1,831.75 is confirmed by CBC from the S106 monies due for the Chrysmond Croft property.

She said that the quotation for the ground works of £3,100 covered the removal of the stumps, but not top soil and re-seeding which would cost an additional £807. This additional amount was agreed and the contractors will liaise with the tree surgeon. The clerk said that he has approached CBC for confirmation that a grant of £1,831.75 is payable towards the cost of these works from the S106 monies. Thus total costs to date for the project is £6,307, less £3,663 total grants, so the cost to the parish council is £2,644, of which £1,837 is budgeted.

Cllr Fairs said that two quotations to repair the bridge and timber walkway have been received. These were considered, and it was agreed that Cllr Fairs will meet on site with the handyman to discuss his quotation. The clerk was asked to advise him accordingly.

**12. ALLOTMENTS**

The clerk was asked to write to the allotment holder who enquired regarding the overgrown paths between plots and advise him that arrangements have been made for them to be cut regularly.

The clerk was asked to obtain an updated report on unworked plots, and write to the plot holders asking them to either work the plot within one month or give it up, as there is a waiting list for plots.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.44 pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....