

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 13th December 2011, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Beesley (Chairman) Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson (later)
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth, and 1 member of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Fairs

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th November 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that he had established with the Outreach Group that they had obtained funding for a printed version of the Village Directory which is now being updated and will be circulated in February. He has completed an electronic version and this will be put on the parish web site at the same time.

Cllr Brewer said that the Community Street Wardens from Colchester Borough Council (CBC) had visited the drop in centre and discussed their services. Their contact details are on the parish notice board and in Round and About Great Tey.

Cllr Beesley said that he had contacted Anglian Water regarding the water leak on Coggeshall Road and the unsightly area in front of the reservoir in Chappel Road.

Cllr Brewer said that he would put a note in Round and About thanking those parishioners who offered assistance with the Emergency Plan, and advising them that their assistance has been accepted and the Plan can be viewed on the parish web site. The clerk said that guidance regarding the Plan being put on the web site has not yet been received from CBC.

Cllr Williamson joined the meeting.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he had looked at the local roads with Essex Cllr Brown and said that the roads looked satisfactory. A discussion followed during which parish councillors complained at the standard of repair, and he said that he would contact Essex Cllr Brown and report back. Cllr Brewer said that the white lining should be painted on the road from the A120, and Cllr Traube said that this is essential as it is a County Highway Route.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that Colchester Town Hall is being retained by the Borough. He also said that the Localism Act should be read by parish councillors, and that neighbourhood plans are being introduced. A neighbourhood plan will help to control development as it becomes part of the Local Plan as planning controls are probably changing.

He said that planning approval has been given to the application for 3 pitches for gypsy/traveller caravans at Vernons Road, Chappel, subject to 15 conditions.

He said that The Standards Board has been abolished, and CBC will probably set up a Standards Committee. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101244	I Dyer – grasscutting HFRG 11/10, OPF 11/10	£ 79.20	£ 13.20
101245	D Williams – clerk salary £358.33 less PAYE	£ 286.73	
101246	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 71.60	
Youth Activity Club Account			
100043	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 31.20	

(b) A transfer between Business Saver Account and Community Account was not required, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £482.15, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,203.03 and Business Saver Account Cr £13,610.22. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) CBC has advised that the sum of £142 is unspent from the 2008/09 grant to refurbish the allotments. It was agreed to reply stating that these monies will not be spent.

7. FUNDING FOR VILLAGE PROJECTS

The two projects being considered at present are the removal of the tennis courts and the redecoration and repairs to the village hall. It was agreed that the clerk makes 3 applications to identified funders for the tennis court project; 1 application to an identified funder for the village hall project; and that he identifies further funders for the village hall project for consideration at the next meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Traube said that the council had advised Highways and Borough Cllr Chillingworth that we were not satisfied with the standard of repair, and we now await a response.

The clerk was asked to report potholes in The Street near the Church, and also in New Barn Road where there are various ones on the road, but mainly on the corner.

9. LOCAL ROAD SALT PROGRAMME

Following the inclusion of two notices in Round and About, the clerk was asked to approach all residents who have contacted the council, to establish that they will receive a bag of salt for pavements, and then email the local salt depot to arrange delivery of the salt and the information packs.

10. OLD PLAYING FIELD

The clerk said that a tree surgeon has recommended that the tree on the boundary with Nuts End is lopped, and he now awaits confirmation that this recommendation has been approved by UK Power Networks.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the village hall will need re-roofing in the next two or three years at a cost of £ 20,000 to £ 30,000.

12. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Traube said that the Brownies have planted the trees at the top of the Recreation Ground.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From CBC advising of free trees for residents on 14th January. This will be placed on the notice board.
From Rural Community Council of Essex confirming attendance at the March meeting to give a presentation on affordable housing.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A parishioner advised that the bus routes 83 and 88b are well under the £5 subsidy figure required by Essex County Council.
If the subsidy figure exceeds £5 then the service is reviewed.

14. VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

This vacancy has been advertised and no candidate has been nominated. It was agreed that councillors would consider whether anyone could be co opted.

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Brewer said that vehicles are parking on Chappel Road by facing the traffic, and also on a bend in the road, and it was agreed that he would advise the Community Street Warden at CBC.
Cllr Traube said that Highways had been informed of the sunken pavement on the corner of Chappel Road and Greenfield Drive, and that they were liaising with Anglian Water to repair this.
The clerk said that the budget for 2012/2013 would be an agenda item for the next meeting, and asked councillors to advise if they were aware of specific expenditure.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairperson.....

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