

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Williamson,  
Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 1 member of public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Veash and Clerk Mr D Williams

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th November were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) Cllr Brewer reported that the Clerk had advised that a number of local parish councils have now indicated an interest in liaising regarding the Essex CC bus survey. It was agreed any meetings to discuss any changes detrimental to our bus services should take place when the Consultation has been completed. Essex CC have provided dates of Parish Council Transport Rep meetings for 2014 including a meeting in March 2014 to provide an update on the bus survey progress.

(ii) The advertising sign in Chappel Road still remains in situ.

## **6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i) A parishioner said he has distributed some 50 bus survey forms and said it will be important to establish bus 'usage' if this information is not provided by Essex CC.

(ii) A parishioner said that nothing further had been done regarding the crossing for public access to Colchester Bus Station from the Vine Yard car park. It has been established that the crossing has been designated and is to be re-lined by Essex County Council (ECC). Cllr Brewer promised to provide a photograph to Cllr Chillingworth to identify the location in question. The Car Park has spaces for 107 cars and will provide free car parking for Christmas shopping after 3.00 pm – the area is always very congested making crossing difficult. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he would follow this up.

The meeting was resumed.

## **7. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

(i) Cllr Chillingworth reminded the Council of the availability of a further locality budget for Community Projects Funding of approximately £400 per Parish and said that applications needed to be sent to him before the end of January 2014. Applications require an outline of the proposed project, supported by estimates/quotations. He also requested details of the Parish Council's bank details as payments are made by bank transfer. This may well be the last year this grant is made available having initially only been made available for Jubilee Year.

(ii) Borough Cllr Chillingworth enquired regarding the implementation of the caddies for food waste. There was general indication the system was operating successfully

(iii) A parishioner said that he had checked with Colchester BC who confirmed there would be no waste/ refuse collections after the 17<sup>th</sup> December until the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014. He was advised to place any extra food waste in a black bag for collection. Additional waste food bags are available from specific stores at a cost £1. Cllr Brewer will ask the Community Wardens whether it would be possible for them to provide a source of replacement bags on Bingo days.

(iv) Cllr Beesley advised he was having problems for the collection of green waste having been told the bags were too heavy, although Colchester B.C. were unable to provide a weight limit as a guideline. No stickers had been placed on the bags as to the reason for non-collection and Cllr Chillingworth asked to be advised if the green waste was not collected on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

(v) Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that the Grant from Colchester B.C. for £500 may not be repeated for the next Financial Year – it depended on Govt., grants and these are still awaited – this was also holding up local budget considerations - the Council Tax may have to be increased by 2% to 3%. Whilst Colchester B.C. have reduced resources (200 posts) to date there have been no cuts to services.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101384	D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.60	£ 358.90
101385	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.60
Youth Activity Club Account		
100065	Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 34.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 13,018.15 Youth Activity Club Account Cr 534.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Applications

132046 Chrysmond Croft, Moor Road - Erection of single storey 3-Bed dwelling with conservatory including new single garage, widening of existing vehicular access and provision of new vehicular access to existing dwelling.(resubmission of 130996).This application involves a redesign of the original plan, with a bedroom and kitchen being switched round and the addition of a conservatory behind the kitchen .No objection subject to neighbours views.

(b) Approvals None at present

(c) Refusals 131679 Bramley House, East Gores Road – new one and a half storey single residential dwelling with associated garage – refused permission.

(d) Appeals 131277 Cranbrook, Chappel Road – first floor extension above existing garage, ground and first floor extension behind garage and garden room extension to rear – permission approved.

## 10. VILLAGE HALL

Councillors had requested the Clerk, as regards the recent professional valuation from Percival & Co., to ask the Valuer for the basis of his valuation – this has now been done and their response dated 6.12.2013 circulated to Councillors by Email. Also as agreed, the Clerk, on behalf of the Trustees, has increased the insurance cover for the hall insurance to the level recommended by the professional Valuer e.g. £780,000 including VAT, and will seek alternative insurance quotations at renewal in March 2014.

The Parish Council have indicated to the V.H. Management Committee the Council will make an immediate donation when insurance monies fall due.

Other V.H. Management matters were dealt with at the Trustees meeting.

## 11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Beesley will complete his enquires and provide details of alternate costing's for play area refurbishment with a comparison with the quote from Playquip Leisure. Thereafter we should make a formal application of a grant of £400 from the locality budget for Community Projects Funding.

## 12. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that he was unaware whether the allotment gate post had been replaced and will follow this up with other outstanding handyman issues with the Clerk on his return

## 13. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said road closing notices had been issued by Essex C.C. regarding Earls Colne Road, Newbarn Road and The Street effective from the 6.1.2014.

The pothole north of the Old Rectory has deteriorated and marked for repair - it was agreed he should re-visit road repairs matters in February 2014 with a view to spring repairs.

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Cllr Beesley said that the Neighbourhood watch sign had been damaged in the recent storms. He will undertake a repair and restore.,

(ii) It was agreed the Clerk should ascertain from Borough Cllr Chillingworth exactly the nature of leisure or open space projects that can be funded by the S 106 monies that will be available to the parish from the development at Chrysmond Croft. The Parish Council should submit their claim for the £827 which we understood would be available following Village Hall refurbishment.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Chairperson.....

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