

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th December 2014, at 7.30 pm

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

Clerk Mr D Williams and Borough Cllr Chillingworth attended. There were no members of the public attending.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Barron declared a pecuniary interest in minute 7c as a family member has submitted a quotation for ground works to the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground. She will leave the meeting room whilst that item is discussed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11th November 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Hamer said that a location on the Old Playing Field had been agreed for the planting of the World War One Commemoration tree.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

None.

The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that an important consultation will be started on 13th January on the Colchester Borough Council (CBC) web site. This is regarding Issues and Options in the Local Plan for development. There are 6 options to be considered, and amongst them will be an option to enlarge rural villages, and another option would be to support new settlements such as that proposed at West Tey. Cllr Fairs referred to the entry by Feering Parish Council who are preparing a neighbourhood plan wanting to discuss development proposals with prospective developers regarding West Tey in their parish. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that our parish can respond or make statements in the January consultation.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr Fairs said that no candidates had yet come forward and the vacancy remains unfilled.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following credits have been received

Various allotment rentals	£ 125.00
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(b) The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101460	D Williams- clerk salary £453.00 less PAYE £90.60	£ 362.40
101461	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 90.60
101462	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grasscuts	£ 300.00
Youth Activity Club Account		
100077	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 42.00

(c) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £17,863.22, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £142.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) Cllr Barron left the meeting room whilst this item was discussed. Cllr Fairs said that funds are due to the parish regarding the development at Chrysmund Croft, Moor Road. The sum of £840.80 is available for the community projects such as the village hall, and £3,663.50 is available for leisure or open spaces. It was agreed to propose the first part of the site clearance of the tennis court project, being the removal of the trees and the tree stumps around the tennis court, and details of the quotations received have been sent to Borough Cllr Chillingworth who supports the project and advises that both the community funds and open spaces funds totalling £4,504.30 can be used.

The quotations for the site clearance of £3,100 from G & J Barron and the removal of the trees of £2,400 from R Fordham can be sent to CBC for formal approval, and the clerk was asked to deal with this. It was agreed not to seek any alternative quotations now as an alternative quotation for the site clearance had been received previously, and both contractors are well known to the parish council, have done work previously when other competitive quotations have been received, and their work is of good quality. The balance of £1,000 can be considered at the budget and precept meeting next month.

Parishioners have been advised what is proposed in Round and About, Facebook and the web site. From the few responses received, general support for the proposed work has been received.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Applications – None
- (b) Approvals

145838 Great Yard Cottage, The Street – removal of part of front boundary wall to create vehicular access and hardstanding.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs asked the clerk to thank the village hall manager for having the main hall ceiling repaired.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

The playground expenditure costs of replacing the pigeon deterrents and modifying the swings were discussed and it was agreed to consider these further at next month’s meeting when the 2015 budget and precept will be agreed.

11. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that some allotment plot rentals were overdue for payment and will be chased.

12. HIGHWAYS

The clerk reported that Essex County Council (ECC) Councillor Anne Brown has been advised that the parish council awaits a reply from ECC Highways regarding clarification when the potholes in the parish will be repaired, and her help was requested in obtaining a response and action. In addition a complaint from a parishioner regarding the poor state of the roads in the parish has been forwarded to her.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

An update regarding the changes in the village Speedwatch Group has been received. Lorraine Collins was thanked for her work as co-ordinator for the Group.

Cllr Beesley said that he had received an enquiry regarding the photographs on the web site to which he has responded.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Beesley said that he attended the recent meeting of the Colchester Association of Local Councils when Essex Police advised that they were no longer holding Neighbourhood meetings or attending local parish meetings. However they are holding meetings which will be advertised on their web site and on social media.

Cllr Bartleet said that the parish has a stock of salt for use on the highway in wintry conditions, and to contact him if any is required.

Cllr Fairs said that together with Cllr Hamer and Cllr Williamson he met with a local company who are looking to invest in local projects. Proposals have been made and a response is awaited.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairperson.....

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