

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th December 2015, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Barron, Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Fairs, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 3 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Beesley declared an interest in Minute 7 regarding the item for Marshalls Yard as he is a neighbour. He will remain in the chair, will not discuss the item, give facts only if required and he will not vote on this item.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th November 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i). A parishioner referred to the bus service consultation and said that the proposed timetable for the consultation was given in meetings of the Transport Representatives in June and July and asked if the parish council attended a meeting. He said that the proposed bus service is not practical and that alterations must be made.

Cllr Beesley said that the parish council did not attend a Transport Representatives meeting.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the parish council should put forward a written case, and the parishioner said that he would provide details of alterations required to the clerk so that he could write to Essex County Council (ECC).

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said he had nothing to report, and left the meeting.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101521	D Williams-clerk salary £458.33 less PAYE £91.60	£ 366.73
101522	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 91.60

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £22,036.12, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) Cllr Fairs said that he had contacted Mr Lissimore twice concerning his recent invoice for the village hall lighting works, and he awaits a response.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

152566 The Old School, Moor Road - Demolish recently added outbuildings, refurbish existing buildings, single storey extension for porch, utility room and cloakroom. Convert loft space to create two new bedrooms, bathroom, including dormer windows - No objections subject to neighbours' views. If the Borough Council is minded to approve this application we would ask that clear access is given to the road junction at all times.

152497 Marshalls Yard Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road - Certificate of Lawful Use Application for a lawful development certificate for existing private dwelling for residential use in connection with agricultural use and scrapyard - We advise that this land has been used for a dwelling for more than 10 years.

## 8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Fairs said that the recent correspondence from ECC Highways indicates that there is to be no further work on Brook Road /Great Tey Road in the immediate future. He said that a pavement is required on Brook Road.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Beesley referred to the maps of the Village Hall and car park which denote the boundaries. These are required for the merger of the village hall charities and the new constitution, and also for the registration of the village hall with the Land Registry. He said that ECC Highways has confirmed the extent of the maintainable highway and so proposed that the parish council now agreed with these boundaries. This was agreed. The solicitor acting is to be informed of this.

**10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Beesley said that parishioners’ views regarding the future use of the tennis court area was sought in December’s edition of Round and About, and so this matter should be considered at the next meeting. It was agreed that the grant funding application previously considered, be delayed until several quotations which meet the funding criteria have been received, and a firm way forward has been agreed.

Cllr Fairs said that he would meet with the handyman to discuss his quotation to repair the bridge and timber walkway.

Cllr Fairs said that he had obtained a quotation of £412 plus VAT to replace the bench. This will be considered in the budget discussions at the next meeting.

A quotation to replace 4 posts around the play area is awaited, with 2 posts being replaced now.

A quotation for replacement of posts around the skate board area is also awaited.

Cllr Beesley said that a quotation to coppice to ground level the trees and hedging at the rear of the properties which borders with the recreation ground, from the entrance to the recreation ground to Farmfield Road has been received. A further quotation is to be obtained. Cllr Barron has visited a number of the properties which would be affected, and received an overall satisfactory response. She was thanked for doing this.

**11. OLD PLAYING FIELD**

Members discussed the access to the Old Playing Field down The Chase and that it should be kept clear with the gate locked when not in use, and that no items should be stored on the Old Playing Field. This will be reviewed from time to time.

**12. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Fairs said that he would look at the overhanging trees affecting the plots on the right side and he will seek a quotation to cut back if necessary.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE – None.**

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Fairs said that he was pleased to see the progress reported in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Hunt said that he was concerned with local burglaries.

Cllr Williamson said that the planning meeting called regarding the possible development in the area was reported in the Essex County Standard.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

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