

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

At the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 13th December 2016, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of the public attended.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Barron, Cllr Fairs

2.DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th November 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that UK Power Network would like to have a list of vulnerable people. He also said that Colchester Borough Council (CBC) would like to site a HUB to access CBC services in a village hall and asked whether Great Tey hall would be suitable. The HUB would require a secure internet connection and he will establish whether CBC will pay for the internet line connection and line rental. He was advised of the involvement of the pre school in the hall and the resultant limited access.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Local Plan consultation is coming to an end and the structure of the borrowing for the proposed development at West Tey is being considered.

A full discussion then followed between the public and Borough Cllr Chillingworth regarding health and safety issues at Colchester Bus Station and he asked for all the copy correspondence concerning the poor bus service between the parish council and Essex County Council, which should include the latest examples of poor service.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(i). When the Great Tey to Chappel Road closed in October the bus company said that the usual bus service was replaced with the 82B service. They were advised that this was incorrect as it is not a satisfactory replacement service but they have not replied.

(ii). A tree in a front garden in Chrismund Way is overhanging the footpath.

Members asked the clerk to write to the resident of the property asking them to arrange for the tree to be cut back.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

The meeting continued.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT
101586	I Dyer – grasscuts	£ 52.80	£ 8.80
101587	D Williams-clerk salary £462.91 less PAYE £184.80	£ 278.11	
101588	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 184.80	
101589	S Brooks – village hall noticeboard key cut	£ 4.99	
101590	BeDot Media Group – domain and web hosting renewal	£ 71.98	£ 12.00
101591	I Dyer – repair to the boundary fence at HFRG	£ 468.00	£ 78.00
101592	I Dyer – repair of posts at HFRG play area skate park	£ 213.23	£ 35.54

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £23,563.96, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The clerk said that the estimates and the precept for next year will be considered at the next meeting, and asked members if they wished to see any exceptional expenditure in the estimates.

7. PLANNING

(a) Advice of Planning Applications Approved by Colchester Borough Council

161578 Teybrook Farm, 2 Brook Road–Retrospective application for Glamping Site, approved subject to 8 conditions and 1 informative.

8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Beesley said that the sunken drain on the Great Tey Road between Little Tey House and The Old Rectory still has not been repaired and is dangerous. The clerk was asked to ask ECC Highways to repair this as soon as possible.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Members noted that a water leak in the hall roof was reported. The hall manager investigated this and reported that there is no visible damage and the matter will continue to be monitored.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Williamson said that the play area refurbishment works will now start in the New Year. She said that the handrail on the recently installed bridge in the play area is now acceptable.

Members agreed the quotation for £90 to replace a further 7 posts in the play area skate park that had been damaged.

Cllr Bartleet said that the legal notices at the play area need reviewing, and Cllr Williamson said that she would ask Playquip for guidance when they were on site in the New Year and the signs can then be replaced as necessary.

It was noted that there are some tiles missing from the shelter roof, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to replace them.

Cllr Bartleet said that the drain at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) that is behind the house on the junction between Greenfield Drive and Chrismund Way is clear at present but should be monitored every three months and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to do this and to cut round the drain when the grass is cut at HFRG.

The clerk referred to the request from a parishioner at last month’s meeting for access at the side of his property from HFRG car park through a discreet gate for oil deliveries. It would be necessary for a concrete post to be moved sideways which denotes the boundary and he would pay for that work. Cllr Beesley said that Cllr Barron had drawn up an appropriate licence. Members agreed that this licence was acceptable with a fee of £10. The clerk was asked to send this licence to the parishioner together with a photograph of the site, confirming the arrangements and asking for sight of the job specification he agrees with the contractor dealing, for parish council approval. Guidance regarding this matter has also been received from Essex Association of Local Councils and noted.

It was noted that the hedge from Lower Langley to HFRG needs cutting on the top and side, and the clerk was instructed to ask P Liverton to quote to cut when ground conditions are suitable.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hunt said that he had not been able to visit The Chase with an allotment holder to discuss the issue of access to the OPF and the allotments. Cllr Beesley said that he would ask Cllr Fairs to jointly visit The Chase with him instead.

The situation can then be monitored and further action considered if it does not improve.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From a parishioner referring to the advertising board on the fence to the pre school garden at the village hall, asking whether other village tradesmen can advertise there. Questions were also asked regarding the seat around the tree which had been cut down there, and also the commemorative plaque. The clerk was asked to reply that enquiries had been made and that the advertising board was agreed in recognition of a donation of time and goods in construction of the garden. The seat referred to was rotten and the plaque has been retained and will be reinstated when a suitable location is identified.

From Essex County Council and Hedingham Buses regarding the present poor service, and copies of the correspondence have been sent to Essex County Cllr Brown and Borough Cllr Chillingworth.

From Mr D Collier regarding his construction of a new parish council web site asking for contact with the web site manager. Cllr Beesley agreed to reply to him and also to the web site manager asking him to help with the setting up of a Wordpress web site without having access to the present web site.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Hunt said that he attended the workshop at Marks Tey at the invitation of Colchester Borough Council to consider the proposals for West Tey Garden Community and to provide views. He gave a report regarding the workshop to the parish council.

Cllr Beesley said that Cllr Barron had tendered her resignation from the parish council. Members thanked her for her contribution to the parish council and asked the clerk to advertise the vacancy through Colchester Parish Council and also in Round and About Great Tey.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.02 pm.

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