

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th February 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Brewer, Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Williamson, Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 3 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs, Cllr Veash

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Brewer declared a pecuniary interest in his expenses claim in minute 6.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th January 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that he had been in contact with the community wardens regarding the issue of replacement white refuse sacks when they visit the Village Hall, but food disposal caddies can only be provided after ordering from the Borough Council Customer Service Centre. He also said that the forthcoming Litter Pick is advertised in February's edition of Round and About, and it will also be published in the March edition.

Cllr Beesley said that he had repaired the Neighbourhood Watch sign at the entrance to the village.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i) A parishioner said that he had not seen any minutes following the recent village hall management meeting. Cllr Langthorne said that the village hall manager has concentrated on advising hall users regarding the review of their fees, and that the minutes will follow.

(ii) A parishioner asked who had agreed the new village hall charges. Cllr Brewer said that the trustees of the village hall had agreed these fees in the absence of the village hall management committee which had not been formed as no volunteers for the committee have come forward. A detailed discussion followed regarding the structure of the previous hall management committee.

(iii) A parishioner said that the village should commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the start of the First World War. We should have poppies sown throughout the village in several areas. We should also encourage householders to plant them in their gardens. Cllr Beesley said that this was an agenda item later in the meeting.

(iv) A parishioner said that following the power disruption due to the October storm, residents can apply to UK Power Network for a compensation payment. He said that some parishioners had received a payment but some had been refused and he asked for a contact name at UK Power Network. Cllr Brewer said that Cllr Fairs had telephoned UK Power Network on behalf of the parish council regarding this. He suggested that the parishioner should contact Cllr Fairs for the name of the person who is collating the Great Tey claims for compensation. The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the parish litter pick was not on the same date as the litter pick for Colchester Borough Council. He said that Colchester Borough homes are installing solar panels in council owned houses in the Borough, and reported that the Borough Council is increasing council tax by 1.9%.

Cllr Brewer advised him that the parish council meeting with our Essex County Councillor A Brown and ECC Highways has been delayed until the work is completed following the closure of Brook Road and Great Tey Road.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101394	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – part hall insurance	£1,820.00	
101395	Anglian Water – allotment water	£ 23.66	
101396	Round and About Great Tey	£ 350.00	
101397	D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.60	£ 358.90	
101398	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.60	
101399	Roger Brewer – printing expenses	£ 16.98	£ 2.83
101400	I Dyer – handyman	£ 180.00	£ 30.00
101401	I Dyer – repair to pump house wall	£ 354.00	£ 59.00
Youth Activity Club Account			
100067	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 34.00	

The clerk was instructed to withhold the cheque 101394 for the part of the hall insurance until the insurance premium had been clarified as the trustees are obtaining alternative insurance quotations.

The clerk was instructed to release the cheque 101401 for the repairs to the pump house wall once the site has been cleared, and to ask the handyman to remove the tree stumps from the side of the village hall, level the area and remove all rubbish.

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 8,448.36, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 483.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

140476 10 Langleys Cottages, Chappel Road - demolition of side extension and erection of new two-storey extension with single detached garage – no objections subject to neighbours’ views.

(b) Other Matters

136217 Audley, Brook Road - Correspondence has been received from a parishioner regarding this application. She said that she is a neighbour but was not consulted by the Borough Council Planning Department. Therefore she did not respond regarding the application. She was concerned with the parish council’s comments concerning this application. After discussion the clerk was asked to write to Planning Department advising that this neighbour was not consulted asking for the criteria for selecting neighbours as the parish council replied ‘no objection subject to neighbours’ views’. The clerk was instructed to ask if planning notices are still displayed outside the property and if so, was this done in this case. A copy of this enquiry is to be sent to Borough Cllr Chillingworth. It was also agreed that Cllr Brewer would place an article in Round and About explaining the Planning Application procedures so far as the Parish Council were concerned.

8. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Langthorne advised that interest has been expressed in the positions of chairman and treasurer of the village hall management committee. He said that all user groups had been advised of their new charges.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Langthorne said that a pile of tree cuttings were still lying in the Recreation Ground.

10. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that one plot was vacant. There is no waiting list and so this will be advertised in Round and About.

11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said that he had delayed the site meeting with Essex CC Cllr A Brown in view of the forthcoming road closure of Brook Road and Great Tey Road until the work there had been completed. He referred to the road flooding at the Old Rectory, Little Tey and said that he would enquire what progress had been made with the Borough Surveyor whom we understand has attended. Cllr Langthorne said that there were also problems with the road to Chappel.

12. COMMEMORATION

The parish council has been asked by a parishioner whether it is to become involved with commemoration of the 100 years anniversary of the start of the First World War. It was agreed to put an article in Round and About advising parishioners that the council are considering the setting up of a working party to plant poppies in common areas in the village and asking for volunteers, and also to encourage householders to plant poppies. The clerk was asked to draft an article for approval.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Brewer said that he had an aerial photograph of the village hall and the surrounding houses from 1950 which he would like to donate to the village hall. He was thanked for that.

Cllr Brewer said that ECC are conducting a survey on recycling centres. He said that the village would not want to see the Shrub End depot close and said that he would put a note in Round and About.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.

Chairperson.....

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