

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th January 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Veash, Cllr Williamson,
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 4 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bartleet

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th December 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that the crossing in the Vine Street car park had been dealt with. He also said that he would see the community wardens regarding the issue of bags for food disposal canisters.

Cllr Fairs said that the allotment gate had been replaced and also that the pump house wall had been repaired. The clerk was asked to write again regarding the advertising sign in Chappel Road which is still in place.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i) 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.

Cllr Fairs said that he would telephone UK Power Network on behalf of the parish council regarding this matter.

(ii) A parishioner said that she had previously asked about the work on the strip of land at the side of the village hall and was told that it had been finished. She therefore asked why has the work on this land restarted and some large roots left there.

Cllr Fairs said that he had met with a representative from the pre school and agreed that some more tree roots should be removed, trying to clear the land so that the pre school could use it. However the parish council cannot spend any more money on this and roots that undermine the wall cannot be dug up, and he will see if the roots can be cleared.

(iii) The transport representative said that there was a bus users meeting in March when the bus usage will be discussed with the bus companies.

The meeting was resumed.

6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that markings have been put down for pedestrians across the car park at Vine Street from the lift. He does not consider that a pedestrian crossing is required.

Cllr Brewer said that he agreed that a walkway has been marked but it would be helpful if a legal crossing was installed.

Cllr Fairs said that this has been discussed at several parish council meetings and the parish council can do no more. He suggested that this matter is raised at the next bus users' meeting.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth referred to the development at Chrysmund Croft, Moor Road, and said that the erection of the garage and access road does not trigger the payment of S 106 monies to the ward. It is the work to the new property, which is scheduled to start in April, which will trigger this.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that time is getting short for the parish council to apply for the locality budget for Community Projects Funding of approximately £400. This should be done before the end of January.

He also said that the Borough Council are again making trees available to the public and parish councils and a poster will be exhibited regarding this.

He also reported that the Borough Council are refunding fines for the usage of bus lanes on North Hill before the signage was altered.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101386	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 57.00	
101387	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – user subsidies	£ 358.00	
101388	R Fordham – damaged tree felling at Village Hall	£ 300.00	£ 50.00`
101389	D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.60	£ 358.90	
101390	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.60	
101391	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grasscuts	£ 600.00	
101392	I Dyer – handyman allotment gate post £128, allotment fence £33	£ 193.20	£ 32.20
101393	BeDot MediaGroup – web sitehosting & domain renewal	£ 71.98	£ 12.00
	Youth Activity Club Account		
100066	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 17.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 11,039.47, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 517.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The budget for the year to 31 March 2015 was considered. Expenditure was reviewed and a total of £16,491 was agreed. The clerk's salary was increased by 1% to £ 5,436 and the handyman's rate was increased by 25p per hour to £ 10.50 per hour. Income of £16,926 was agreed. Colchester Borough Council (CBC) has decided to reduce their total grant from £1,680 to £1,515, a reduction of £ 165. Last year's precept was £14,439, and it was agreed to increase this by the £165 reduction in the CBC grant and a £500 provision for future village hall maintenance included in expenditure. Thus the precept for 2014/5 was agreed at £15,104, and an increase in the Band D council tax from £39.84 to £41.48 which is an increase of 4.1%.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

133049 Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road - a proposed detached garage with storeroom over, and to form a new drive and parking area – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

136217 Audley, Brook Road – proposed detached outbuilding - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

140009 14 Lower Langley - two storey rear extension - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Appeals

131435 – Land south east of Tocia, Chappel Road – change of use of land to extension to garden of Tocia and erection of a garden shed on the land – appeal lodged against refusal of planning permission.

9. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk was asked to obtain an alternative quotation for the insurances of the village hall.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Beesley said that he will seek alternative costings for the play area refurbishment and compare these with the quote from Playquip Leisure. The clerk was asked to now make a formal application for a grant of £400 from the locality budget for Community Projects Funding, stating that the parish council will spend at least £400 on play equipment and phase the work over a period.

11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer said that potholes on Brook Road and near the Old Rectory are filled in, but New Barn Road has a number of potholes. These and the flooding at Tey Brook will be included in a further report which will be sent to Essex County Council Highways.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Brewer asked if a litter pick will be held this year. It was agreed to hold one and the date arranged was 8th March. Cllr Brewer said that he would liaise with the Community Wardens regarding the supply of equipment and he would also put a note in Round and About. Cllr Fairs said that he would arrange the barbeque.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.56 pm.

Chairperson.....

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