

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th July 2013, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P. Chillingworth and 6 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Brewer, Cllr Veash

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 18th June 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Bartleet said that he had looked at all ash trees on the Old Playing Field (OPF) and the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) and could not see any evidence of ash die back. He will do this review twice yearly.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i).The transport representative said that he attended a bus users' meeting recently, and was advised that Essex County Council (ECC) have undertaken a health and safety audit on the bus station in Colchester as it is on the highway. The meeting also established that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing from the Vineyard car park in Colchester to the bus station.

(ii).A parishioner said that he has objected to a development at Chrysmund Croft, Moor Road. He asked how many residents' objections are needed to overturn a planning application. Colchester Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that there is no number specified as there are other planning issues to be considered.

The meeting was resumed.

1 member of the public left the meeting.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that as the parish council were aware, the paper copies of planning applications will no longer be sent to parish councils when they are asked to consider their comments to the Borough Council regarding new planning applications. This has been withdrawn because of cost cutting and will save Colchester Borough Council (CBC) £86,000 a year. A detailed discussion followed, the parish council objecting to the withdrawal of this because of the poor internet service in our village, the lack of a printer to print plans from the CBC web site, and offered to pay CBC for the continued copying of applications, as the cost to CBC for our parish applications is minimal. Cllr Fairs said that it is another example of parishes being penalised. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he will pass these comments to the portfolio holder.

He said that ECC have a named contact regarding flooding issues in ditches whose email address is

dave.wright3@essex.co.uk

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Chq.No. Payee Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-

101350	Rural Community Council of Essex – annual subscription	£ 66.00	£ 11.00
101351	Campaign to Protect Rural England – annual subscription	£ 29.00	
101352	Playsafety Limited – ROSPA report for play area	£ 99.60	£ 16.60
101353	Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 57.00	
101354	Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – user subsidies	£ 432.00	
101355	D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.70	£ 358.80	
101356	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.70	
101357	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grass cuts	£ 600.00	
101358	I Dyer – grasscuts	£ 158.40	£ 26.40
101359	I Dyer – bus shelter varnishing (funded by Colchester BC grant)	£ 150.00	£ 25.00

Youth Activity Club Account

100061 Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental £ 34.00

(b) A transfer of £ 16,700 from Business Saver Account to Community Account was approved, keeping the majority of funds on current account to reduce administration and postage charges. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £16,017.99, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 670.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 21.50. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

130996 Chrysmund Croft, Moor Road – Erection of single storey 3-Bed dwelling including new single garage, widening of existing vehicular access & provision of new vehicular access to existing dwelling –

No objections subject to:-

1.a detailed analysis from Essex County Council Highways regarding ingress and egress of Moor Road

2.consideration to be taken of neighbours' views.

Concerns have been raised by parishioners that not all objections have been recorded.

131207 2 East Gores Road – Erection of two storey rear extension - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

131277 Cranbrook, Chappel Road - First floor extension above existing garage; ground and first floor extension to area behind garage and garden room extension to rear - No objections subject to neighbours' views.
131339 Marshalls Cottage, Chappel Road - Proposed re-construction of roof to form 2 bedrooms and shower and W.C. - No objections subject to neighbours' views.
3 members of the public left the meeting.

8. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that he would check whether or not the allotment gate post has been replaced, and he will also inspect the fence between the OPF and the rear gardens of Brook Road.

9.VILLAGE HALL

In preparation for the refurbishment in August the clerk said that he has established with the Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) that the regular village hall users have hall bookings in August. Cllr Fairs agreed to liaise with Mr Hermon regarding working dates at the hall, and also with the hall users so that the refurbishments could be done, with August hall bookings being cancelled if necessary. The clerk confirmed that the agreed contribution of £1,000 has been received from the VHMC. The clerk reported that the cost of a professional valuation for the village hall is in the region of £250. It was agreed to proceed with the valuation for insurance purposes once the insurers confirm that the saving in the cost of the annual premium is more than £250 if the cover is reduced to say £450,000 from the current £627,000. The Trustees of the Village Hall would be asked to instruct the valuer and pay his invoice as owners of the hall. Cllr Fairs said that Mr Simon Fraser is retiring as chairman of VHMC, and Mr Jim Springate is retiring as Treasurer of VHMC. They were both thanked for their many years of voluntary service to the village, and the parish council agreed to help in finding their replacements.

10.HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that the annual ROSPA report for the play area has been received. There were no real issues, and he will circulate a list of refurbishments and replacements that can be considered when the Section 106 monies are available.

11. HIGHWAYS

It was agreed to decline the invitation by ECC to join the Winter Salt Bag scheme for the reasons stated previously.
Cllr Fairs said that Cllr Brewer is in contact with ECC Highways regarding several outstanding Highways issues.

12. WEB SITE

Cllr Beesley said that the web site has been updated. It was agreed to put a notice in Round and About saying that it had been updated, and the parish council would welcome any ideas or views on design and future content.

13.CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email received from the Chairman of Chappel Village Hall Committee in response to our request that they provide their village hall free to the First Responders Group for their monthly meeting as the hall in Great Tey is not available on the day that they have requested. The request has been declined but suggested that the First Responders contact the Chairman if they wish to talk further about this. The clerk will advise the First Responders Group.

14.EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Sections 100 and 102, and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was agreed to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information can be decided.
2 members of the public left the meeting.

15. GREAT TEY PUMP WALL

Damage has been caused to the Pump House wall by a conifer tree which has now been removed. The clerk said that Essex Heritage Trust does not consider that the repair to the wall would qualify for grant funding. The clerk was asked to establish with the owner of Tey House that the contractor can go onto his land for the purpose of repairing the wall and when this has been received, instruct the contractor who provided the only quotation to proceed, once he has completed a previous separate job.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.54pm.

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