

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th March 2014, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Williamson,
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 7 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Langthorne, 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 11th February 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that 52 bags of waste had been collected at the recent litter pick. He said that the details of the Essex County Council (ECC) recycling survey had been put in Round and About.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i).A parishioner said that he is a resident of Lamberts Lane and wish to complain about the lack of road repairs. The potholes here may not be a priority but they are across the road as it is single track and a no through road. He has a low profile car and the potholes cannot be avoided. The temporary repairs done previously do not stand up to heavy farm vehicles.

(ii).A parishioner said that she is also a resident of Lamberts Lane where there are a lot of elderly people. If we had mobility scooters or wheelchairs we would be housebound and could not get out of our properties. She reported a problem in December 2012 which still has not been done. Visitors refuse to travel to her property. We only have one way in and one way out. It is a Health and Safety issue. Highways continually say that we are on the list for repairs. The lane is 8 feet 3 inches wide and one pothole is 6 feet 5 inches wide. Can you please speed up Highways.

(iii).A parishioner said that ditches are not maintained and so water runs on the road not in ditches

(iv).A parishioner said that he is also a resident of Lamberts Lane and we know that we are not a priority for pothole repairs, but as a single track no through road they should be repaired.

Cllr Brewer said that the parish council will support these requests and will approach Highways again.

(v).A parishioner asked if the ECC recycling survey could be completed other than on the internet, as there are a number of parishioners who did not have internet access. He said that he had 50 bus surveys completed when he provided hard copies.

He was advised that hard copies are available at libraries and recycling centres.

(vi).A parishioner said that buses are still using Moor Road during the diversion from Brook Road/Great Tey Road because of drainage repairs. Moor Road is signed unsuitable for diversion and the potholes there are now very bad.

(vii).A parishioner said that she had been advised by Highways by email that The Street is to be resurfaced by April. The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he had not yet received a reply regarding his enquiry regarding the provision of recycling bags. Food caddy liners are available from Chappel Stores. Considerable development work is now being done in Colchester.

He said that the Boundary Commission are reviewing the ward councillor representation and the expectation is that wards will increase in size. Alterations, when decided, will be implemented in 2015.

In response to a reply received by the Parish Council from Colchester Planning Department who had advised that site notices are no longer placed outside properties advertising planning applications, Borough Cllr Chillingworth asked for further details and said that he would make enquiries and report back.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Credit received – Colchester Borough Council-grant for play equipment £ 400.00

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/	of which VAT:-
101394	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – part hall insurance	£ 750.00	
	This cheque has been amended from £1,820 previously agreed.		
101402	Round and About Great Tey – donation	£ 350.00	
101403	D Williams-clerk net sal £358.90 & printing & post exps £78.93	£ 437.83	£ 5.39
101404	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.60	
101405	I Dyer – handyman	£ 309.00	£ 51.50
101406	R Fairs – litter pick expenses	£ 55.98	
101407	R Fairs – Christmas meeting expenses	£ 13.62	
	Youth Activity Club Account		
100068	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 34.00	

(c) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 8,166.95, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 449.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) The clerk reported that Zurich Insurance had offered to quote for the Parish Council insurance which is due on 1st June, and this was agreed. He said that the tree survey which is a requirement of the insurers was last completed in 2009 and should be renewed every 5 years. Members agreed to ask ECC for a quotation.

(e) The clerk advised that the VAT refund request had been submitted.

(f) Members agreed to add another bank signatory, Cllr Beesley, to the present authorised signatories, Cllr Bartleet and Cllr Williamson, so that the mandate will have any two to sign jointly. The clerk was asked to obtain the necessary mandate for completion.

7. PLANNING MATTERS (a) Applications

140530 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – proposed infill to existing open porch – no objections subject to neighbours’s views.

(b) Approvals

136217 Audley, Brook Road – proposed detached outbuilding – approved subject to 4 conditions

140009 14 Lower Langley – two storey rear extension – approved subject to 3 conditions

(c) Appeals

121803 Pendleton, The Street - construction of a new two bedroom detached dwelling – appeal against refusal to grant planning permission is dismissed.

(d).Cllr Beesley declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item as he is a neighbour and said that a condition of the last planning application for the Anglian Water Reservoir site in Chappel Road was that trees were to be planted to screen the site but they have not been planted. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Colchester Borough Council Planning Department asking them to investigate.

8. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Brewer said that he had received draft accounts of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) and the draft handbook for the VHMC in advance of the Extraordinary meeting of the user groups which had been arranged for 8th April at 7pm, when volunteers would be sought to join the VHMC.

Members agreed to ask the clerk to write to the Village Hall Manager to establish if he was attending the meeting on 8th April and to seek his agreement that his job description can be given to the new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of VHMC. He is also to ask him to arrange repair of the sensor light outside the kitchen door.

Cllr Brewer said that two trustees and the trustees’ clerk will meet with the village hall adviser from Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) to discuss the legal structure of the hall’s charitable trusts.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Beesley said that he had investigated the costs for the replacement of some play equipment and will circulate details. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

10. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that the residents of Nuts End, The Chase wish to trim the leylandi trees on the boundary that are near the electricity transformer and will ask for approval to approach UK Power Network.

The clerk was instructed to ask Mr Dyer to ensure that the gateway to the Old Playing Field is not obstructed and so to allow access both on foot and by vehicle to the allotments.

11. HIGHWAYS - Cllr Brewer said that he will write to Essex County Cllr Anne Brown regarding the work required to Lamberts Lane and Moor Road.

12. COMMEMORATION

The clerk reported that there had been several volunteers who wish to be involved with a working party to plant poppies in common areas in the village to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of the start of the First World War. He was asked to forward details to the parishioner who had kindly offered to arrange this and seek funding.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE.

From RCCE inviting entries for Best Kept Village Competition. The clerk was asked to complete the entry form.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7pm on 13th May and to invite the Community Police, ECC Cllr A Brown and Borough Cllr P Chillingworth to the meeting. The Parish Council Annual General Meeting is to be the same day at 7.45 pm with the Parish Council meeting at 7.50pm.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.42 pm.

Chairperson.....

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