

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Hamer, Cllr Williamson.

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 3 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Barron

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i). A parishioner asked what is happening about the building development at West Tey, and what plans are there to upgrade the A120 road.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the options put forward in the Local Plan include development at West Tey. National funds would be required to upgrade the A120 and no money has been designated.

(ii). It was proposed that Lamberts Lane be designated as a Protected Lane.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he will investigate whether or not protected lanes are still in the Borough Development Plan.

The meeting was resumed.

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the council tax for the Borough and the County Council remains the same. Essex Police council tax has increased. The new Strategic Plan and the Environmental Sustainability Plan have both been agreed. Colchester Borough Council (CBC) is considering the funding of street lighting to enable lights to be switched on after midnight. In response to parish council enquiries he said that he would try and speed up the authorisation of the S106 monies to enable the tree work to be done at the side of the tennis courts at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

## 6. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Fairs said that a parishioner has kindly offered to prepare a report with photographs regarding the outstanding highway repair issues. Councillors have thanked him and asked for this report so that a response can be sent to ECC Highways through ECC Cllr Brown.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

| Chq.No.                     | Payee  | Amount (£)/ of which VAT:- |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 101472                      | Round and About Great Tey – donation                                 | £ 700.00                   |
| 101473                      | D Williams-clerk net salary £362.40 & printing & post expenses 85.32 | £ 447.72      £ 8.17       |
| 101474                      | HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary                         | £ 90.60                    |
| Youth Activity Club Account |  |                            |
| 100080                      | Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental                          | £ 42.00                    |
| 100081                      | Great Tey Youth Club – to close the account                          | £ 16.23                    |

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 14,966.47, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38, and Youth Activity Club Account Nil Balance. The clerk said that the Youth Activity Club have asked that the account is closed and the balance has been sent to the officials.

The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

150226 – 14 Holliland Croft - rear sitting room extension, internal alterations and replacement windows – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

Footpath – Consultation re extension to Footpath 16 from Chappel Road next Marshalls House to Patocks Lane – A parish councillor purchased Rudlands Farm approximately 5 years ago. His boundary borders the path and at that time the legal searches revealed no public right of way.

## 9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

a). Agreement was given for a quotation of £250 for the cutting back of the hedge from the school to Lower Langley.

(b). The clerk was asked to chase CBC for their agreement that S106 monies can be used for the removal of the trees around the tennis court, and that CBC copy Cllr Fairs with their reply so that he can instruct the contractor in the temporary absence of the clerk on holiday.

**10. PROTECTED LANES**

The clerk said that the Colchester Local Development Framework Development Policy DP 21 – Nature Conservation and Protected Lanes, encouraged wildlife, flora and fauna, horse riding and walking along designated quiet lanes. Further details were awaited from Essex County Council Highways Department.

**11. PROPOSED LITTER BIN**

Cllr Fairs said that a parishioner had requested that a litter bin be provided on the corner of Lower Langley and Chappel Road. Initial enquiries to CBC indicated that the cost would be a maximum of £200 and this amount was included in the budget for 2015-2016. However CBC have now advised that the cost of the litter bin is £383 to which is to be added the cost of installation and the cost of emptying the bin. After discussion members agreed that this cost was in excess of that budgeted and decided not to proceed. The clerk was asked to advise the parishioner who requested the new litter bin.

**12. THE CHEQUERS INN**

Cllr Hamer said that there were no further details at this stage as to whether it was appropriate to consider if The Chequers should be registered as a village asset.

**13. ALLOTMENTS**

The clerk advised that two plot rentals remain unpaid, and members asked that he chase the plot holders and advise them that if payment is not made then the plots will be re-allocated.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

From Rural Community Council of Essex inviting the parish to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. The village has not been successful for several years and members decided not to enter the competition this year.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Cllr Beesley said that a date should be arranged for the Annual Litter Pick. The clerk was instructed to ask CBC if there is a date arranged for the Borough and to then advise members so that our Litter Pick can be arranged.

Cllr Bartleet said that the Highway Rangers should be asked to clean the street name signs and the gateway signs to the village, and members asked the clerk to contact them accordingly.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm before the Annual General Meeting and the May meeting of the Parish Council

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairperson.....

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