

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th March 2016, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Barron, Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley (Chairman), Cllr Fairs, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 8 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Barron declared an interest in Minute 7 regarding the planning applications for the Barn to South of Tey Cross Farmhouse as she is the applicant. She will leave the meeting whilst the applications are being considered.

Cllr Beesley declared an interest in Minute 7 regarding the planning application for Marshalls Yard as he is a neighbour.

Cllr Fairs declared an interest in Minute 7 regarding the planning application for Walcotts as he is the applicant. He will leave the meeting whilst the application is being considered.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th February 2016 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 if the parish council had received a reply to the enquiry regarding the changes to the bus service.

The clerk said that a reply had been received, and the reply and changes to the bus service were advised in Round and About.

(ii). A parishioner said that the changes to the Saturday bus service are not minor adjustments with two buses into Colchester, and one from Colchester. The parish council funded 25% of the original project to get it off the ground and should respond as it is detrimental to the village. This service is asking people to spend 7 hours in Colchester on a Saturday and this will put the service at risk as numbers will reduce. Bernard Jenkins should be involved.

(iii). A parishioner said that the information for the new bus services is not advertised. The flags marking the buses are being changed to Stanmoor Street but new flags are not yet shown. The bus stops in Colchester are not advertised.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the parish council should have a representative on the Bus Users Group.

Cllr Bartleet said that the parish council will find out the bus stops in Colchester and report them in Round and About.

(iv). A parishioner said that he lives on the south side of the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground and asked:-

1. Why has the hedge been removed? 2. Why did you not tell us, we should have received a letter? 3. Was it done to the parish council's specification? 4. What are you doing about our lack of privacy?

Cllr Fairs said that we had knocked on relevant doors and advised a number of residents. The details had been advertised in Round and About, on the parish web site, on parish council agendas and minutes on the notice board in The Chase. We apologise for not writing a letter as well. The parish council is not responsible for the fence.

(v). A parishioner asked if there any plans to repair the chain link fencing.

Cllr Fairs said that this will need to be considered.

(vi). A parishioner said that he was concerned with the security of the rear of the properties now that the hedge has been removed.

Cllr Bartleet said that the parish council is trying to replace a row of trees with a thick hedge which can be managed.

(vii). A parishioner requested that a willow fence be installed in the short term to protect security and privacy.

(viii). A parishioner said that now she has lost privacy, the tennis courts are an eyesore and is concerned that a cycle track, basketball court or outdoor gym would be noisy and encourage anti social behaviour. She would like to see grass and trees.

(ix). A parishioner asked if some of the money raised at the village weekend could be used to fund the Local First Responders.

Cllr Williamson suggested that he advised the village weekend organisers of this suggestion.

The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the A120 community forum met on 12th February and are consulting residents regarding new routes. He suggested that the parish council has a representative at the meeting in future. The new A120 is presently planned to be built in 2020-2025, and new proposed routes will be considered in February 2017. Cllr Fairs said that the proposed development at West Tey should not be started until the A120 is re-routed.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the recent planning application for the Tollgate village development has been refused, and he advised that he had voted against the application as it would have significantly affected Colchester Town centre, and affected the present Local Plan. Investors are currently moving into Colchester on the basis of the present Local Plan. Borough Cllr Chillingworth and six members of public left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Funds received from Colchester Borough Council re Locality Grant £ 400.00

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101520	R L Lissimore- village hall outside lighting works	£ 1,163.54	£ 193.92
101531	Round and About Great Tey – donation	£ 750.00	
101532	Great Tey Golden Jubilee Fund - donation for village weekend	£ 300.00	
101533	D Williams-clerk net sal £366.73 & printing & post exps £97.88	£ 464.61	£ 4.41
101534	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 91.60	
101535	R Fordham – tree work in HFRG	£ 3,120.00	£ 520.00
101536	I Dyer – handyman	£ 441.83	£ 73.64

(c) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £14,574.19, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

Cllr Barron left the meeting whilst the following two planning applications were discussed.

160307 Barn To South Of Tey Cross Farmhouse, Earls Colne Road - Change of external appearance and enlargement of cellar in relation to the two storey rear extension only – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

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Cllr Barron returned to the meeting.

160494 Marshalls Yard, Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road - proposed replacement dwelling & detached garage for private use, at existing scrapyards - no objections subject to neighbours' views, but we note that the proposed site plan 19-205-02 is incorrect stating that the proposed garage is a bungalow.

Cllr Fairs left the meeting whilst the following planning application was discussed

160408 Walcotts, Coggeshall Road – erection of single storey/two storey side/rear extension together with associated internal/external alterations – No objections subject to neighbours' views. The clerk was asked to confirm that the plans viewed are the current plans.

Cllr Fairs returned to the meeting.

Approvals by Colchester Borough Council

160079 The Leys, Broad Green, Coggeshall single storey granny annexe to side of house

Refusals by Essex County Council

Refusal of application to upgrade Tey Brook Lane to restricted byway status.

Refusal of application to upgrade Small Brook Lane to restricted byway status.

8. RURAL PLANNING REVIEW

Members agreed to consider the Call for Evidence further and the matter is to be on the agenda for the April meeting to decide whether or not to respond.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs said that he will arrange for the defibrillator box to be fixed to the front wall outside the main entrance, and the cigarette disposal box will be moved.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Barron declared an interest in the following item regarding the works to the tennis courts.

Cllr Fairs referred to the advice and guide price received from G & J Barron regarding the removal of the tennis court surface and the grassing over of the area and said that the work should be done. This will be discussed at the meeting of the Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall after the parish council meeting as the Trustees are the landowners.

Members were advised since the last meeting that the handyman had withdrawn his quotation to coppice to ground level the trees and hedging at the rear of the properties which borders with the recreation ground, from the entrance to the recreation ground to Farmfield Road. It was therefore agreed to accept the quotation of £2,600 plus VAT from R Fordham. His insurance details have been provided and the work has been completed.

Cllr Fairs said that now that the hedge had been coppiced, it has revealed that the restraining wire on the chain link fence needs replacing in parts and he will ask the handyman for a quotation for this.

Cllr Fairs referred to the play equipment and said that Playquip have quoted to repair the bridge, and the handyman has quoted to repair it. He will meet him to discuss the specifications. The arched bridge also requires repair to the boards and Cllr Fairs will also ask the handyman for a quote to repair this. The clerk will establish the other quotation received for the arched bridge.

Members agreed at the last meeting to purchase a picnic bench for £437.50 plus VAT once the locality fund for £400 from CBC has been confirmed. The locality fund has been received but the cost of the bench with delivery and fixings has escalated to £707 before installation. Members therefore agreed not to proceed with the purchase of the new bench, and Cllr Fairs said that he will ask the handyman to quote to move the bench in the tennis court area, make good and relocate it to where the picnic bench was situated.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that overhanging trees are affecting the plots on the right side and he will ask the handyman for a quotation to cut them back.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email received from a parishioner asking if the Campaign Against Urban Sprawl can make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The final arrangements regarding the parish litter pick on Saturday 12th March were made.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.34 pm.

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