

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Beesley, Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Traube, Cllr N Veash, Cllr M

Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth, M Groborz from RCCE, and 3 members of public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Fairs.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Traube said that he had changed the exterior light bulb on the corner of the village hall.

**5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Attended Freighter will call at Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) on 7 April, 2 June and 28 July from 9.30am to 10.45am. Cllr Brewer said that he would put a note in Round and About regarding this. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that black recycling sacks would be delivered during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. There is to be a public consultation regarding the proposal that no traffic be allowed down High Street Colchester between 10am and 6pm. Cllr Brewer asked why costly barriers had been installed at Westway, Colchester, and was advised that it was because of 3 serious road traffic accidents. Cllr Traube asked who paid for the patching of A1124 at Wakes Colne as it had only recently been resurfaced, and Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he would find the answer to this and report back.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) The transport representative said that he would attend a Transport Liaison Group meeting shortly, and will report back.

(ii) A parishioner said that the rose bed in front of the village hall needed attention.

The meeting resumed.

The clerk was instructed to ask the volunteer if he still wants to attend to the rose bed, and if not then ask the handyman if he could undertake this.

Cllr Veash joined the meeting.

**6. PRESENTATION BY M GROBORZ, RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ESSEX, ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Ms Groborz made a presentation to the parish council advising that RCCE tries to improve affordable housing in parishes that need it. Affordable housing involves a housing association and properties are either shared ownership with them or rented from the housing association, and are only occupied by people with a local connection in perpetuity. Planning permission can be given for plots of land outside the village envelope through the rural exception policy. A requirement is first established by a housing needs survey, undertaken by RCCE at a cost to the parish of approximately £40 plus distribution. RCCE then summarises, recommends the way forward, and if there is a housing need an association is selected and a site identified if the parish council agrees to this. The clerk was asked to write and thank Ms Groborz for the presentation, and this subject will now be considered by the parish council.

**7. OLD PLAYING FIELD**

(a) Two parishioners have said that they would like to see part of the village common land returned back to a wild flower meadow, and suggested an area around the beacon on the Old Playing Field, and also a small area of the churchyard. A work schedule and costings showing a cost of approximately £100 for the Beacon area. They await the response of the church regarding the churchyard, and have approached the Village Jubilee Fund for funding for the Beacon area.

It was agreed to ask the Trustees of the Village Hall for a donation of £100 if the Village Jubilee Fund does not assist, and the parishioners will advise us.

The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman not to mow the area around the Beacon from late August this year until early Autumn next year.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No. Payee

Amount	(£)	of which VAT:-
101257 Aon Limited-insurance gates,fences,bus shelter-replaces chq 101208	£ 34.28	
101258 D Williams-clerk net salary £286.73 & Post, printing exp £55.12	£ 341.85	£ 6.32
101259 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 71.60	
101260 Round & About Gt Tey – donation	£ 190.00	
101261 I Dyer – play area posts and kickboard replaced	£ 428.40	£ 71.40
101262 I Dyer – handyman	£ 128.70	£ 21.45
101263 I Dyer – handyman	£ 73.87	£ 12.31
Youth Activity Club Account		
100046 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 15.60	

(b) A transfer from Business Saver Account to Community Account for £800 was agreed, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 948.45, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 1,140.63 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 9,311.67. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The clerk reported that Aon Ltd had replied regarding the outstanding parish council insurance issues stating firstly that the tree inspection be carried out every 5 years, however if the next report which is due to be carried out in 2014 states that the trees need to be inspected annually then this will need to be adjusted again. Secondly regarding the employer's contract clause, the clerk and responsible financial officer will be covered under the employers and public liability section of the policy whilst working from his own premises and carrying out duties on behalf of the parish council. Thirdly the ROSPA report is satisfactory for their requirements. The clerk was therefore instructed to cancel the Allianz Engineering policy and report.

(d) The clerk reported on the grant funding position for the two projects being considered.

An application for grant funding for the removal of the tennis courts has already been made by The Trustees of the Village Hall for £10,000 to Peoples Health Trust Lottery. This application was not successful as the Trustees could not demonstrate sufficiently the health benefits for the residents of Great Tey. An application for £5,000 is prepared and will be made to BIFFA by the Parish Council once a second quotation for these works has been received. Cllr Fairs has said that he will arrange this quotation and the clerk was asked to follow for this second quotation.

Applications for £13,582 to BIFFA by The Trustees of the Village Hall, and £10,000 to Cory by the Parish Council for the redecoration and repairs to the village hall have been submitted by the clerk.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS Applications

120418 Chequers Inn, The Street – listed building application to replace 3 fire doors and alter another, and for self-closing

devices, fire door signage and emergency lighting – We support this application.

(b) Approvals

112435 Oak Lodge, Moor Road – erection of detached outbuilding to include, ancillary residential accommodation (existing

building to be removed) and change of use of surrounding land – approved subject to 11 conditions.

120006 Tey Craft Centre, Brook Road – erection of two-storey building (offices). Alternative to planning permission

F/COL/02/0605 – approved subject to 7 conditions.

(c) Cllr Williamson said that together with Cllr Bartleet, she attended a Planning Course given by EALC, and she reported on the content. She said that neighbourhood plans were not relevant, but a parish plan could be an option. Colchester is not to have a new settlement at Marks Tey, and the Borough is looking to put 400 units on the edge of villages. Cllr Williamson said that she would probably recommend that a parish plan is not undertaken, but if nothing is done, then the parish can make its wishes known to the Borough, the benefit here is that the parish then has some control over development.

After discussion it was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would have on the agenda 'to discuss the implications of the planning changes and possible development in Great Tey'. This would be on 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, with the parish council meeting at 8pm that day.

Councillors agreed to meet informally before then to consider this, and Cllr Bartleet agreed to contact Colchester Borough to establish whether there are any proposals at this stage for Great Tey.

## 10. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Brewer and Cllr Traube said that the rearranged meeting with ECC Cllr Brown and Borough Cllr

Chillingworth to inspect the state of the roads in and around the village had been arranged for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am.

## 11. VILLAGE HALL

There were no items to discuss.

## 12. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Beesley said that the handyman had reported that the steps to the mound needed replacing. He had inspected this and after discussion it was agreed that the clerk asks the handyman to quote to remove the existing concrete, level the sub surface, and then fresh concrete poured in and shuttering. It was also agreed that the Trustees of the Village Hall would be asked for a donation to cover this cost.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

Email received from a parishioner asking for access to the rear of his property in Chrismund Way from Harold Fairs Recreation Ground so that oil tankers can deliver oil to his property. It was agreed to refuse this request as the car park surface had not been designed to take fully laden oil tankers, and in addition the stretch wire will have to be broken and moved, and trees will have to be removed. The legislation does not prohibit oil delivery through a garage. The clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Cllr Williamson proposed that the parish holds the annual litter pick and this was agreed. The date set is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April meeting at the Village Hall at 9.30am. Cllr Brewer agreed to contact the Community Wardens for the equipment, he will put a note in Round and About Great Tey, and ask Cllr Fairs if he could run the barbeque. Cllr Williamson said that she would represent the parish council at the Round & About Live event at the village hall on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Brewer said that the water leak before Tey Brook is flowing from a manhole in the road, and the clerk was asked to contact Anglian Water regarding this.

Cllr Beesley said that Essex County Council Highways have responded to the parish council enquiry concerning the water on Coggeshall Road. They say that the ditch requires clearing by the landowner. The clerk was asked to establish with the landowner what his views are.

The clerk was asked to put a note in Round and About seeking expressions of interest for the Handyman contract which the parish council is obliged to do from time to time.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairperson.....

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