

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 13th November 2012, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Veash,

Cllr Traube, Cllr Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 4 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th October 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that he had received a response from a parishioner following the request in Round and About for resources to support the Emergency Plan. The clerk referred to the acceptance of the quotation in the height of the trees at the rear of the Chrismund Way houses that back onto the car park, which was subject to a reduction to a height of 6 feet. The contractor has recommended that the reduced height be 9 to 11 feet and Cllr Brewer and other councillors agreed to meet the contractor to discuss and agree the reduced height of the trees.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth reminded the Parish Council that he can 'call in' a planning application for consideration by the Planning Committee if requested to do so by the Parish Council. This is helpful if the Planning Officer intends to agree to an application. He said that Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr A Brown is forwarding details of the Local Highways Panel.

Cllr Brewer said that the Borough Council has no stock of replacement green waste bags. Cllr Traube referred to the Great Tey Matters newsletter and asked whether the ECC savings of £370 million were for 1 year or 3 years. He also asked what does the increase in the Dartford Crossing tolls generate and what are the increased funds spent on. It was agreed that the clerk would ask ECC Cllr A Brown.

CBC Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

- (i) The transport representative said that he attended the recent meeting of bus representatives when CBC attended. The new Colchester bus station was discussed, and timetables are to remain the same and there is a possibility of congestion. A new automated bus location system will be in place at the middle of next year.
- (ii) A parishioner said that the Chequers Pub signpost had been knocked over and removed, and he asked if it is to be replaced. He was advised that it is probably the responsibility of Greene King.
- (iii) A parishioner referred to the planning application for Pendleton and made a statement regarding an application in 2008 which was declined and then refused on appeal. He then continued his statement objecting to the new application.

The meeting resumed.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101309	Audit Commission – external auditor's fee	£ 162.00	£ 27.00
101310	D Williams – clerk salary £444.08 less PAYE £88.82	£ 355.26	
101311	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 88.82	
101312	Anglian Water – water for allotments	£ 22.74	
101313	Great and Little Tey PCC – donation re churchyard maintenance	£ 300.00	
Youth Activity Club Account			
100053	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 34.00	

(b) An authority to transfer £600 from Community Account to Business Saver Account was completed. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 729.74, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 925.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 17,516.23. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) It was agreed to make an application to CBC Cllr P Chillingworth for a locality budget grant of £355 to cover refurbishment of the bus shelter, replacement of a gate post at the allotments, and repair of a seat at the children's playground.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

121803 Pendleton, The Street – Construction of new two bedroom detached property – This application was discussed in detail and the agreed comments were:- We refuse this application on the basis that it is not in keeping with the existing listed buildings that surround it. It is in a conservation area which as a parish council we wish to protect for future generations. The design of a modern building is not appropriate in any way to the existing structures. This application is for a larger building than the building that was refused on the previous application number 081923. These views were shared by the inspector when the application was refused on appeal number APP/A1530/A/09/2099994.

The clerk was also instructed to write to CBC Cllr P Chillingworth and ask him to call in this application for consideration by the Planning Committee and also mention that we consider that the elevation plans appear incorrect and if so the application should not have been validated. He was also asked to advise us of the Planning Committee meeting date.

Refusal

121148 Oakley, Broad Green – Conversion and extension of existing 5 bedroom house to form 2 no x 3 bedroom dwellings – refused.

8. WINTER SALT BAG SCHEME

The clerk said our insurers had responded to our query concerning the salt bag scheme advising us of procedures that should be followed in order that the parish council is covered by the public liability policy. Parish councillors expressed concern that the scheme was unworkable because of the onerous insurance and monitoring requirements. The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman if he could salt the village hall car park entrance and the front entrance to the village hall during snowy and icy weather. Also the handyman is to be asked if he wishes to be involved in the distribution of salt on pavements in Great Tey, and the parish council will arrange the logistics.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that he is seeking to have repaired the faulty front door locking mechanism, either by approaching the original contractor again, or by having a part specially made.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

A quotation of £75 was agreed from the handyman for the repair of the bench in front of the fireman's pole on the south side of the children's play area.

The clerk was asked to arrange for this repair.

Cllr Fairs asked for a copy of the tree survey to identify the trees in the Recreation Ground.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

From a parishioner concerned that cars are parked in the village almost on road junctions, presenting a danger to road users. The clerk was asked to invite the Neighbourhood Police Officer to the next meeting to discuss this and also the recent burglaries in the village.

From the Rural Housing Enabler at the Rural Community Council of Essex regarding a point made the parish council when the decision not to proceed with exploring a scheme of affordable houses was communicated. This was considered and the clerk was asked to reply and thank her for the clarification and say that this does not affect the decision made.

12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Brewer said that the bulbs had been planted and the roses pruned in the garden in front of the village hall.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairperson.....

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