

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th November 2014, at 7.30 pm

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

Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bartleet

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th October 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The meeting was suspended for Public Questions and Statements.

(i).A parishioner said that he attended the transport representatives' meeting when the County's bus strategy was advised. A five year contract is to be given to bus companies. The meetings will reduce from two to one each year, and all communications will be by email in future. The minutes are awaited. Concern was mentioned about bus services to Colchester Hospital.

The meeting was resumed.

4. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Colchester park and ride starts in March but bus companies are not yet appointed.

He said that the Boundary Commission Review draft recommendations are for a large ward from Great Tey to Dedham, including the local parishes of Chappel, Mount Bures and Wormingford. There will be 3 Borough Councillors and if confirmed, this will be effective from May 2016.

There will be parish elections in 2015 and also 2016.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr Fairs said that no candidates had yet come forward and the vacancy remains unfilled.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101455	Anglian Water – allotment water	£ 56.76
101456	D Williams- clerk salary £453.00 less PAYE £90.60	£ 362.40
101457	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 90.60
101458	Great Tey Golden Jubilee Fund – balance of ECC grant	£ 300.00
101459	I Dyer – grasscutting, OPF and HFRG	£ 79.20 £ 13.20
Youth Activity Club Account		
100076	Gt Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 42.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 18,253.82 , Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 184.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38 . The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) Cllr Fairs said that funds are due to the parish regarding the development at Chrysmond Croft, Moor Road. The sum of £827 is available for the village hall, and £3,604 is available for leisure or open spaces. It was agreed to propose the first part of the site clearance of the tennis court project, being the removal of the trees and the tree stumps around the tennis court, and details of the quotations received are to be sent by the clerk to Borough Cllr Chillingworth, asking how many quotations are required. The clerk was also instructed to ask the village hall committee and the manager to recommend capital expenditure, not running costs.

The clerk was asked to place an article in Round and About advising parishioners what is proposed, and seeking suggestions regarding the future use of the site as the reinstatement of the tennis courts is not a viable option. This will also be placed on the web site and on Facebook.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

Application to add a Restricted Byway along Pattocks Lane – the agreed response is that the Parish Council is concerned about the destruction of natural habitat with the removal of hedgerows and infill of ditches.

Application to upgrade FP11 Sear Lane to a bridleway – the agreed response is that the Parish Council is concerned about the destruction of natural habitat with the removal of hedgerows and infill of ditches, with specific regard to badger setts on Sear Lane.

(b) Refusals

145698 Forresters Farm, Lamberts Lane – Prior Approval of proposed change of use of Agricultural

8. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs said that the village hall manager has resigned, and this will be considered by the Trustees of the Village Hall at their next meeting.

9. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that permission had been requested to plant a World War One Commemoration Tree, and an oak tree was suggested. It was agreed to suggest a Wild Serbis tree, ideally a semi mature tree not a whip, with the location on the Old Playing Field to be agreed. The cage on the horse chestnut tree can be used when that tree is removed from the Old Playing Field as it is diseased. The clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

10. HIGHWAYS

The clerk reported that Essex County Council (ECC) Councillor Anne Brown has followed up the parish council's request to Highways for clarification when the potholes in the parish will be repaired, and a reply is awaited.

Email received from ECC Cllr Anne Brown regarding the potholes and mud on the road at Salmons Lane. She has asked ECC Highways for a response.

Cllr Fairs said that 3 salt bins are allocated to our parish , one at the junction of Chappel Road and Moor Road, one at the junction of The Street and Greenfield Drive, but the one at the junction of Coggeshall Road and The Street is missing. The clerk was instructed to ask ECC Highways to replace and fill it.

11. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email received from a parishioner requesting a waste bin on the junction of Lower Langley and Chappel Road. The clerk was instructed to ask the Community Warden if this item can be funded by them, but if not this can be included in next year's expenditure.

From the Boundary Commission regarding the draft recommendation on the change to Colchester Borough Council Wards. It was agreed that the parish council has no comment.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.08 pm.

Chairperson.....

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