

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013, at 7.30 pm

Present:- Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Beesley, Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Langthorne, Cllr Williamson  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P. Chillingworth and 13 members of public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Veash

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None.

### **3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN COMPETITIONS AND BEST KEPT ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION**

The chairman congratulated all the certificate winners and said that the time spent working in their garden was appreciated by the village. Cheques were presented to the Garden winners. Certificate winners were:-

#### Best Kept Large Front Garden

First Prize - Gulls Farm, Buckleys Lane      Second Prize - Buckleys Farmhouse, Buckleys Lane  
Third Prize - Braziers, Dowsland Green      Highly Commended – Smythers Farm, Earls Colne Road

#### Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - Baldwins Farm, Great Tey      Second Prize - 3 Forge Cottages, Chappel Road  
Third Prize - Bidford, The Street      Highly Commended – 2 Brook House Cottages, Brook House Road

#### Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - M Hird and B Flack      Second Prize - A Watson  
Third Prize - D Frost

The clerk was asked to put these results in Round and About Great Tey. 5 members of public left the meeting.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13th August 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:- None.

The meeting was resumed.

### **6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Borough Cllr Chillingworth referred to the enquiry regarding public access to Colchester Bus Station from the car park, and said that he had established that the crossing has been designated and is awaiting re-lining from Essex County Council (ECC).

He said that the household collection of food waste will start in the autumn. Containers will be delivered during the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November and collections start the following week. Cllr Brewer said that he would put a note in Round and About regarding this.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that S 106 monies will be available to the parish from the development at Chrysmond Croft once it is started. £827 will be available for the village hall, and £3,604 will be available for leisure or open spaces. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

### **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101364	K French – village hall works, carpenter	£ 120.00	
101365	I Dyer – grass cutting HFRG and OPF	£ 105.60	£ 17.60
101366	D Williams- clerk salary £448.50 less PAYE £89.60	£ 358.90	
101367	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 89.60	
101368	P Jellard – Winner, Best Kept Large Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101369	J Bartleet - Winner, Best Kept Small Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £15,416.70, Youth Activity Club Account Cr 636.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 21.50. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

### **8. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Applications

131713 12 Chappel Road - Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new 2 storey full width extension for additional living space – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

131762 3 Buxton Cottages, Salmons Corner - Removal of conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension and conservatory - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

131790 Wishit, Broad Green – proposed swimming pool hall - No objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Approvals

130996 Chrysmond Croft, Moor Road – Erection of single storey 3-Bed dwelling including new single garage, widening of existing vehicular access & provision of new vehicular access to existing dwelling – Approved subject to 11 conditions and 3 informatives.

131339 Marshalls Cottage, Chappel Road - Proposed re-construction of roof to form 2 bedrooms and shower and W.C. – Approved subject to 3 conditions and 1 informative.

131301 2 New Cottages, Brook Road – single storey extension and alterations to existing house – approved subject to 3 conditions and 1 informative.

(c) Refusals

131277 Cranbrook, Chappel Road - First floor extension above existing garage; ground and first floor extension to area behind garage and garden room extension to rear – Refused.

131435 Land South East of Toccia, Chappel Road – Change of use of land to extension to garden of Toccia and erection of a garden shed on the land – refused.

(d) Appeal

Lodged re Pendleton, The Street – regarding refusal of planning permission for the construction of a new two bedroom detached property – the parish council has already objected to this planning application.

**9. OLD PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Fairs said that he will contact one householder on Brook Road whose hedge should be cut back as it is growing over the fence between the Old Playing Field and his rear garden.

Cllr Fairs said that he had been advised that some allotment plots are not being worked, and the clerk was asked to establish ownership and write to the plot holders when invoices are sent out next month. Cllr Fairs said that he would inspect the allotments to see if work is required to the trees and hedges and then quotations can be obtained if necessary.

**10.VILLAGE HALL**

(a)Cllr Fairs said that the refurbishment and redecoration of the village hall had been finished apart from the completion of a snagging list. He said that the floor varnishing and painting of the store cupboard was not necessary and £600 can be deducted from the costs. With additional works done, Mr Hermon’s final cost will be £13,265 plus VAT which is £465 over the original budget of £12,800. To this is added costs of £120 to a carpenter and £125 for window blinds, final overall cost £13,510 plus VAT which is £710 over budget. These costs were authorised, and an interim payment of £11,938.50 plus VAT totalling £14,326.50 was authorised to be paid to Mr Hermon upon receipt of his VAT invoice. This cheque is not included in the figures in item 7(a). The Trustees of the Village Hall Trust have given a cheque of £7,500 as a donation towards these works.

(b) Cllr Langthorne said that at the meeting of the village hall user groups prior to this parish council meeting there were no volunteers for the post of chairman, nor treasurer nor booking official. In view of that he said that he had offered to chair the village hall management committee for a maximum period of six months to enable the committee to be set up from the user groups and volunteers, and to recruit a salaried village hall manager to run the hall to replace the volunteers, Mr Jim Springate and Mr Simon Fraser, who were retiring after many years’ service. They were thanked for their time and their involvement. The village hall manager’s job is to be advertised and an extraordinary meeting of user groups and volunteers will be called in two months’ time.

**11.HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Williamson said that she had approached Playdale for a quotation regarding various repairs required, and has also approached a play equipment repairer recommended by CBC, and a meeting is being arranged followed by a quotation which will be circulated to members.

**12. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Brewer said that he is in contact with Essex County Council (ECC) Highways regarding several outstanding Highways matters. He said that the responses received to our enquiries are not satisfactory. These cover general resurfacing, the pothole repair near the Old Rectory, the Old Ford Crossing at Tey Brook, and the road signs at Moor Road and New Barn Road. He said that he has met Essex County Councillor Anne Brown who has seen these outstanding matters and she has agreed that they must be resolved. She is contacting the Highways portfolio holder to relook at these matters.

**13.PART NIGHT STREET LIGHTING**

It was agreed that the parish council has no comment to make regarding this consultation.

**14.CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

From a parishioner advising that he has started a Facebook page for Great Tey.  
From Great Tey Pre School asking the parish council to clear the strip of land at the side of the village hall. A response has been sent advising that the parish council felt that as the tree stumps had been reduced to ground level, that enough had been done and the job should finish. After discussion the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to contact Cllr Fairs to meet at the village hall so that the future management of this strip of land could be arranged.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Brewer said that the home fire safety service will make a presentation on 10 October at the village hall.  
Cllr Brewer said that a poster advertising a business was on display on Chappel Road. Cllr Langthorne said that he would check the relevant regulations, and advise Cllr Fairs who would contact the person involved if necessary.

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