

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th September 2015, 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 15 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

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 - Braziers, Dowsland Green	Second Prize - Bucklers Farmhouse, Buckleys Lane
Third Prize - Gulls Farm, Buckleys Lane	Highly Commended - Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane

Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - 1 Saucelands Cottages, Coggeshall Rd	Second Prize - 3 New Cottages, Brook Road
Third Prize - Tey House, The Street	Highly Commended - Bidford, The Street
Highly Commended – Moatcrest, Brook Road	Highly Commended - 16 Christmund Way

Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - A Watson	Second Prize - M Hird and B Flack
Third Prize - C Lucock	Highly Commended – K Delderfield
Highly Commended – D Frost	

The clerk was asked to put these results in Round and About Great Tey. 7 members of public left the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11th August 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None.

6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that there is to be a review of the polling areas, but no change is envisaged for Great Tey. Colchester Borough Council (CBC) are discussing the proposed Local Plan prior to publishing the preferred option in 4 to 5 months time. Originally the Plan was to be based on a new houses requirement of 1,055 per annum, but this has now been reduced to 920 per annum. There is to be a review of settlement boundaries in the Borough and the parish council are recommended to consider this. A new tennis complex has been agreed in Colchester with a development for a multi use games centre.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

7. CO OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY

Cllr Beesley asked if there were any nominations for the vacancy of a parish councillor. Cllr Barron proposed Philip Hunt who introduced himself. Cllr Williamson seconded him and he was unanimously elected. Cllr Hunt joined the meeting.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101504	P King - Winner of Best Kept Large Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101505	N Veash - Winner of Best Kept Small Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101506	I Dyer – grasscutting	£ 52.80	£ 8.80
101507	D Williams-clerk salary £458.33 less PAYE £91.60	£ 366.73	
101508	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 91.60	
101509	Colchester Borough Council – uncontested election costs	£ 61.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 17,372.81, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

151839 The Old School, Moor Road - Demolish recently added outbuildings, refurbish existing buildings, single storey extension for porch, utility room and cloakroom. Convert loft space to create two new bedrooms, bathroom, including dormer windows - No objections subject to neighbours' views. If the Borough Council is minded to approve this application we would ask that clear access is given to the road junction at all times.

Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

151180 Tey Craft Centre - 2 non illuminated fascia signs, 1 telephone vinyl, 1 illuminated keep clear sign – approved subject to 3 conditions.

Applications refused by Colchester Borough Council

151397 Forresters Farm, Lamberts Lane – Prior approval for change of use from Agricultural building to dwelling house – refused.

Other Planning Matters

Footpath 11 Order issued re Upgrade of footpath to a bridleway – Letter received from Essex County Council (ECC) Legal Services regarding the parish council objections, detailing the criteria when considering the order, the evidence supporting the order, and ECC comments on the objections. ECC ask if the parish council are prepared to reconsider the objection and that they are expected to submit a coherent written evidential case and attend a public hearing. Members agreed that the clerk should reply stating that this letter was discussed and our concerns remain.

10. GLAMPING SITE AT TEY BROOK

Cllr Beesley said that complaints had been received regarding noise from the glamping site at Tey Brook which took place until late in the evening when wedding events have been run.

The meeting was suspended

The operators of the site spoke and apologised for the noise. They have a special sound system which considerably reduces noise but it was not available for two of the three recent events. They will use this and also look at other methods of reducing the noise. A discussion followed between some of the complainants and the operators regarding the noise.

The meeting was resumed and 6 further members of public left the meeting.

12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Beesley said that parking is to be introduced on the road outside Marks Tey Railway Station.

13. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk said that approval for the grant to fund the hall exterior lighting was awaited from CBC, and he will chase them regarding this so that the work can be done.

14. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Williamson said that the trees are to be removed around the tennis court commencing 14th September. She will attend the site. Cllr Bartleet and Cllr Beesley said that they would attend also. The ground works regarding the removal of the tree stumps will be done when the tree work has been completed.

Cllr Fairs said that he will arrange to meet on site with the handyman to discuss his quotation to repair the bridge and timber walkway.

All members expressed concern and disappointment regarding the recent vandalism to the play area, and the clerk was asked to arrange for an article to be published in the next edition of Round and About. Cllr Fairs said that the vandalised bench should be removed and the fence around the play area should be repaired, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to attend to this. Cllr Fairs suggested that the parish council should consider replacing the wooden benches with recycled plastic which is vandal proof.

The clerk reported that an email had been received from a resident of Greenfield Drive asking for the trees and hedging at the rear of his property which borders with the recreation ground, be reduced. The councillors who are to attend the tree removal mentioned earlier on 14th September will arrange for a quotation to reduce the trees and hedging to 12 feet. The clerk was asked to reply to the email accordingly.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Essex Air Ambulance asking for a donation. Members said that they would like to donate but are not able to do so because of budgetary issues.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.07 pm.

Chairperson.....

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