

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

At the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fraser, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer (also Minute Taker), Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson (Chair)  
3 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Fairs, Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth

## 2. DECLARATIONS 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> November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - None

The meeting was suspended

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(i). A parishioner referred to the planning application 172862 for 4 Rectory Cottages and said that an application was made in 2003/2004 for a two storey side extension which was refused by the Borough Council and only a single storey extension was agreed. Cllr Williamson said that the application may be refused, and also will be under more scrutiny as it is in the Conservation Area.

(ii). A parishioner then pointed out that this property has been extended on a number of occasions and wondered if it has been overdeveloped.

(iii). The web site designer asked to discuss the new web site, but in the absence of the clerk members were unable to comment.

(iv). A parishioner said that the damaged salt grit box at the junction of Coggeshall Road has disappeared, and said that it should be replaced. This should be covered by insurance. Members agreed to ask the clerk to contact Highways to request that one is replaced and to replenish all salt grit boxes in the parish.

(v). A parishioner said that the pub is closing, the current incumbents are leaving and no one as yet is to take over.

(vi). A parishioner said that the First Responders are no longer allowed to attend any paediatric call outs unless it is cardiac arrest. The Parish Council was requested to raise an objection as this is a nationwide decision as other counties are not trained to paediatric level, so the local service is downgraded to this level. Members agreed to ask the clerk to write to the chief executive of the East of England Ambulance Service objecting to the loss of paediatric care except in the event of cardiac arrest from our First Responders service, and calling for its reinstatement in this region.

The meeting continued

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR - None

## 7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Cllr Hamer and Cllr Williamson said that they attended a meeting at Alresford Village Hall, run by Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE). The subject was Neighbourhood Plans and the Local Plan. RCCE suggested that the plan committee attended groups within the community, WI and Drop In and others to gain their views for developing the village survey. The funding period finishes on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and it has been agreed not to apply for any funding until the new period.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101648	D Williams-clerk salary £467.50 less PAYE £186.80	£ 280.70
101649	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 186.80
101650	Anglian Water Business Ltd (National) – allotments water	£ 14.80

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 21, 206.71, Business Saver Account Cr £22.38. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

172862 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road - Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. – Members noted that there was a strongly worded objection to an application in 2007 as the proposal would harm rather than preserve the character of the conservation area. Members said that they would like to know whether anything has changed over the last 10 years that would alter the original decision, at which time only a single storey extension was approved. The agreed response was:- We object to this application as it has not changed substantially since the original application 10 years ago.

(b) Advice of Planning Applications Approved by Colchester Borough Council

172582 Site of Former Barn, South of Tey Brook Farmhouse, Brook Road – variation of conditions 6 & 9 of planning permission 101834

c) Advice of Planning Inspector's decision re FP 64 – Sear Lane off Lamberts Lane – to be upgraded to a restricted byway subject to opportunity for objections and representations. Members agreed to ask the clerk to enquire when there will be an opportunity for objections and representations.

**10. HIGHWAYS**

Members agreed to ask Essex Highways what their policy is on replacing damaged or lost salt grit bins, specifically the bin at the junction of Coggeshall Road and The Street, which was destroyed in a road traffic accident. Cllr Bartleet said that he will contact the handyman and offer a few bags for distribution on public access areas.

**11. GREAT TEY SWIMMING POOL**

It was reported that the swimming pool committee have not yet finalised a business plan, so they propose to attend next month's parish council meeting. Members agreed to review the wording of the Great Tey Village Hall Trust constitution to ascertain whether any possible donation can be made from the Trust.

**12. VILLAGE HALL**

Members were advised that Anglian Water require alterations to the water tank to meet their requirements to pass their compliance inspection. Mr Brooks has kindly prepared a sketch proposal for a pitched roof to the tank, and members agreed that this should be submitted to Anglian Water for approval. Cllr Hunt said that he would ask a carpenter to provide a quotation for the work.

**13.HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Williamson said that no open meeting has been arranged at the school for Cllr Fairs and herself to discuss the problems mentioned regarding the new barrier.

The wire fence backing onto Harold Fairs Recreation Ground was discussed. The Parish Council were concerned about setting a precedent. Cllr Williamson said that she would attend the records office at Chelmsford to look at Parish Council minute books from 1970-1975 to try to find out who put up the wire fence originally.

**14. OLD PLAYING FIELD**

Members noted that garden waste had been dumped on the old playing field. As the parishioner responsible cannot be identified, it was agreed to ask the handyman to clear this.

**15. ALLOTMENTS**

Mr Fordham has provided a quotation of £450 to tidy up the trees to keep their shape to include chipping. This was agreed.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

A copy email from the Borough Cllr to Essex Highways received seeking speed restrictions on the unclassified road from the A120 to B1508. This was noted.

An email received from the Village Hall Manager advising that the pre school are seeking extended hours at the hall from January, and to assist with accommodating this the Post Office outreach service has been asked if their hours can be reduced. A response is awaited from the Post Office.

**16.ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....

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