

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Fraser, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 9 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDENS COMPETITION AND BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT 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 - Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane

Third Prize - Bucklers Farm, Buckleys Lane

Highly Commended - Braziers, Dowsland Green

Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - 1 Saucelands Cottages, Coggeshall Road

Second Prize - 2 Brook House Cottages

Third Prize - 1 Brook House Cottages

Highly Commended - 3 New Cottages, Brook Road

Highly Commended – 1 Dowsland Green, Coggeshall

Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - Plot 3, C Lucock

Second Prize - Plot 10b, D Ellis

Third Prize - Plot 5b, S & G Mann

Highly Commended – Plot 1a, J Appleton

Highly Commended – Plot 2b, M Steel

Highly Commended - Plot 4b, K Delderfield

Highly Commended – Plot 6b, A Coy

The clerk was asked to put these results in Round and About Great Tey.

6 members of public left the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th August 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS - None

6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Inspector has responded to the Local Plan regarding the garden communities stating that he considers it unsound regarding infrastructure, viability and other points. He suggests 3 options, 1 to remove part one concerning the garden communities and reintroduce in 2/3 years time, 2. Continue with the plan and answer questions raised, or 3 remove the plan completely. Planning officers are recommending option 2 and the borough council committee will consider.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that there is to be a review of the local list of properties which are not listed but of local interest. He invited applications for the locality budget.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – None

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101695	Winner Best Kept Large Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101696	Winner Best Kept Small Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101697	Inkpen Downie Arch & Design – 45% of stage 5 (last stage)-roof works	£ 720.00	£ 120.00
101698	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd – hedge cut Lower Langley/gate	£ 198.00	£ 33.00
101699	Anglian Water Business Ltd (national) – allotments water	£ 12.66	
101700	D Williams-clerk salary £476.83 less PAYE £190.40	£ 286.43	
101701	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 190.40	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £17,247.16, Business Saver Account Cr £22.40. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

182199 Broad Green, Coggeshall – Welcome to Colchester sign – We cannot approve this application as Highways England object stating that the sign does not comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

181970 Land Rear of Tey Brook Business Centre, Brook Road - Change of use of Sui Generis building to Business Use, B1, B2 & B8 use, elevational changes to building and continued use of yard for open storage – no objections

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

181696 The Cottage, Chappel Road – one/two storey rear extension - approved subject to 4 conditions and 2 informatives.

10. HIGHWAYS - None

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Fairs referred to the roofing project which is in the name of the Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall (the Trustees). He said that the works are expected to finish on 19th September. It was agreed that he would write to the architect acting for confirmation that he has inspected the progress of the job, and also to seek clarification of the removal of the old tiles, and whether a credit will be given to the Trustees by the roofing contractor.

The clerk advised that Essex County Council CIF fund have confirmed that the grant of £20,000 is still available to the Trustees, notwithstanding the reduction in the project cost from £42,000 to £39,000 including contingencies, and also that the parish council have funded a portion of this through paying the architect’s fees. CIF have also confirmed that they will pay the grant upon sight of the contractor’s invoice and subsequent confirmation that it has been paid.

The village hall manager has advised that WiFi has been installed in the hall with the password displayed in the hall. Members asked the clerk to obtain clarification from Rural Community Council of Essex regarding this advice of the password and advise the village hall manager.

12. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs referred to the car park height restriction barrier and said that a quotation will be obtained to move the dropped kerb, and also a quotation will be obtained from the original installers of the barrier to move it and to move the bollards.

The clerk was asked by members to ask the handyman to spray the weeds inside the play area fence rather than pull them out. There is also a fence post near the seat which is loose.

The clerk said that the handyman has advised that he will complete the outstanding jobs by the end of September.

Members said that it was some time since tenders for the handyman role and the grass cutting had been sought, and agreed that consideration of this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. The clerk was asked to circulate the current handyman contract.

The revarnishing of the bus shelter was discussed, and Cllr Fraser said that he would find contractors who specialise in this, perhaps Essex County Council may be able to advise.

13. OLD PLAYING FIELD - None

14. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that he would arrange for the location of the water meter to be marked to enable readings to be taken more easily in future.

15. EMERGENCY PLAN

Members agreed to review the plan which was last completed in 2013. Cllrs Hunt, Fraser and Frost agreed to review it and the clerk was asked to resend a copy of the current plan.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE – None

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Hamer said that she has received a request from a parishioner for two benches to be placed in the village. Cllr Fraser said that he would obtain quotations for 2 benches from Street Furniture.

The clerk said that he had written regarding the motor home continually parked in The Street, advising the residents that complaints had been received, and that the complainants considered that it was dangerously impeding vision for other road users. The residents were asked for their intentions regarding the vehicle. A verbal report had recently been received stating that the motor home would be kept in place for storage. Cllr Fairs proposed that as this response had just been obtained, that members consider this as an agenda item at the next meeting. This was agreed.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.03 pm.

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