

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Fraser, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams, 1 member of public and Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Frost.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8th January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

A parishioner referred to the planning appeal for the refusal of the replacement of a pre-authorised barn with a dwelling at land adjoining Orchard House, Lamberts Lane. She said that the original application was for the dwelling to be as near to the barn as possible, and perhaps instead of building a house they would build the replacement dwelling as a barn to be more in keeping.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the CBC budget is being submitted to the full council next week, and the proposed borough council tax increase is 2.97%, with Essex County Council (ECC) seeking an increase of 5%. There is a shortage of affordable housing in Colchester. There is a lot of violence in Colchester.

The clerk referred to a recent presentation by Colchester Planning Department which advised that S106 monies were paid on developments in rural areas above 5 properties and not 10 as previously understood. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he would investigate this.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that there is one new addition to the committee. They are now analysing the feedback to put together a questionnaire. The committee will apply for funding.

Members agreed that the committee should reply to a recent email from a parishioner regarding the proposed development at Brook Road.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101719	Great Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 57.00	
101720	Thompson Smith and Puxon – costs on account for registration of OPF	£ 200.00	
101721	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation re churchyard grasscuts	£ 425.00	
101722	D Williams-clerk salary £476.83 less PAYE £190.40	£ 286.43	
101723	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 190.40	
101724	I Dyer – grass cutting 9 x OPF and 4 x HFRG	£ 505.20	£ 84.20

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 21,537.96, Business Saver Account Cr £22.42. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The annual review of the clerk's salary was undertaken. It was agreed to increase the salary by 2% in line with the national agreement, to a new figure of £5836.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

190028 Marshalls Manor, Chappel Road – erection of single storey conservatory extension – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

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

181970 Land Rear Tey Brook Business Centre – change of use to business use – 15 conditions and 1 informative

(c) Advice of Planning Appeal,- Land adj Orchard House, Lamberts Lane – Appeal to Planning Inspectorate re 180139 - refusal replacement of barn with a dwelling (in lieu of Prior Approval for a dwelling subject of application 171029) – councillors discussed this appeal and decided that no further comment was required at this stage.

The member of public left the meeting.

9. SEATING BENCHES

Cllr Hunt said that no site visit had been arranged by the Colchester Borough Council Zone Warden to give the parish the guidance requested on the location, purchase and installation of the benches for which funding of £586 has been received. The clerk was asked to again organise a site survey.

10. HIGHWAYS

ECC Cllr Brown has requested a list of potholes previously advised that still require repair. Members asked the clerk to report the following:- Chappel Road near the Anglian Water premises, Chappel Road near Marshalls Cottage, Elm Lane near Elm Farm.

11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that he has had a site meeting with the installer to arrange for the height restrictor barrier and bollards to be moved, and a quotation has been received for £785 plus VAT. The school governor and school head mistress have approved these plans subject to a sufficient width for a pushchair or wheelchair to be able to access on the right hand side, and members approved these works, and asked that they be done as soon as possible.

Cllr Fairs referred to the vandalism to the wooden posts at the skate park. ROSPA have advised that both proposed options for a metal barrier to replace the wooden posts are acceptable, and Cllr Hunt said that he would prepare a plan of the proposed barrier to enable a quotation to be provided by the handyman on a supply and fix in concrete. This can then be considered at the meeting in March.

12. OLD PLAYING FIELD

The documents provided by Thompson Smith and Puxon Solicitors regarding the registration of the Old Playing Field were considered, and accepted. The map showing the western boundary was amended slightly and we are to obtain an Ordnance Survey map showing the registration of the adjoining land ownership. The clerk was asked to respond to the solicitors, to forward a cheque for £200 being costs on account, and members authorised a valuation for Land Registry purposes only of £100,000.

13. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Fraser said that the plan will be updated with Cllr Frost and Cllr Hunt.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email received from Mr Simon Hall MBE regarding the village hall snooker table referring to arrangements made in 1999 and asking if we would like to buy back the table. Members agreed to decline this, and the clerk was asked to write and agree that he has the table valued and sold if he wishes, and if he would like make any donation to the village hall management committee it would be gratefully received.

Email received from the Swimming Pool Committee asking whether they could state that car parking is available at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground. Members agreed to this, and the clerk was asked to reply.

Email received from a parishioner advising that the morning bus did not run recently, and that passengers are making claims for taxi fares to the bus operator. The parishioner asked if there was a bus representative and was advised that there was not, and we would appreciate being advised of anyone interested.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk reminded members that BT were to remove the redundant telephone box last year, and he was asked to write to them enquiring as to the present position regarding the removal.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude the public from the rest of the meeting in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 Sections 100 and 102, and Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so that exempt information regarding financial matters can be decided.

17. HANDYMAN CONTRACT

Members are considering two applications for the handyman contract. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.33 pm.

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