

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Fraser, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams and 1 member of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hunt, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th March 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i).The parishioner said that messages on a village Facebook page said that the speed of vehicles through the village was horrendous, and suggested that a chicane or speed bumps should be installed on Brook Road. Cllr Bartleet suggested that the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign should be changed to advise motorists of their speed, and the clerk suggested that Essex Police be requested to carry out speed checks. Members agreed to these two suggestions, and the clerk was asked to contact Essex County Council (ECC) Highways concerning the speed sign, and to contact Essex Police concerning speed checks.

(ii).The parishioner said that the bus service is failing several times and passengers are having to catch taxis and seek reimbursement from the bus operator. Cllr Fairs said that the bus service 82 is suspended tomorrow for ten days because of road repairs. The service is to be replaced by a minicab which has to be reserved in advance.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that a review of progress to date has been produced and will be circulated to parish councillors. It will also be published on the web site and a summary in Round and About Great Tey. They are applying for a locality budget to fund the appointment of a planning consultant.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101731	Colchester Association of Local Councils – last year's subscription	£ 35.00	
101732	Essex Association of Local Councils – annual subscription	£ 281.76	
101733	Great Tey Village Hall – hall hire	£ 57.00	
101734	D Williams-clerk salary £486.33 less PAYE £97.20	£ 389.13	
101735	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 97.20	
101736	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grasscuts	£ 425.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 19,712.61, Business Saver Account Cr £22.43. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

190693 – Pattocks Farm, Pattocks Lane, Chappel Parish – Agricultural Determination Consultation for application for prior notification of new building on agricultural land – No comment.

8. SEATING BENCHES

The clerk said that one response had been received from the householders adjoining the site at the grass area at the junction of Greenfield Drive and The Street where the parish council intend to place a seating bench. This suggested that the seat be located at Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

Cllr Fairs said that a quotation from the handyman had been received for £165 plus VAT to install the seat on a concrete base. Members agreed that they were happy with this price, but as we are unsure of the location, advise the handyman that we are happy with the price but will not proceed until this has been advertised on Next Door and reviewed at the next meeting.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs referred to the replacement of the wooden posts with a metal barrier at the skate park and said that a quotation of £1,100 had been received from the handyman. We have now seen a previously installed similar barrier at Marks Tey and the handyman has confirmed that the barrier hoops are being made to order. Members agreed that the clerk should ask the handyman to proceed with the job and advise that the barrier should follow the slope of the mound. If the job cannot be done by the middle of May then at least the wooden posts are to be removed and the holes left to be filled. The clerk is also to ask the handyman to remove one of the stepping stones which is broken and the hole filled in.

10. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Bartleet said that a fence rail has come off a post on the Brook Road side of the fence, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to repair this.

The solicitors acting in the registration of the deeds with the Land Registry have asked for the map of the land to be confirmed. This was set out in the original conveyance from Major Lay, to which is to be added the Reuben Hunt land gifted in 1923, and the clerk was asked to refer to the map showing both areas previously returned to them.

11. BOWLS CLUB CARPET

Correspondence received from the Bowls Club requesting a donation towards the cost of a new carpet costing £750 including VAT and delivery. It will have a 5 year guarantee. The club can contribute £250, it can obtain funding of £250 from the Jubilee Fund, and members agreed to fund the balance of £250.

12. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Fraser said that the update of the plan with Cllr Frost and Cllr Hunt is in progress.

13. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the meeting on 14th May at 7pm before the parish council meeting, and the clerk was asked to put the agenda in Round and About Great Tey.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

E mail received from a parishioner asking that the parish council is more proactive in establishing communications with ECC Highways. Members considered that this could be discussed with ECC Cllr Brown if she attends the Annual Parish Meeting next month.

Circular received from the parish council insurers reminding that a tree policy should be in place regarding inspections concerning health and safety issues. ECC conduct inspections on HFRG every 5 years and members agreed that they should be asked to quote for an inspection of the Old Playing Field trees, the tree at the junction of Chappel Road and Moor Road, and the tree at the junction of Coggeshall Road and The Street. They should also quote for the trees on HFRG if they are due for the 5 yearly inspection.

Cllr Fairs asked the clerk to ask Strutt and Parker if they have arranged for the tree work to be done on Brook Road near the bus shelter.

Letter received from Rural Community Council of Essex advising that Great Tey has been selected for the first round of judging in the Village of the Year Competition. Cllr Hamer and Cllr Fraser agreed to meet the judges around the village on 22nd May and Cllr Fairs will advise whether he can meet as well. The clerk was asked to inform parishioners of this, and to ask if they could do their bit to spruce up our village in the week leading up to 22nd May.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the jobs to be undertaken by the handyman and the following were identified:- 1. Nettles in play area to be sprayed; 2. The HFRG boundary hedge with the rear gardens of Chrismund Sway and Greenfield Drive needs weeding and tidying up; 3. Area around drain at HFRG near back of 1 Chrismund Way needs attention; 4. The graffiti in the Youth Hut needs cleaning off; 5. the long grass at HFRG that cannot be reached with a mower should be strimmed and removed around play area and this is ongoing, as HFRG was cut last week; 6. Rub down and revarnish with two coats the notice board in The Chase; 7. General spruce up in week leading up to 22 May.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

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