

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth, and 28 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frost

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDENS COMPETITION AND BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

The chairman congratulated all the certificate winners. Cheques were presented to the Garden winners. Certificate winners were:-

Best Kept Large Front Garden

First Prize - Buckleys Farm, Buckleys Lane

Second Prize - Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane

Third Prize - Gulls Farm, Buckleys Lane

Highly Commended - Braziers, Dowsland Green

Highly Commended – 4 East Gores Road, Coggeshall

Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - 1 Saucelands Cottages, Coggeshall Road

Second Prize - 2 Brook House Cottages

Third Prize - 4 Hunts Cottages, The Street

Highly Commended - 5 Lower Langley

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Highly Commended - Tey House, The Street

Highly Commended - 3 New Cottages, Brook Road

Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - Plot 3, C Lucock

Second Prize - Plot 2b, M Steel

Third Prize - Plot 1b, S Potter

Highly Commended – Plot 5b S & G Mann

Highly Commended – Plot 2a D Frost

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13th August 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

6. LAND NORTH OF BROOKHOUSE ROAD AND EAST OF NEW BARN ROAD

Messrs A Ransome and D Rose gave a presentation on the proposed development at this site. They said that planning is at an early stage for this site which is in the proposed Colchester Borough Local Plan. Following feedback received from Great Tey parishioners access to the site is now proposed at the bottom of New Barn Road and not from Farmfield Road and Harvesters Way where there will now be just pedestrian links. They advised that 30 houses are now planned, a reduction on the original figure of 50 discussed. There will be a mix of properties in traditional style. Questions were taken and answered on issues such as parking, traffic flow, drainage, access to the site, and affordable housing which is allocated by the local authority housing needs list. Members asked the clerk to put the plan on the web site.

7. LAND ON EAST SIDE OF BROOK ROAD

Members discussed the latest plans received from the planning consultants which shows designs for 15 houses. Cllr Hamer said that the plans had been discussed at the recent Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting when issues such as parking, yellow lines on Brook Road and the number of affordable houses were considered. It was agreed to wait for the planning application. Members asked the clerk to put the plan on the web site.

8. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the next stage of the Borough Local Plan is for a public consultation on part one until 30 September, and the public are encouraged to comment on the update for the Garden Communities, and then the Inspector will respond. Until part one is resolved the Borough cannot proceed with part two which includes the proposed developments in Great Tey, and with the Local Plan not resolved, the Borough does not have a 5 year land bank plan. This means that developers will seek approval for plans that are not in the draft Local Plan.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the parish application for funding from the locality grant will be considered shortly.

He also said that CBC has declared a climate emergency, and is adopting a policy of cutting down on the use of carbon generally, leading residents to a greener way of life.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 26 public left the meeting.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i).A parishioner said that he was concerned with speeding having seen 3 instances of near collisions and the Vehicle Activity Sign (VAS) should be updated.

Cllr Hunt said that the Community Speedwatch Group has provided information to support the parish council's request to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways for an upgrade to the VAS sign.

The meeting resumed.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Members discussed the requirement for further work that needs to be done to the Recreation Ground following its unauthorised occupation in July. A hedge and a bund were considered and members agreed to contact a parishioner who had made suggestions regarding hedge planting and a gate, asking if a scheme could be drawn up to deter unauthorised occupation. The clerk was asked to write. Members asked the clerk to write to PC Harkness, inviting him to the next meeting and asking him if he can give us any advice on a suitable scheme.

Cllr Hamer said that the Community Group had asked to use the Recreation Ground on 8th November for a fireworks display. They have arranged insurance. Members agreed subject to the Recreation Ground being cleared afterwards, and the insurance requirements are adhered to, including a full risk assessment documented beforehand.

10. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Members considered that the parish council should have a Facebook page, and rather than a third party operating a page on our behalf which could be a slow process, it was agreed that the clerk contacts Cllr Frost to work together in setting up a Facebook page and then asking councillors for suggestions regarding content. A media policy is also required and will be an agenda item next month.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that the Call for Sites has been posted. The committee has made an application for funding of £9,000 to Rural Community Council of Essex, and funds received will be held by the parish council.

12. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications

192228 Kings Arms, Broad Green – diversion of overhead electricity lines – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101765	A Bartleet - Winner Best Kept Large Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101766	N Veash - Winner Best Kept Small Front Garden Competition	£ 20.00	
101767	Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd – allotments water	£ 30.33	
101768	D Williams-clerk salary £486.33 less PAYE £97.20	£ 389.13	
101769	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 97.20	
101770	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grass cuts	£ 425.00	
101771	JF Tree Specialist Ltd – tree survey and report	£ 300.00	£ 50.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 17,570.85, Business Saver Account Cr £22.44. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) Cllr Fraser proposed that the winner of the best kept allotment competition is awarded a prize of £20 from next year onwards. Members agreed.

14. HANDYMAN

The handyman's report was not received, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to trim the play area now and to clear the youth hut of the remaining graffiti. The concrete bases for the new seats at Harold Fairs Recreation Ground can be done when the seats have been delivered and the measurements confirmed.

15. COLCHESTER LOCAL LIST

CBC have asked whether local heritage assets should be nominated for inclusion in this list, not necessarily owned by the parish council. Members considered that the following should be nominated:- The wall outside Old Warrens in The Street, the village pump near Tey House, The Street, the wall outside Copt Hall, Chappel Road, The church lychgate, the road signs at the bottom of Newbarn Road and at the junction of Coggeshall Road and The Street. The clerk was asked to submit this list.

16. TREE SURVEY

A tree survey has been commissioned for insurance purposes and received. There is some work required to the tree at the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road and members agreed to ask the clerk to obtain quotations from R Fordham and JF Trees for this, to remove the plaque, and to provide a new tree guard with the plaque resited on the guard.

14. HIGHWAYS

The clerk advised that there had been no progress with the request to update the Vehicle Activated Sign in The Street, and that he would approach ECC Highways again.

Members asked the clerk to report the broken kerb inlet gully on Chappel Road just north of the junction with Moor Road as this is dangerous to pedestrians.

16. OLD PLAYING FIELD

The clerk advised that the solicitor acting for the adjacent landowner has provided a boundary agreement previously referred to. The agreement had the same wording as that proposed by our solicitor with a small addition, and the full agreement was read out. Members agreed that the agreement could be completed and it was signed by the chairman, a parish councillor and the clerk.

18. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Fraser said that the update of the plan has been started, and the clerk was asked to re-circulate the guidance recently received from CBC regarding the plan to the parish councillors involved.

19. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Correspondence received by email from a parishioner regarding possible work to the trees on the bank outside Old Warrens. He has been advised that the trees are not subject to preservation orders, nor are they in the Conservation Area, so any possible work that may be taken is a matter for the owner.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 10.20 pm.

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