

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Clerk Mr D Williams and Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth. No member of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frost and Cllr Hunt.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th January 2020 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None.

The meeting resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

CBC Cllr Chillingworth said that the Borough Council have a number of trees available should the parish council have any requirements. He said that a summary of the position regarding the Local Plan has been circulated to parish councillors. This is after the inspector has closed the consultations. CBC Cllr Chillingworth gave details and updates of planning applications in Chappel and Wakes Colne.

CBC Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that the committee has written to the planning consultant asking for his recommendations re progress.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

(a) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

192249 15 No. dwellings, associated garages and formation of a new access to Brook Road – Approved subject to 33 conditions and 8 informatives.

192681 Kings Arms, Broad Green – Application for variation of 7 and 9 conditions following grant of planning permission
182115 – Approved subject to 12 conditions and 1 informative.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101796	D Williams-clerk salary £486.33 less PAYE £97.20	£ 389.13
101797	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 97.20

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 24,132.34, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.46. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The annual review of the clerk's salary was considered, and members agreed to an increase of 2% which is the expected increase in the national salary scale, subject to the confirmation of this from Essex Association of Local Councils.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fraser said that work on the hedge between Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) and the rear gardens of Chrismund Way and Greenfield Drive has nearly been finished. The resultant debris is still to be removed.

10. HANDYMAN

The handyman's report was received. The outstanding items are to trim and weed the play area, to clear the youth hut of the remaining graffiti, to remove the 5 wooden posts in the skate area, and to install the concrete bases for the new seats at HFRG. The handyman has withdrawn his quotation for the remedial work to the tree at the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road and an alternative quotation is being obtained. The handyman's quotation for a new tree guard was accepted.

11. TREE WARDENS AND WOODLAND PROJECT

The clerk reported that CBC have not sent more information regarding the reactivation of the tree warden scheme, and a woodland project promoting tree planting in the parish, and CBC Cllr Chillingworth is contacting CBC regarding this.

12. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Fraser said that the plan has been started and needs to be completed. This will be an agenda item at next month's meeting.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Members agreed to a request to fund the purchase and installation of an inscribed plaque costing £315 plus VAT to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the proviso that the invoice is addressed to and paid by the parish council.

The chairman and other parish councillors agreed to attend an event on 8th May commemorating the Anniversary of VE Day.

Members agreed the media policy statement covering the management of the parish council Facebook page, and this can be posted on the parish council web site and on the Facebook page.

Members agreed to the use of the Old Playing Field for the Village Weekend from 5th to 7th June subject to clearance afterwards.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

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