



ROUND ABOUT

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GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

I'm pleased to be able to finally get another printed Round & About Great Tey to your door. The lack of sufficient news from village organisations and the cancelling of long-term planned events, brought about by the regulations to combat the pandemic, has meant it was not worthwhile producing a printed paper.

Although there has been a simple one or two page version on the village website, mainly to convey important Parish Council news, sadly it would appear not many in the village were aware of this. With that in mind I have been asked to reproduce the results of the recent Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation, for those of you who did not see it on the February web paper and this appears on the back page.

Also, by having enough news to produce a four page paper for this month we are able to include some exciting news on the development of the Village Community Pool.

It is not possible at this stage to confirm whether there will be a printed paper next month or once again brief news on the website, because the current situation will not change until the government's 'road map', regarding when we can meet, where and with how many, starts to ease lockdown restrictions and permit our village groups and activities to get started again, thus giving Round & About the chance to inform you of what's happening in and around Great Tey.

It's good to be back, but should we not yet be printing on a regular basis, please check out the Village website for our online version. Ed

Please note copy deadline for the **April** issue (if sufficient news is forthcoming) will be:

Wednesday 24th March 2021

PLEASE send all copy **BEFORE** noon on this day to the editor, David Edwards at **edwardsdj44@gmail.com**

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ARE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN ADVENTUROUS?

Great Tey has been fortunate to have had a thriving Scout Group for many years. Young people have enjoyed activities and adventures ranging from lighting fires with flints to sleeping in HMS Belfast on the Thames. We have a Beaver Colony based in the Village Hall whilst our Cubs and Scouts currently meet with Marks Tey & Copford in Marks Tey.

Over the last 12 months we have managed to continue during Covid with some virtual activities and look forward to returning to face to face meetings over coming months.

We are conscious of the fact that new families have moved into the area and that children already in the village have got older. Consequently in anticipation of things becoming more normal we would be delighted to welcome any new youngsters from 6 – 14 years old to join the Group.

We also have a young and enthusiastic leadership team who would love to be joined by any adults that are interested in getting involved with the Group going forward. You may know one of the existing leaders listed below .

Scouts – Katy Collier; Cubs – Liz Welch; Beavers – Mike Ashworth and Jo Copeman or Committee members Jo Ashworth, Helen Langthorne Michelle Biggins and Ian Ellis.

If so please do speak to them or you can contact us at firstgreattey@aol.co.uk

Whilst writing we would also like to take the opportunity to thank Neil Spicer for many years service as Group Treasurer and overall support for everything we do. Neil's own son finished Scouting several years ago but Neil has continued to be an invaluable part of the team. Michelle has kindly offered to succeed him.

In addition Roger Attmere is moving and unfortunately unable to continue as our Quartermaster and will be replaced by Mike. Roger and his wife Christine are to be thanked for their enormous contribution to Scouting in the village over several decades. We wish them well in their new home.

Please do contact us if you would like to find out more. We look forward to seeing old and new faces in happier times in the hopefully not too distant future.

Very best wishes,

1st Great Tey Scout Group

GT TEY COMMUNITY POOL



Following four years of research and planning, and a further year since submitting our planning application, due to delays brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic and restrictions placed upon Colchester Borough planning department, we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in our planning application to refurbish and cover the derelict swimming pool based in the grounds of Great Tey Primary School. If you are unaware, the plan is for the swimming pool to revert to a community facility and for its refurbishment to become a community project, run independently from the school, managed by Trustees of registered charity no: 1174412 - Great Tey Community Pool.

We have pleasure in enclosing a drawing of the planned pool and enclosure; the side panels of the enclosure slide up to give an open-air experience in good weather. We feel this enclosure will provide a versatile cover suitable for all seasons and purposes. The Trustees would like to say a huge thank you to Alec Brooks our Chairman for his commitment and voluntary hard work in preparing the drawings, and to Iain Tregoning (Norma's son) who voluntarily assisted and advised Alec during the process of preparing and submitting our planning application. We could not have got to this point without Alec and Iain's skills therefore we are extremely grateful.

We see the community swimming pool as a huge asset to Great Tey; not only for the residents of Great Tey and their families and community groups, but also for the Primary School who will have use of it during the school day, plus also other local primary schools and pre-schools in the area who may benefit from using it. We see the pool as an opportunity for residents and groups of all ages to have a base in the village to come and keep fit, interact socially together, and overall feel it will provide a real 'hub' in the village to help everyone with physical and mental wellbeing. As the pool is a registered charity, we aim to provide an affordable non-profit making facility for everyone.

Unfortunately, under the current circumstances and restrictions that we still find ourselves, the project will be restricted initially in terms of being able to fund raise within the community. However, we have been fortunate to be pledged £25,058 from the Brook Road development and our project is earmarked for other funds that may become available from future building developments locally. We would like to say a huge thank you to Michelle Whiteman who lives in Great Tey for this. Michelle is a Community Engagement Worker who works for the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service and introduced us to the Community Enabling Officer at Colchester Borough Council; they both visited the pool site and were very impressed with our vision and will both recommend us for any future funding that comes up. We have also approached our Parish Council for a donation, and this, we hope, may be considered favourably by the Parish Councillors once donations from the Brook Road development have been finalized. Trustees will also be actively

contacting local businesses to seek sponsorship and support in coming weeks and months.

Fund raising within the community will, we hope, give residents something positive and exciting to work on together; there has not been much to look forward to over the last year, so we hope this project will become a source of great community spirit and involvement. We will need lots of volunteers to join our fund-raising team when we are able to meet socially. In the meantime, we plan to set up a Go Fund Me page, so that members of the community can make personal donations as and when you may like to. We are hoping to set up a Water Gauge to indicate the required level of funds to complete the project, and to indicate to the community how fund raising is progressing (a bit like how we remember Blue Peter used to do it). We will be contacting all community groups and organizations to ask for their support where possible, either by making a small donation, or by holding a fund-raising event on our behalf when the time is right. We must stress that fund-raising will be a community effort and not down to the Primary School, or PTA. However, if the PTA as a village group wish to donate or hold an event for us in the same way as other village groups, then this would be very welcome.

Our Trustees all have busy work and personal lives, and we will need a lot of time and expertise with this project, therefore we will look to recruit a Project Manager to assist Alec Brooks at some point; this may be on a voluntary basis or a part voluntary part paid basis, we are not sure at this stage. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in making this project 'come to life' in a more involved way than perhaps just fund raising; we are keen to get many people from the community involved, with as many varied skills as possible. The more voluntary help and skills we can engage from the community the more money we will save!

News of progress will be published in Round & About regularly and we plan to develop a website now that we have the go ahead from the council. If anyone in the community would like to volunteer to develop a simple website for us, please let us know, we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you are interested in finding out more about how you may be able to help with the pool project or get involved, please let us know by emailing greatteycommunitypool@gmail.com. Again, we would like to stress the pool project is being developed completely independently of Great Tey Primary School, therefore all enquiries should be directed to our designated email address above and not via the school or staff.



GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Following Boris's Roadmap broadcast to the country on 22nd February, there is light at the end of the tunnel, but we have to wait just a few weeks longer before we can restart our monthly guided walks again. However, if you really fancy some fresh air and a little exercise, then there are so many easy to find footpaths in and around Great Tey you can explore, and some amazing countryside is just around the corner too.



Great Tey Parish has over 60 miles of footpaths, most of which join together in some way so that you can easily find a circular route. But they also connect with Chappel, Earls Colne, Coggeshall, Marks Tey and Aldham parishes too, making an even more exhilarating walk for those who want to venture further afield.

When our group is allowed, we regularly walk many of these paths, both in Great Tey and adjacent parishes. Obviously at the moment we can't, but we can individually or with one other person outside, so we all look forward to the freedom that brings.

For more information about the Footpath Group, please contact the following:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887 email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855 email: drjanepearson@gmail.com

ANYONE FOR A THEATRE TRIP?

I am thinking of booking a coach and tickets for the show "The Drifters Girl" – music from the Drifters, for a Wednesday or Thursday matinee in January/February 2022 but before I do I thought I would see what the response would be to my enquiry.

If anyone in the Village, or friends etc, would be interested in coming to see the show then perhaps they could let me know. If the response is good then I will see what can be arranged, and then we can have something positive to look forward to in the future.

My email is: normatregoning@hotmail.com

My mobile is: 07712250458

Many thanks,

Norma Tregoning



DRAFT AGENDA GT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Parish Council will be held remotely by Zoom on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30 pm. To attend the meeting use the link:- <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81062101469> Meeting ID: 810 6210 1469

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 9th February 2021

4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.

Public Questions and Statements – when members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about the parish council or other matters of local concern.

5. Report from Essex County Councillor
6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor
7. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
8. Planning Matters

(a) Applications received

210319 Kalina, Brook Road - Proposed garage conversion and front porch.

210380 Tocia, Chappel Road - Convert the existing garage to ancillary accommodation to the main building (annexe). The proposals include omitting, enlarging existing fenestrations to the existing building and adding new windows & door.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

192940 Great Tey Business Centre - Change of use of former agricultural building to workshop and stores and conversion of end bay to offices with extension for welfare facilities for Tey Farm Systems. – Approved subject to 4 conditions.

202728 Bracks Cottage, Bracks Lane, Coggeshall - Removal of french doors, a window and some blockwork and replacement with patio doors or bi-fold doors in the western elevation of a modern extension to a Grade II listed cottage. – Approved subject to 4 conditions.

(c) Any other planning matters

9. Financial Matters

(a) Cheques for payment

101866 D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80 £ 400.03

101867 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £99.80

101868 Round and About Great Tey – donation £400.00

(b) To receive the financial report

10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground – To consider any management matters
11. Play Area – To consider action required regarding the bridge repair and other issues.
12. Handyman – To receive a report on outstanding jobs.
13. Village Hall – To consider any management matters.
14. Highways – To consider any management matters
15. Old Playing Field – To consider any management matters
16. Allotments – To consider any management matters
17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
18. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Close of meeting

Signed:- *D K Williams* Clerk to the Parish Council.

Approved minutes of previous parish council meetings may be inspected by arrangement with the Clerk – telephone: 01787 224895, email: greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan November 2020 Survey – results and summary

First, the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who responded to the recent survey.

We received 148 survey responses. There were some responses where questions were not answered, but comments were written on the questionnaire; these responses have been accepted and reviewed. There are 394 households in the Great Tey parish with 751 people on the electoral roll.

Summary of responses to questions

	Q1 - Do you think we should consider a plan for additional development of Gt Tey in the longer term?	Q2 - Would you be in favour of the PF Vision long- term plan?	Q3 - Would you be in favour of allowing development of the Glebe Land?	Q4 - Would you be in favour of allowing development of the A120 Land?
Yes	85	39	67	39
No	54	100	73	95
Total	139	139	140	134
% Yes	61%	28%	48%	29%
%No	39%	72%	2%	71%

Q5 - Which of the two layout options for New Barn Road do you prefer?		Q5b – Number of responses adjusted after reviewing ‘Neither’ responses to Q5	
Option 1	20	Option 1	19
Option 2	55	Option 2	54
Neither	66	No Preference	9
Total	141	No Development	59
% Option 1	14%	Total	141
% Option 2	39%	% Option 1	13.5%
% Neither	47%	% Option 2	38.3%
		% No Preference	6.4%
		% No Development	41.8%

The Neighbourhood plan will reflect the above results, which can be summarised as:

Q1 – 61% of responses indicate that they would be in favour of a plan for additional development of Gt Tey in the longer term”; 39% against. This shows a clear majority for considering a plan for additional development in the longer term.

Q2 – 72% of responses are against the PF vision with 28% in favour – this shows that there is a majority against the PF vision.

Q3 – 52% are against the development of the Glebe Land with 48% in favour.

Q4 – 71% of responses are against development of the A120 land with 29% in favour.

Q5 – 47% responded ‘Neither’ with regard to the two layout options presented for New Barn road, whilst 39% responded in favour of option 2 and 14% responded in favour of option 1

Note 1 – As Q5 was interpreted by different people in different ways, we reviewed the comments section of the responses and a breakdown of the Q5 ‘Neither’ response showed: 87% (59) for No Development and 13% (9) for No Preference.

Note 2:

– for Q5: option 1: 20 responses became 19 responses when the comments were reviewed to find ‘My preference would be for no development on New Barn Road.’

– for Q5: option 2: 55 responses became 54 responses when the comments were reviewed to find ‘I would prefer NO development of the New Barn Road site’

– Thus, Note 1: Neither/No Development rose from 66 to 68 responses.

The survey responses present that 61% of people who responded are in favour of considering a plan for additional development in the parish in the long term.

The proposed development that had the most support was the Glebelands with 48% for and 52% against.

The PF vision was responded to the least favourably of the four proposals, with 72% against.

The A120 Land proposal was almost as unfavourable with 71% against.

The New Barn Road proposal saw 14% in favour of option 1; 39% in favour of option 2 and 47% of people voting for the ‘Neither’ option.

On reviewing those responses, it became clear that 9 (13% of the Neither responses) said that by Neither, they meant Neither option 1 nor 2, suggesting preference for another option and 59 (87% of Neither responses) said that by Neither, they meant no development at all.

Summary of comments

As you might expect, there were a large number of comments written on the responses. Please bear with us while we review, organise and summarise the comments.

Related note

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has been advised by the agents for Mersea Homes that they are awaiting for the outcome of this consultation, to form the basis for their negotiations with Colchester Borough Council on the proposed development on New Barn Road, including the layout. Mersea Homes have advised that, subject to these negotiations, they hope to submit a planning application for the site in 2021.