

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Frances, Cllr Hamer (Chair), Cllr Warnes.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth and 2 members of the public attended.

A minute's silence was observed to remember our late colleague Cllr Frederick Suff who passed away last month.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frost

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Bartleet declared an interest in planning application 213487 for Baldwins Farm as the applicant is a family member. He will leave the meeting room whilst this item is discussed,

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th November 2021 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chair.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i). I refer to the agenda item reviewing the site plan layout for the proposed New Barn Road development and hope that the parish council are supporting option 2 which has the band of green space between the new development and the existing houses, instead of option 1 which is the block housing with the green space to the north which is favoured by Colchester Borough Council. Most residents are in favour of option 2.

The meeting resumed.

4. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the full Borough Council will adopt part two of the Local Plan which covers the principle of the New Barn Road development. He said that there is approximately £400 available in the Local Budget this year for any projects that the parish would like financing, and asked for proposals within the next few days.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that the committee considered the report from AECOM regarding design codes viewed in the village at their last meeting, and are also seeking more detail from the planning consultant regarding the draft neighbourhood plan as the funding expires at the end of March.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

213466/213467-Wellmans, Lamberts Lane - ~Proposed single storey rear extension to existing garden room – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

213487 - Baldwins Farm, Baldwins Lane - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse - We have no objections to this application subject to neighbours' views but note the presence of a public footpath near to the proposed development.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

212688 Woodside, Lamberts Lane, Proposed loft conversion, including the formation of front and rear facing dormers – approved subject to 3 conditions

212834 Stamford, Chappel Road - proposed single storey side extension- approved subject to 3 conditions

(c) Cllr Hamer said that the parish council had been asked by the proposed developers to consider a revised site plan layout for the proposed development at New Barn Road which is the subject of an outline planning application being considered by Colchester Borough Council. After discussion members agreed to submit the following further remarks:-

We refer to the planning application 212646 for 30 dwellings and 1ha of public open space and access from Newbarn Road, and wish to lodge further comments. We have been presented with a plan dated 02.08.2021 specified ADP Indicative Lane Use Area and Connectivity Plan 1118.ol.02AA Indicative. The Parish Council supports this plan which reflects the result of the Neighbourhood Plan survey conducted throughout the parish. The layout of the dwellings is still subject to further consideration in particular the wish that the affordable housing should be integrated with private dwellings throughout the development.

(d) Cllr Warnes advised that the recent application for Tocia, Chappel Road had been refused. Reference to Colchester Borough Council web site confirmed the following planning application refusal:-

212902 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 -Refused

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS (a) Cheques for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101926	Bedot Media Group – web site hosting & domain renewal	£ 124.31	£ 20.72
101927	D Williams-clerk salary Dec £499.83 less PAYE £99.80	£ 400.03	
101928	HM Revenue & Customs - Dec PAYE for clerk	£ 99.80	
101929	Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd – allotments water	£ 24.47	
101930	D Williams-clerk salary Jan £499.83 less PAYE £99.80	£ 400.03	
101931	HM Revenue & Customs - Jan PAYE for clerk	£ 99.80	
101932	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard grasscuts	£ 475.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 35,362.22, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.48. The Neighbourhood Plan allocated fund included in the Community Account is £ 6,200.00. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) Members agreed to ask Borough Cllr Chillingworth for £400 from the Local Budget fund towards village hall tables.

(d) Cllr Warnes asked for an update on the possible funding for a plaque for the old cartwheel base in The Street, and the clerk said that he would investigate.

(e) Cllr Hamer said that the parish council has been approached by the bowls club for the funding of £436 towards costs of a new bowls carpet and associated costs totalling £1,186. Members agreed in principal but suggested that the club first apply to the new Platinum Fund, and send the club details of this Fund. If however they are not successful the parish council will donate the shortfall.

2 members of public left the meeting.

(f) Members agreed to accept the grant give by ECC CIF fund to the parish council for village hall plumbing costs and a fire door. Cllrs Frances and Warnes will liaise with the village hall manager regarding these works.

(g) The budget for the year to 31 March 2023 was considered. Expenditure was reviewed and a total of £22,408 was agreed. It was noted that there are reserves in that figure. Income of £20,745 including precept and grant was agreed. Colchester Borough Council (CBC) has decided to maintain their total grant at £972. Last year's precept was £18,927, and it was agreed to increase this by £500 to £19,427 to reflect the £500 to be put to reserves for the village hall roof fund. As the tax base has increased, Band D council tax has reduced from £51.52 to £50.51, which is a reduction of 2%.

8. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Members agreed the Playquip quotation costing £3,460 for repairs required to the play area following the ROSPA report, and the clerk was asked to instruct Playquip as CBC have agreed in principal to the withdrawal of these funds from the S106 allocated monies and have clarified the process for the withdrawal of the remainder of the monies once we have agreed the quotation for the play area redevelopment. Cllr Frost was asked to obtain a quotation from Playquip for the concrete path repair and also seek more detail on the bridge repair quotation.

9. HANDYMAN – The outstanding jobs are the hedge in HFRG, a quotation to roll the football pitch at HFRG, to clear the nettles on the play area under the bridge and on the skate ramp, the youth shelter roof tiles that need replacing, the allotment fence posts, and the allotment gate post. Time frames for these jobs has been given.

10. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Frances said that together with Cllr Warnes he is to meet the village hall manager next week. The recent table top sale was successful and more bookings have been generated as a result. They are looking at hall hiring charges which are varied. There is concern with the number of village hall keys, and key codes are being considered. Storage in the hall is an issue, and new room dividers are being considered which will include soundproofing.

The parish council noted that the fence next to the hall car park has suffered damage.

Cllr Warnes referred to the response received from ECC Cllr Barber concerning funding for solar panels and said that he would forward details so that a reply can be sent.

11. HIGHWAYS

Members instructed the clerk to ask ECC Cllr Barber to chase ECC Highways for a response concerning the tree at the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road.

Members instructed the clerk to ask Cllr Fairs for an update regarding a quotation for the hedge work at the junction of Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road, and also a quotation for the cutting of the hedge at HFRG along the path to Lower Langley. Members noted that there is no change to the speed limit on Chappel Road and Brook Road following the recent road traffic surveys. Cllr Warnes said that Community Speedwatch are to extend operations to Brook Road.

Cllr Warnes said that he had received a holding response from ECC Highways concerning the blocked Footpath16, and he asked that the clerk writes to ECC Cllr Barber to ask ECC Highways to take action here.

12. ALLOTMENTS

Members noted that the allotment plot rental had not been increased for some years, and agreed an increase in the plot rental from £15 to £17.50. The clerk was asked to advise plot holders.

13. EMERGENCY PLAN

The clerk said that there had been only a limited response to the requests in Round and About for September and November for contact names for equipment and resources. Cllr Hamer agreed to be the Plan co-ordinator. The Plan is now to be finalised.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From CBC seeking details regarding the Platinum Jubilee arrangements in the parish. Cllr Hamer said that the beacon will be lit on Thursday 2nd June, and the Village Weekend will be from Friday 3rd June until Sunday 5th June.

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to write to an occupier in Tey Grange and ask them to arrange for the hedge overhanging onto Chappel Road be cut back as it is impeding walkers on the pavement.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.59 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....