

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Frances, Cllr Hamer (Chairman), Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Sunnucks and 1 member of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frost, Clerk Mr D Williams

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th May 2022 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Frances asked if there was an update/progress with the plaque proposed for the plate in The Street? A member of the public present confirmed communication was ongoing with CBC relating to the need for planning permission.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i). Has the parish council got any news on the proposals by County Broadband for Hyper-fast full fibre broadband?

Cllr Hamer said that the PC is not in contact with County Broadband.

Cllr Sunnucks said he will request an update.

ACTION: Cllr Sunnucks to request update on roll out of Full Fibre Broadband from County Broadband.

The meeting resumed.

5. REPORT FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

In Cllr Barbers absence, Cllr Sunnucks shared that Essex County Council (ECC) has responded on the Pylons issue: Great Tey bus issue affecting college pupils is in hand: Money has been found for the footpath in Chappel Road: CIF funding is now accepting applications: Work to resolve issues with Earls Colne Road junction is ongoing.

6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Sunnucks said that CBC have sent a very lengthy response to National Grid regarding the Pylons proposal.

The Local Plan is still awaiting approval, but hopefully will go to Full Council in July.

As there are regular grant opportunities arising Cllr Sunnucks urged the PC to work on a 'wishlist of all the things that would enhance the village' so as opportunities arise we are in a strong position to apply quickly.

ACTION: PC to develop wishlists ready for funding opportunities.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that the committee are making progress with the draft neighbourhood plan, and hope that a draft will be completed by the end of July. Cllr Hamer is also working on a funding application.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

220989 34 Greenfield Drive - Proposed single storey rear extension – amended plans - No objections subject to neighbours views

221125 Tey Barn, New Barn Road - a Existing Lawful Development Certificate for the installation of a tennis court – No objections

221233 Wozzles Wood, Moor Road - Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry - Not a planning matter as advised by CBC. Clerk has sent views to CBC for future reference stating - please place on record for this application that the parish council ask for clarification that change of use from storage/annex to residential will never be allowed to happen and that the building will only ever be permitted as a storage building pertaining to the woodland and should that use or the woodland itself decrease then the building should be taken down and removed from site.

221335 Summerside, Moor Road - Roof raised, loft conversion with front and rear dormers, single storey front and rear extensions, garage demolition – We object as proposed development is out of keeping with the rest of the properties in area and disproportionately large extension changing a bungalow into a two storey dwelling.

221347 Tey Barn, New Barn Road – installation of photovoltaic panels in the grounds – No objections

221352 New Barn, New Barn Road - installation of two air source heat pumps and upgrading of insulation - No objections subject to neighbours views.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

220646 Braziers, East Gores Road - Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 202031- approved subject to 4 conditions

220828 Land at The Street - Application for permission in principle for the erection of a single residential dwelling – approved subject to one informative

221233 Wozzles Wood, Moor Road - Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry – prior notification not required

(c) Applications refused by Colchester Borough Council

220776 2 East Gores Road - Erection of first floor extension above existing single storey rear – Repeat No objections subject to neighbours views.

8(d) Proposals for S106 monies for New Barn Road development. At present they are to include village hall renovations and village hall community hub.

(e) National Grid Pylons Proposals – the parish council needs to make a response by 16 June 2022. There is serious concern about the unacceptable impact on particularly the south of the Parish, as well as the level of concern expressed by parishioners. Cllr Hamer offered to draft response and circulate to other councillors.

ACTION: Cllr Hamer to draft PC response objecting to National Grid Proposals, circulate to Cllrs for approval and ask Clerk to send.

1 member of public left the meeting.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Cheques for payment		Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101965	Great Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 57.00	
101966	Groundwork UK – repayment of grant for neighbourhood plan	£ 5,321.00	
101967	D Williams- clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60	£ 406.90	
101968	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 101.60	
101969	Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA report	£ 113.40	£ 18.90
101970	Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd – allotments water	£ 1.00	
101971	Great Tey Friendship Club – donation for roller repair	£ 227.00	
101972	I Dyer – grass cutting	£ 293.40	£ 48.90
101973	I Dyer – handyman	£ 416.10	£ 69.35

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 28,938.16, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.48. The Neighbourhood Plan allocated fund included in the Community Account is now nil. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

Cheques agreed, except Cllr Warnes questioned additional cost added for fuel increases relating to grass cutting. Has there not been an increase in hours for grass cutting already to offset additional fuel costs? If not it was agreed to pay invoice after clarification from Clerk.

It was also noted by Cllr Warnes and Cllr Frances that the Village Hall Manager had been very upset recently by being spoken to very rudely by a leading member of a hall user. The Clerk was asked to express our dissatisfaction with their behaviour towards our Village Hall Manager and request that it is not repeated.

ACTION: Clerk to write to hall user to express concerns over unacceptable conduct towards our Village Hall Manager.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Frost had sent a message to say he hopes to have quotes and plans for the playground development relating to the S106 monies for the Brook Road development by end of June. Cllr Frost has suggested an open session for parishioners to attend and share their views on the plans. Cllrs felt 9th particularly or 10th July would be preferable. Cllr Hamer suggested there could be a link to the afternoon teas to be held at the church in July as an opportunity for additional consultation with parishioners. It was also suggested that a note in Round and About would be useful.

The RoSPA safety report for the play area was noted. There does not appear to be any critical or urgent concerns. Therefore, Cllrs suggested that the Clerk shares the report with the Handyman and any matters that can be addressed are dealt with, and a watching brief is maintained until at least the plans for the play equipment are confirmed and understood.

ACTION: Clerk to share RoSPA report with Handyman and any remedial action required is taken where possible.

11. HANDYMAN

It was noted there had been no further progress on the matter of the Handyman contract.

Cllr Frances expressed concern about the number of nettles around the mound and adjacent to the big slide. Could the Handyman be asked to remove as soon as possible.

ACTION: Clerk to request Handyman to cut nettles adjacent to big slide and around mound/Bridge.

12. VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has requested an increase in cleaning hours by 1hr a week to cope with new bookings and increased mess left by groups. Cllrs Frances and Warnes proposed agreement to take effect from September, after the summer as Playgroup will close.

This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Frances circulated proposed new hire charges for the Village Hall. It was noted charges have apparently not increased since 2012, but there is currently a steep rise in costs. Cllr Warnes seconded and the proposals were unanimously agreed.

Cllr Warnes stated that we should look for funding to upgrade the lighting to LED bulbs/tubes etc to be more energy efficient and reduce costs.

ACTION: New Village Hall charges to be implemented by Village Hall Manager.

ACTION: Proposals to upgrade Village Hall lighting to be prepared for funding by Cllr Warnes, Cllr Frances and Village Hall Manager.

13. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Hill expressed concern at the condition of the 'dog poo bin', should it be replaced?

Cllr Warnes suggested that CBC may be moving to remove such bins and encouraging use of normal bins. Requested that Clerk write to CBC for clarification of their policy.

ACTION: Clerk to write to CBC to explore whether or not they are phasing out 'dog poo bins'

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Warnes wanted an update on the ongoing problem with overgrown bushes impacting parishioners walking on Chappel Road as it is still an issue

Cllr Warnes proposed that the PC introduce Action points into the minutes so it is easier to track progress on decisions and required actions. Cllr Frances seconded adding that it would also help parishioners to see what the PC is actively doing. Unanimously agreed.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 21.34 pm.

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