

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chair), Cllr Frances, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes, Clerk Mr D Williams,
Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Sunnucks. No member of the public attended.

1.STATEMENT

This meeting has been delayed by one week in view of the national mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and because the usual days of notice could not be provided prior to the meeting, this was not an official meeting and any items agreed would be confirmed at the next official meeting.

2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hamer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meetings of 9th August 2022 and 23rd August were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS - None

The meeting resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Sunnucks said that he believes that the dualling improvements to A120 from Braintree to Marks Tey have been cancelled. Members agreed that the parish council writes to Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr Barber asking for his clarification as we would wish to write to our Member of Parliament Sir Bernard Jenkin, the Leader of ECC Cllr Bentley, and Highways England if that is the case. **Action: clerk to write to ECC Cllr Barber.**

Borough Cllr Sunnucks said that he is seeking clarification of S106 monies for the New Barn Road development, and is asking why ECC has not sought funding for Great Tey Primary School.

He also said that he has a locality fund available and invited applications for projects costing approximately £500.

He said that he is arranging digital training and has 9 people who have expressed interest and requires 1 more person.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Warnes said that a draft plan has been submitted to the consultant for comments.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

221601 15 Greenfield Drive - double storey extension to front, side and rear – amended plans – no objections subject to neighbours' views. It has been brought to our attention that there is no formal notice displayed at the property.

221839 - 1 New Cottages, Brook Road -installation of a black chimney pipe to the rear of our property so we can install a wood burning stove – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

222197 - 5 Farmfield Road - proposed single & two storey front extension – no objections subject to neighbours' views. We would comment that there is a proposed cycle way to a new development agreed under planning reference 212646 which should be taken into account by Highways.

222299 22 Holliland Croft – single storey side extension – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

212646 - New Barn Road - Outline planning application for 30 dwellings and 1ha of public open space - approved subject to 29 conditions and 17 informatives. Members asked whether the S106 legal agreement has been signed and the clerk was instructed to write to CBC, enquire and ask to see the agreement if it has been signed.**Action: clerk to write to CBC.**

221761 9 Tey Craft Centre, Brook Road – demolition of unit 10, extension to unit 9 – approved subject to 5 conditions.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Cheques for payment

	Amount (£)	of which VAT
101989 D Williams- clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60	£ 406.90	
101990 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 101.60	
101991 Campaign to Protect Rural England – subscription	£ 36.00	
101992 Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	£ 33.35	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 36,627.91 of which £8,645 relates to funds allocated for Neighbourhood Plan. Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.48. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Frost said that together with Cllr Hill and Cllr Warnes he met with the preferred contractor HAG to discuss the playground development and now awaits the proposed layout of the site. The installation may be in early November and the mound works are proposed for 17th October.

The clerk was asked to liaise with CBC regarding their confirmation of the availability of S106 funds for the refurbishments so that contracts can be confirmed by 30th September. **Action: clerk to continue to chase CBC for confirmation of S106 monies.** HAG have advised that a maintenance contract of £350 pa to include existing equipment is available, and members agreed that this should be arranged. **Action: clerk to include this amount in the parish council annual budget.**

Members discussed the antisocial activities at the recreation ground, and the community police officer has been informed. Members discussed the problem of increased dog mess at the recreation ground, and Cllr Warnes said that he will prepare some appropriate signage for consideration. The clerk was instructed to write to CBC to establish if individual dog bags are provided, but if not, can they be purchased. **Action: clerk to write to CBC.**

Cllr Hill advised that there are 2 tiles on the shelter roof that are broken. **Action: clerk to ask the maintenance contractor to replace them.**

Members considered the request from Marks Tey football club to continue football practice at the recreation ground using portable lights and a generator. It was decided not to agree to this request. **Action :clerk to advise the football club accordingly.**

10. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The maintenance contractor's monthly report advised that some of the ROSPA deficiencies have been corrected. Allotment plot 10 cannot be rotovated until we have some rain. The village hall noticeboard work and the ditch at the allotments are to be done. Members have asked that the bank in The Street is cut and the long grass removed. **Action: clerk to ask maintenance contractor to cut the bank.**

The new contract has not yet been accepted.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Members referred to the requests from the village hall manager for a post box at the hall, and a laptop for her business use, and agreed that are both discussed by Cllr Frances and Cllr Warnes with her.

12. HIGHWAYS

Members referred to the query from ECC Cllr Barber asking why our parish council did not support the restriction of HGV on Moor Road leading to Tey Road Aldham. The clerk was asked to reply saying that we do not support the restriction because if HGV were restricted on this road then this would put more pressure on other roads within Great Tey. **Action: clerk to write to ECC Cllr Barber accordingly.**

13. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Members considered this scheme and decided not to apply to join the scheme as it would be difficult to find and co ordinate a group of volunteers in the village to become involved.

14.ALLOTMENTS

The clerk was instructed to ask the maintenance contractor to replace the netting on the allotment gate. **Action: clerk to ask maintenance contractor accordingly.**

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Fairs said that he had been advised that the defibrillators have to be checked to see if a product recall is relevant, and will check them with the clerk. **Action: clerk and Cllr Fairs to check defibrillators.**

Members expressed concern with the lack of progress with remedial work being done to the tree in Christmund Way by ECC, and the clerk was instructed to ask Fordhams to inspect and advise what work is required to this tree, together with a similar report for the tree at the junction of Coggeshall Road and The Street. **Action: clerk to write to Fordhams regarding tree reports.**

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.55 pm.

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