

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chair), Cllr Frances, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes, Clerk Mr D Williams,
Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr Barber and 5 members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hamer

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th SEPTEMBER 2022

Cllr Fairs said that the parish council meeting of 20th September 2022 was not a proper meeting as the notice period beforehand was not given properly as it was given during the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Members confirmed the actions taken at the meeting which were detailed in the minutes.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 20th September 2022 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS -

The meeting resumed.

(i). A parishioner said that he was concerned with adverse comments made by the parish council in response to planning applications relating to his land. He has owned the land for 36 years and built a cabin a few years ago. He is interested in wildlife there. He submitted a planning application for a log store to aid in the harvesting of logs and he is concerned with the parish council's comments regarding an annexe. He said that he will never live in the cabin. He asked the parish council to retract the comments. Cllr Fairs said that the parish council is looking after the interests of parishioners to protect the village against development. There is experience of buildings being converted in the area in the past without planning permission. There is no vendetta and we apologise if you feel we have upset you but we will not retract our comments. The parishioner said that he will correspond with the clerk, and he left the meeting.

(ii). A parishioner asked if the parish council could cut down the tree overhanging the footpath in The Street. Cllr Warnes said that the tree is not on parish council land and we will ask the landowner to cut back the tree. **Action: clerk to write to the landowner.**

(iii). A parishioner asked what is the position regarding the land approved for development in The Street. Cllr Fairs said that the site was approved as permissible development, and planning permission will be required.

The meeting was resumed.

5. REPORT FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

ECC Cllr Barber said that there is no official position regarding the dualling of the A120. Cllr Warnes asked if there was an update on the blockage of footpath 16, and he said that ECC Highways are looking at the problem. He referred to the highways issues regarding the junction at Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road and said that there is a land ownership issue. He was asked for an update regarding the proposed footpath from the bus stop to the junction of Chappel Road with The Street and said that funding for the design of the project has been agreed and the designs are due by the end of the year. A budget allocation will then be required for the project. ECC Cllr Barber said that the parish request for an earlier morning bus to Colchester is part of the overall bus strategy being worked on. The bus service generally is under pressure.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Fairs said that Cllr Hamer advised him that the planning consultant attended the last meeting and believes that a draft plan will be presented shortly.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

222319 2 East Gores Road, Coggeshall - erection of first floor rear extension (Resubmission of 220776) – No objections subject to neighbours' views.

222358 Forresters Farm, Lamberts Lane - Re-use of Agricultural Buildings to create 2no. Dwellings and Garage/Studio, along with the demolition of former piggery building. Members asked the applicant who was present questions regarding the site. A parishioner (the clerk of the parish council) asked if he could make comments, members agreed and the meeting was suspended:-

(i). There 4 objections on the Borough Council web site and I am aware of at least another 6 objections. I object to this application as it is overdevelopment in an isolated rural position, and with 6 bedrooms, 2 studios and the existing 3 bedrooms at Forresters it would create unacceptable noise and invade neighbours' privacy. The bungalows are only 7 metres away from the neighbouring property with facing windows. There is a public footpath only 5 metres away from the bungalows, again with facing windows. Lamberts Lane is a single track no through country lane with a bad bend and nowhere to get off the road when meeting traffic. An application for a farm workers property two properties away in Lamberts Lane was refused. There is no public notice regarding the planning application so that the public including footpath walkers who are not aware are not able to make comments.

The chairman invited any other public comments:-

(ii) A parishioner said that he agreed with those comments and also said that many residents of Lamberts Lane have objected, and the parish council should consider residents' views.

The meeting was resumed. After discussion the agreed comments are - The council neither object or support this application. We ask that the Borough Council note concerns raised by local residents with specific regard to highways, the public footpath, the positioning of windows and their effect on neighbours and the public footpath.

4 public left the meeting.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Cheques for payment	Amount (£)	of which VAT
101993 D Williams- clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60	£ 406.90	
101994 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 101.60	
101995 Colchester Association of Local Councils – subscription	£ 35.00	
101996 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance – donation	£ 50.00	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 45,849.51 of which £8,645 relates to funds allocated for Neighbourhood Plan. Cheque number 101998 is not included in the balance figures. Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.49. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Frost said that the installation of the play equipment by HAG is now expected in early January. The mound works are proposed for 17th October. The lay out of the play equipment was discussed as was the site of the Jubilee tree. No final layout and siting were made. The clerk was asked to reply to the insurers regarding their requirements for a zip wire. **Action: clerk to reply to insurers.**

10. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The clerk said that the maintenance contractor has advised that all outstanding jobs will be completed by the end of this month. The maintenance contractor has responded regarding the new contract, but the comments were not received in time for members to consider the points raised, and so it will be considered at the next meeting.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Frances said that together with Cllr Warnes he met the village hall manager and agreed that the management committee can purchase a letter box. The village hall manager will undertake more research concerning the purchase of a lap top for business use. Cllr Frances said that a new electricity contract had been completed for £6,441 per annum before any price caps. This is an increase from £1,500 per annum previously, and so hall rental rates will have to be increased. The clerk was asked to write to Rural Community Council of Essex to establish whether there are any special bulk buying rates. **Action: clerk to write to RCCE.**

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Letter received from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust asking for a donation. Members agreed to repeat last year's donation and a cheque for £50 was completed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Hill said that the police have visited the village following recent anti social behaviour.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.18 pm.

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