

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm  
Present: Cllr Fairs (Chair), Cllr Frances, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes, Clerk Mr D Williams,  
Colchester Borough Councillor (CBC) Cllr Sunnucks and 3 members of the public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bartleet

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

The meeting was suspended.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS -

(i). I am from Marks Tey Football Club and we have used the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (HFRG) for a second season. We would also like to use HFRG to encourage a youth team. Cllr Fairs asked for more information including the number of children that they would like to train, when does the season start and finish, do they provide facilities. We ask this as we are about to develop the play area and the field will continue to be used. Cllr Fairs was advised that this information will be provided including clarification why the football club is increasing their use of HFRG.

(ii). The planning application for the proposed plaque in front of my house to mark the hooping plate in the pavement is progressing. Members agreed to ask Great Tey Metalcraft for a quotation and a mock up of the plaque.

(iii). Neighbours are concerned with the planning applications for The Chequers Inn. We all want the pub to succeed but in the context of a listed building in a conservation area. The main concern is parking, the areas proposed as a beer garden were parking areas. Other issues are the bright LED lights, inappropriate use of astro turf in a conservation area. The colour scheme is out of keeping, and what is happening with the pub sign, and also the wooden post which is a village landmark.

(iv). All of the frontage at present should be for parking. The proposal will prevent sight lines driving out of The Chase. There is no mention of dealing with parking. The area with canopies will encourage more noise. The residential area downstairs is being changed to a dining area. There are no planning notices displayed.

The meeting was resumed.

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Sunnucks said that the Rural Prosperity Fund is open and he has recommended the community swimming pool. He will forward a copy of the presentation he received. Colchester's city status was discussed.

## 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that a draft plan has recently been produced. It is now to be reviewed by the committee and hopefully will be presented to the parish council at the next meeting.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Applications received.

222528 Newbridge Barn, Flories Road – To replace 6-8 high density 70 watt sodium external security lights with the same quantity of 50 watt 3000K warm white LED floodlights – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

222667 & 222670 - Chequers Inn, The Street, Great Tey - Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building - We have no objection to the replacement of existing lighting and signage provided it is in keeping with and not detrimental to the conservation area. We would object to additional lighting especially at high level. The signpost has been in situ in excess of 100 years and the refurbishment should be done sympathetically and it should not be removed or replaced.

222725 & 222726 - Chequers Inn, The Street – Scabble back existing flooring to front beer garden and add new flooring consisting of York Stone with Astroturf insets - New 8m x 6.1m double retractable awning securely bolted into new flooring - External decorations including paint to building, windows fence and post sign - 5no. fixed planters made from scaffolding board - Expose existing internal timbers by removing modern plaster and cill - Upgrade flooring to internal ground floor areas - Form new cubicle in Ladies toilets by creating new structural opening - The Chequers Inn is an important community asset and we wish to encourage improvements to support sustainability. However we feel that we cannot support this application in its current guise as we believe it is detrimental to the surrounding conservation area for the following reasons:- 1. There is no clear parking plan and no car parking signage. 2. The use of astro turf is unacceptable in a conservation area. 3. Disabled parking and disabled access and facilities are clearly lacking and should form part of the internal refurbishment which we otherwise support. 4. The choice of paint colours for the property exterior is wholly unacceptable in a conservation area. The parish council would welcome the opportunity to discuss any plans that the owners have.

### (b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council

221839 1 New Cottages, Brook Road – Instal a black chimney pipe to the rear of our property so we can install a wood burning stove – approved subject to 3 conditions.

222197 5 Farmfield Road-proposed single & two storey front extension–approved subject to 3 conditions.

(c) Any other planning matters

Advice received from Anglian Water of a planning application that will be submitted.

Borough Cllr Sunnucks and 1 member of public left the meeting.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Cheques for payment

Chq.No. Payee

101999 D Williams- clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £203.20

102000 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk

102001 JPB Landscapes Ltd – play area work re mound, S106 grant funded

102002 WEL Medical Ltd – battery for defibrillator at village hall

Amount (£) of which VAT

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£ 305.30

£ 203.20

£ 3,799.32 £633.22

£ 204.00 £ 34.00

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 41,594.19 of which £8,645 relates to funds allocated for Neighbourhood Plan. Cheque number 102002 is not included in the balance figures. The Business Premium Account balance is Cr £ 22.49. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence. With the recent increase in interest rates, members agreed to transfer £30,000 from the Community Account to the Business Premium Account. The interest rate paid is 0.25% and Cllr Warnes said that he will investigate other financial institutions who would pay a higher interest rate.

## 9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Frost suggested a proposed layout of the extended play area and members agreed to this.

The maintenance contractor has reported that there are 28 roof tiles broken on the youth shelter and suggested that all are removed and board is applied with a 2 coat polymer torch-on felt. These are getting up to 35 years before a replacement it needed.

Members agreed to ask for a quotation to consider further. **Action: clerk to ask the maintenance contractor for a quotation.**

Members agreed to accept delivery of the jubilee tree on 15<sup>th</sup> December from CBC. **Action: clerk to arrange delivery to HFRG and to establish the height of the tree and arrange for the planting ceremony.**

The clerk reported that the parish insurers have quoted a separate premium for the zip wire, and this can be arranged upon installation when the valuation of the existing play equipment can be added to the purchase price of the new equipment. **Action: clerk to arrange insurance of play equipment upon installation.**

## 10. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The maintenance contractor has not provided his monthly report. He has responded regarding the new contract saying that he has no real issue with the contract but asking for it to be reviewed. After discussion members agreed that the contract should remain as submitted. **Action: clerk to reply to the maintenance contractor.**

## 11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Warnes said that he is awaiting a quotation for the installation of solar panels for the village hall. The clerk said that no alternative quotations for the electricity contract could be obtained.

## 12. HIGHWAYS

ECC Cllr Barber has requested a list of potholes that require repair, and members have prepared a list. **Action : clerk to send list of potholes to ECC Cllr Barber.** The parish council has received a response from the householder following our request for hedging on The Street to be cut back, and Cllr Fairs and Cllr Frances said that they would visit the householder to discuss the matter.

**Action : clerk to arrange a meeting.**

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email received following the last meeting seeking a further response concerning the comments made by the parish council regarding his planning applications, and a reply was sent by the clerk.

Email received following the last meeting regarding the parish council's consideration of a planning application, and a reply was sent by the chairman.

Email received from the CBC Monitoring Officer forwarding a revised Code of Conduct for use by parish councils, and members agreed to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action : clerk to include this as an agenda item for December.**

Email received from East Anglia Green advising of a consultation expiring on 5<sup>th</sup> December regarding the proposed new electricity pylons. Members agreed seek guidance from CBC. **Action:-clerk to monitor for guidance re pylons consultation.**

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The clerk said that following representations from the parish council, the new bus timetable for the 82a service shows that the Great Tey to Colchester morning bus has been brought forward as requested from 8.41am to 8.21am arriving at 8.50am instead of 9.04 am. This is effective from 30<sup>th</sup> October. Members agreed that this should be advised to parishioners in Round and About Great Tey. **Action:-clerk to forward an article to the editor of Round and About.**

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 10.19pm.

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