

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm  
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chair), Cllr Frost, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes.  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester City Councillor (CCC) Sunnucks and 1 member of the public attended.

**1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Frances. Essex County Councillor (ECC) Barber did not attend.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None.

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

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

Cllr Warnes said that he would obtain an alternative quotation for the youth shelter roof works proposed. **ACTION: Cllr Warnes to obtain quotation.**

Cllr Fairs said that he would contact the householder to discuss the previously overgrown shrub in The Street. **xc**

The meeting was suspended.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

(i).I see that plans for one of the outstanding planning applications for The Chequers Inn have been resubmitted, and that they have taken note of some of the comments made by the Parish Council.

(ii).Referring to the planning application for The Chequers Inn, have Colchester Council arranged a meeting with the parish council and the applicants. Cllr Fairs said that a meeting was offered through a third party.

The meeting was resumed.

## **5.REPORT FROM COLCHESTER CITY COUNCILLOR**

CCC Cllr Sunnucks said that the scoping report is awaited from the inspector regarding the proposed pylons. He also mentioned that the digital access training is going ahead.

## **6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Hamer said that the draft plan has recently been circulated, together with a proposed time line regarding the consultation. She will arrange for a notice concerning the consultation to be printed in Round and About, and the clerk is asked to post the draft plans and supporting documents onto the web site by 9<sup>th</sup> March and to advise the consultees. The public meeting at the village hall will be arranged for the first week in April. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hamer regarding these arrangements.**

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Applications received

230215 1 Brook House Cottages, Brookhouse Road -proposed single storey rear extension to form kitchen/dining area – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

230156 - Summerside, Moor Road -Erection of a ground floor front extension - no objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Applications approved by Colchester City Council

222926 Telecommunications Station, Chappel Road - prior notification of proposed development for smart metering on 12m street works pole – approved subject to 5 conditions and 1 informative.

(c) Cllr Fairs said that the parish council should write to Planning Department at CCC regarding the new plans submitted for one of the outstanding planning applications for the Chequers Inn. After discussion it was agreed to write to the planning officer stating that it has been brought to our attention that revised plans for advertisement signs were posted on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The parish council has not been formally advised by you that you are seeking comments from the parish council and the public. We appreciate that following our discussion with the publican that changes have been made. Can you please advise if there are any other amendments to the proposed alterations to the Chequers Inn. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Planning Officer.**

(d) Cherry Garden, Earls Colne Road – the clerk advised that a response has not been received to our planning query raised in April 2022. Members asked the clerk to write again to Planning Enforcement and to copy in CCC Sunnucks. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Planning Enforcement.**

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

## **8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Cheques for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/	of which VAT: -
102018	Realise Futures CIC – HFRG benches from S106 grant monies	£ 1,723.17	£ 287.20
102019	D Williams-clerk salary February £543.16 less PAYE £217.20	£ 325.96	
102020	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE for clerk	£ 217.20	

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £4,010.59 and the Business Premium Account balance is Cr £30,026. The funds allocated for Neighbourhood Plan are £6,161. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence. Members agreed that it was not necessary to transfer funds from the Business Premium Account to the Community Account.

(c) Members considered a request to make a donation towards the cost of a new village directory. This was discussed in detail, and members decided that, as we have a limited budget this year, to suggest that an article is published in Round and About to establish the interest in receiving a printed copy to get an idea of the demand. Members also wondered if the Great Tey Jubilee Fund had been approached for support. **ACTION: Clerk to reply to the request.**

(d) The risk assessment was considered and approved, and will be reviewed annually in future. **ACTION: Clerk to diarise annually.**

#### **9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

(a). Cllr Frost said that the contractors expect to finish the work on the extension of the play area in probably another two weeks. He will clarify the insurance value of the existing equipment. The clerk was asked to chase up CCC to move the dog waste bin.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to CCC.**

(b). Cllr Hamer said that Mr Perfect Brown can assist with the Jubilee tree planting. He would like a small plaque on site and she will ask for details, and ask him to contact Cllrs Fairs to meet and decide the location and the logistics. The parish council will transport the tree to the site and we ask him to dig the hole. Once the tree has been moved then we can arrange the planting ceremony. **ACTION: Cllr Hamer and Cllr Fairs to liaise with Mr Perfect Brown.**

#### **10. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR**

(a). Members reviewed the maintenance contractor's contract in view of his comments, and have made an adjustment.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to maintenance contractor.**

#### **11. VILLAGE HALL**

(a). Members agreed that it was too late in the winter to consider the warm spaces scheme.

(b). Cllr Warnes proposed that he submits a grant application to fund solar panels for the hall. He advised that the cost of installation is £11,000 without a battery with a pay back of 8.4 years, and installation with a battery is £17,000 with a pay back of 8.9 years. Members agreed to the application being submitted with no commitment to the installation of solar panels. It was agreed to discuss this subject at next month's meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to include this as an agenda item in March.**

#### **12. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Bartleet advised of a pothole on the left of Brook House Road 50 yards up from the brook going towards Abrahams Farm. It was mentioned that the public footpath sign between Wozzles Wood and Betts Farm is broken. **ACTION: Clerk to report these two items to ECC Highways.**

Cllr Warnes mentioned the '20 is plenty' speed scheme, and after discussion it was agreed that it was a good idea to implement this near the primary school but nowhere else. **ACTION: Clerk to advise the organisers that the parish council wishes to join the scheme.**

#### **13. ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

It was agreed to hold this year's event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at the village hall at 9.15am. The clerk was asked to order high visibility vests, litter pickers, bags and bag openers from CCC asking that items be delivered on the day before the event to Great Tey Business Centre. The clerk was asked to publicise the event in both March and April editions of Round and About.

**ACTION: Clerk to order items and arrange for Round and About articles to be published.**

#### **14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

Copy correspondence regarding the early bus service timing and delays between a parishioner and ECC Cllr Barber was considered. He is seeking to improve the service by making the departure time from Great Tey earlier.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.56 pm.

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