

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm. Present: Cllr Warnes, Cllr Frances, Cllr Hill, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hubbard, Cllr Fairs and Clerk Adele Warnes. Cllr William Sunnucks also attended at 8.10pm. 1 member of the public attended

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Barber. Cllr Bartleet. Apology accepted.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The minutes of the last parish council meeting of Tuesday 11th February 2025 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman in evidence.
4. **ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES IF NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE:**
250101– Hedging on junction of Chappel Road. Reported to ECC Highways – reference 2965948
240911 – Footpath Brook Road. Urged with Cllr Barber 06/03
240408 - UKPN request for lease agreement. Ongoing. Has been referred to energy adviser for review.
240308 – Community Policing scheme. All agreed that this could be closed.
240311 – Heritage sign. Clerk to resend quote to Cllr Frost for consideration on S106 wish list.
240202 – Hooping Plate. Waiting on quote from contractor.

The meeting was suspended at 7.35pm

5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS:**

- Defib training – Possible donation from the Jubilee Fund. Online free training course available on Essex and Herts Air Ambulance site.
- Footpath has finally been cleared near sewage works.
- The Heritage sign has been hit again and is now pointing in the wrong direction. However, it can be moved.
- The triangle at the bottom of The Street is now ruined by heavy construction traffic. The grass verge is also ruined.

The meeting resumed at 7.49pm

6. **WARD AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS (IF PRESENT):**

Report from Councillor William Sunnucks

There are 3 main areas of focus – Local Plan, Pylons consultation and government reform.

- It has been decided to defer consultation on the Local Plan for 10 months during which time there will be no local plan. Councillors are lobbying to reduce this to 3 months. However, current allocations in the LP are unlikely to change. The Marks Tey allocation will completely congest the A120. It is important that, once the consultation does start, that requirements for the village are listed with consideration given to the infrastructure.
 - Pylons consultation deadline is 27th March. Slight amendment for Gt Tey where the pylons cross the A120 (change of angle). Where there is an underground works to facilitate the pylons, councillors should lobby for things like telephone lines etc. to also be put underground.
 - Government reform. The key point is that it is unlikely to affect Parish councils.
7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:** Total payments for approval as detailed in the agenda = £971.98 of which £64.00 is VAT. Plus, a late payment submission of £418.20. This gives a total submission for approval of £1390.18. Payments comprise
- The clerk's salary - £461.76.
 - HMRC - £115.60 (PAYE)
 - Wave Water - £10.78
 - Bakers of Danbury - £384.00
 - Guildhall services - £418.20

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The resultant balance, after all payments are made is the Community account -£1364.93 and business account £37,103.82. Approval was given to transfer £1365.00 from the business account to the community to facilitate the payments being made from the community account.

- All gave agreement on the final budget of £35,351.00 and the clerk was duly instructed to issue it.
- Agreement was also given in principle to the release of funds totaling £329.98 for the purchase of a table tennis table for the Youth association. This was subject to confirmation from the locality fund that the monies had been paid into the PC bank account and that the YAC had set up a business bank account to facilitate receipt.

8. DEFIB AND BASIC LIFE SAVING COURSE. All agreed to the proposal by the resident which would allow training with a donation of £10.00 per head for each delegate. The clerk was instructed to gauge interest in such training through the submission of an article in the R&A and the Parish council web page. *A/P250301 refers.*

9. HFRG.

- Consideration for proposal on repair/renewal perimeter fencing. All voted in favour of putting this on hold pending input into the S106 infrastructure spend.

Agricultural removal of hedging to the south side of recreation ground. *A/P240802 refers.* All agreed that the views of those residents who would be impacted by the removal of the hedging should be sought. Cllr Warnes agreed to draft a letter for distribution.

- Consideration of maintenance contract for play equipment. *A/P241003 refers.* The clerk will write to playground maintenance contractors to obtain quotes. *A/P250302 refers*

10. ANNUAL LITTER PICK: A date of Saturday 26th April was agreed by all. The clerk advised that the PC had their own supply of hi vis vests and pickers. A note should be put in the R&A asking for residents to participate in the litter pick. The clerk was instructed to order the bags necessary for the pick and arrange a pick-up location on completion. *A/P250303 refers.*

11. VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

- Solar Panels – No subsidies available at the current time.
- Broken drainage cover in the car park. Cllr Warnes had been to site but was unable to find. To refer to the VHM for the exact location.
- Repairs to perimeter wall. Cllr Warnes advised that the wall was coated in a plastic type paint so was unable to breathe. He had been advised that the paint should be removed, remedial work taken to damaged brick work and then apply a coat of breathable paint. He had obtained a rough quotation for this work of circa £1500 to £2000.00. All agreed that a request should be made for a formal quotation and the PC would then decide. *A/P250304 Clerk to obtain details and request a formal quotation.*

12. S106 INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND. Cllr Frost had circulated a document on S106 which had been reviewed by all. Following discussion, it was agreed that the views of the residents should be sought to find out what additional facilities they would want in support of the potential growth of the village. This would then be followed by an online survey and feature in the Annual parish meeting scheduled for May. The clerk was therefore instructed to include an article in the April edition of the R&A and the PC website. *A/P250305 refers*

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Detailed review of maintenance contract.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8.45pm and members of the public left.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS: Cllr Fairs advised that, for personal reasons and after 20 years' service to the Parish council, he was stepping down from the council with immediate effect. All expressed their disappointment at this news and agreed that Cllr Fairs had made a significant contribution to

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the Parish council and to the village of Great Tey during this time; especially in his role as Chairperson. He was warmly thanked for the commitment and support he had given over the years to both the village, councillors, and the clerk. This means that there is now a vacancy on the Parish council and the clerk, on receipt of Cllr Fairs formal resignation, would initiate the due process to fill that vacancy. **A/P250306 refers.** Following this announcement councillors had a discussion on how the running of the Parish council could be improved. Several suggestions were put forward which will be followed through over the coming months. The clerk to note these. **A/P250307**
The meeting then concluded at 9.25pm

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 19.30pm in the Village Hall.