

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chairman), Cllr Frances, Cllr Hamer, Cllr Warnes.

Clerk Mr D Williams, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Cllr Chillingworth and 1 member of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Frost

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11th January 2022 were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

The clerk advised that Essex County Council (ECC) Cllr Barber had advised the bowls club to submit an application to Active Essex for the shortfall in funding requested, and so the parish council donation has not been offered.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

(i). Is there any update on the application to build on the field off New Barn Road?

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that Part Two of the Local Plan is not yet adopted although the site is in the draft plan. Cllr Fairs said that the planning application has not been approved.

The meeting resumed.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the full Borough Council meeting to adopt the local plan has been delayed until 24th March. In reply to enquiries from the clerk, he will follow up for the requested approval to the works to the tree on the Moor Road and Chappel Road junction, and will also follow up for a response to the parish council's request for a partial drawdown of the S106 monies for the play area which has been outstanding since November.

Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hamer said that the committee met recently and are developing the draft plan with the consultant. They are looking at public rights of way to see whether footpaths can be joined up with permissive paths. The clerk was asked to see whether a survey completed around 20 years ago is available. The member of public left the meeting.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

220104 - 6 East Gores Road, Coggeshall - Proposed single storey side extension, new porch, garage roof and internal alterations – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

(b) Applications refused by Colchester Borough Council

212493/4 The Round House, East Gores Road, Coggeshall - Single storey extension. Removal of existing modern unsympathetic construction. Removal/replacement of existing conservatory.

(c) Members referred to the outstanding planning application for the New Barn Road development and asked the clerk to resend to Colchester Borough Council the parish council wish list for projects that we propose is funded by S 106 monies and ask for an update on any draft agreement and ask if our requests are going to be looked on favourably in the agreement.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS (a) Cheques for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	/ of which VAT:-
101933	D Williams-clerk salary £499.83 less PAYE £99.80	£ 400.03	
101934	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk	£ 99.80	
101935	Great Tey Village Hall Committee – hall rental	£ 38.00	
101936	I Dyer – HFRG hedge cut on southern boundary	£ 437.10	£ 72.85
101937	I Dyer – handyman	£ 42.30	£ 7.05
101938	Nisbets plc – tables for village hall funded by locality grant	£ 451.10	£ 75.18
101939	D Williams – duplicate pump yard key	£ 8.40	£ 1.40

Members agreed to release cheque 1012936 when the job is completed with the removal of the cuttings. The removal of the cuttings will be on a future invoice.

(b) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 36,750.49, Business Saver Account Cr £ 22.48. The Neighbourhood Plan allocated fund included in the Community Account is £ 6,200.00. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) Members agreed to ask Borough Cllr Chillingworth for £400 from the locality grant towards village hall tables.

(d) Members agreed to adopt the Model Standing Orders, duly amended.

(e) Members agreed to adopt the Model Financial Regulations, duly amended.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Members agreed an increase in the materials costs for the repairs to the play area requested by Playquip, increasing the invoice from £3,460 to £3,784. Cllr Frances and Cllr Warnes said that they would support Cllr Frost with the work required for the planning of the play area extension which is being funded with the S106 monies from the Brook Road development.

Members referred to the proposed new location of the football pitch and asked the clerk to advise the handyman that the extension to the play area is still in the planning process. When this has been clarified we will advise him, he has said that the new pitch will work in with the extended play area. Cllr Fairs said that the hedge from the car park to Lower Langley will be cut shortly. Cllr Hamer said that the proposed dates for the village cricket matches are 26th June and 4th September and asked if the recreation ground could be used as in previous years. Members agreed subject to the usual insurance cover being in place.

10. HANDYMAN

Jobs outstanding are the cuttings for the HFRG hedge, the youth shelter roof tiles that need replacing, the allotment fence posts, and the allotment gate post. The clerk was asked to circulate the handyman contract which will be an agenda item next month,

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Frances said that together with Cllr Warnes he met the village hall manager recently. Another table top sale is being arranged. The 8 tables being funded by the Locality Grant will be purchased, and the work funded by the CIF grant will be arranged.

12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Fairs referred to the junction of Earls Colne Road and Chappel Road and said that discussions are ongoing with the property owner, ECC Cllr Barber and the adjoining landowner regarding an improvement of the junction. Also the potholes have been filled in at the bottom of Greenfield Drive.

The clerk said that ECC Highways have reported that the signpost at the junction of New Barn Road and Earls Colne Road will be replaced but no time frame has been given. ECC Highways have also reported that they will not undertake work on the tree at the junction of Chrismund Way and Greenfield Drive. Members asked the clerk to reply saying that this is considered a danger to the safety of pedestrians and road users who have complained of vehicle damage by overhanging branches. A copy is to be sent to ECC Cllr Barber.

13. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Members agreed to the use of the Old Playing Field and Harold Fairs Recreation Ground for the Jubilee weekend when the Village Weekend will also take place. This is subject to the usual insurance cover being in place.

13. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that all rentals have been paid, and plot holders will now be advised of the increase in the annual plot rental from £15 to £17.50. The handyman has said that he will clear the ditch to the north of the allotments.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Email from the swimming pool fund asking for a discussion regarding the locality fund. The clerk was asked to reply and say that the award is usually around £400, and suggest that they send us their wish list for consideration later this year.

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The clerk was asked to establish when Colchester Borough are running their litter pick this year so that we can co-ordinate if necessary. This will be an agenda item next month.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.53 pm.

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