

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Present: Cllr Hubbard, Cllr Warnes, Cllr Frances (Chair), Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Hill, Cllr Frost, Cllr Barber, and Clerk Adele Warnes. 4 members of the public attended.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Sunnucks. Cllr Fairs. Apologies accepted. In the absence of Cllr Fairs, Cllr Frances took the Chair.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The minutes of the last parish council meeting of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 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:**  
240202– Hooping Plate outside Cob Cottage. Ongoing  
240408 – UKPN request for lease agreement. Ongoing

## *The meeting was suspended*

### 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS:

- There are overgrown trees on the junction from Greenfield Road to the Street. Could a request be made to cut these back.
- Members led initiative on highway defects. What can be done to raise the priority of those identified in the Village. It was agreed to discuss this at item 6 due to the presence of Cllr Barber.
- Assisted freighter service in Aldham. Parishioners of Great Tey were made to feel unwelcome when dropping off items. Can it be highlighted to Aldham PC that this is a service for all “Rural North” parishioners. **A/P240701 – Clerk to write to Aldham PC regarding this.**
- Pylons consultation – Will the Parish council be submitting a response. It was confirmed that they would, a draft submission had been produced for discussion at item 10 of the agenda.
- Was there any outcome on the 3 parishes initiative regarding traffic issues in the villages
- The bin outside the Great Yard – Could it be removed or emptied more frequently as it is causing a nuisance to the neighbouring property.
- Could the speed limits in operation within the Parish be looked at to make travelling more safe
- The grass on the “triangle” needs to be cut as it is impeding visibility of traffic. **A/P240702 – Clerk to write to ECC highways with the request.**

## *The meeting was resumed*

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

- Member led scheme on road defects. Great Tey one of the few who had submitted a response. Emphasis had been placed on footpaths not carriageway defects and the footpath on Brook Road from bus shelter to the junction of the Street had been prioritized. Work should be completed by August. As the County councillor had invited questions, a member of the public suggested that they would look at an initiative to identify all defects with references, bring to the Parish council meeting with priorities which could then be submitted to the County councillor. Cllr Barber agreed with this.
- National Highways were now involved in cross parish discussions regarding traffic issues through the villages as this was impacted by the A12/A120 ongoing works. A meeting was planned for 15<sup>th</sup> July which Cllr Barber would be attending. A member of the public asked if there was anyone, they could talk to about diversion routes. Cllr Barber advised that all queries/concerns could be addressed to him. Rectory Road was mentioned and Cllr Barber advised that he would pick this up. **A/P240703 refers**
- The speed management policy has changed and it is now impossible to change speed limits historically. However, Cllr Barber has asked for an update on proposed changes to and will let the

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Parish council know the response. An application had been submitted to regularize the speed limit between the A120 and Wakes Colne but this is currently pending.

- In terms of traffic surveys Cllr Barber will come back to the PC with the results of previous surveys carried out and will advise on potential funding for future surveys.
- Bennet Junctions are no longer preferred as there are indications that they result in a higher accident rate. Highways tend not to build them anymore and in fact some are being changed to prevent accidents. However, Cllr Barber will revisit.

## **2 members of the public left at 7.57pm**

**7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Nothing to report.

**8. PLANNING MATTERS: Applications decided**

241140 notification of prior approval for proposed single storey rear extension – Grange House, 2 Tey Grange. CO6 1JL. Decision – Refused.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:** Total payments for approval = £1703.36.

- Clerks' salary - £444.36
  - HMRC - £111.00 (PAYE)
  - JPB Landscapes – Grass cutting OPF and HFRG - £1056.00 of which £176.00 is VAT
  - Guildhall services - £504.00 of which £84.00 is VAT
  - Village Hall hire - £57.00
  - CALC subscription renewal 24/25 - £35.00
- The resultant balance, after all items have been paid is Community Account CR £2.50 and the Business Premium account balance is CR £32,119.68. The bank reconciliation statement was signed off by the Chair in evidence.
  - The Parish council considered the request from the PCC for a donation to the grass cutting at St Barnabas Church and all agreed that, whilst they would like to support the request, the current financial position would not enable them to decide. It was agreed to review at the end of Q2 when a decision would be made. The clerk was instructed to write to the PCC to advise them of this.

**A/P240704 refers**

**Cllr Barber left the meeting at 8.02pm**

**10. NORWICH TO TILBURY PYLON CONSULTATION:** The draft submission prepared by Cllr Frances was reviewed and checked against the submission made by residents of East Gores. An additional bullet point was added to the draft about noise and disturbance during the construction phase. A vote was taken and all agreed that, with the revision, the consultation document could be issued and the clerk was duly instructed to issue and make the submission before the 26<sup>th</sup> July. **A/P240705 refers**

**11. HIGHWAYS:** This was covered under item 6 of the agenda

**A member of the public left the meeting at 8.07pm**

**12. S106 MONIES:** A wish list was considered by Parish Councillors. These included

- Provision of fencing around new play area on HFRG
- Provision of adult exercise equipment on HFRG
- Refurbishment of village hall
- Open spaces around the New Barn Road development to be managed in such a way that it manages itself. Cllr Warnes advised that £10,000.00 had been set aside for the maintenance of the open spaces at New Barn Road as a capital sum.

**13. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND.**

- It was agreed by all that there were sufficient waste bins on the HFRG and that consideration could be given to the removal of the small waste bin in the play area. This bin is not emptied as part of CCC weekly rubbish collection. The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman if the bin could be removed and the rubberized surface underneath repaired using wet pour. **A/P240706**

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**refers.** There was also a discussion about the bin sited at the entrance of the Great Yard. The clerk was instructed to write to CCC to ask about possible replacement with a lidded bin.

**A/P240707 refers.**

- Cllr Frost advised that he had not yet obtained quotations for the renewal of fencing and gates around the small area. A/P 240609 was carried forward. It was agreed by all that Cllr Frances would send the clerk a list of items that needed to be addressed from the ROSPA report so that the handyman could be instructed to effect repairs. **A/P240708 refers**
- All agreed that playground signage relating to dogs fouling on the HFRG should be placed at the entrances and exits to the HFRG. This would be at an estimated cost of £40.00. The clerk was instructed to order the signage and arrange for them to be put in place. **A/P240709 refers.** The clerk advised that an article reminding dog owners of the need to pick up their dog's waste would be included in the August edition of the R&A. Cllr Frances also asked the clerk to write to the school and ask if a note could be sent to parents also reminding them to pick up after their dogs as this would ensure coverage outside of the boundary of the Parish. **A/P240710 refers**

**14. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR:** No report received. Councillors considered where to hang two pictures in the Village Hall and all agreed that beneath the clock and adjacent wall in the small hall would be a suitable site. The clerk was asked to notify the handyman for inclusion on his current list of jobs. **A/P240711 refers.**

**15. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:** Cllr Warnes and Frost had reviewed the two quotations received and it was recommended that, at this stage, it would be more beneficial to bring the existing website up to date and make it more accessible. This could be done on the existing content management system. It was agreed by all to defer any further discussions on this until the end of Q2.

**16. VILLAGE HALL:**

- The Parish council had made it clear to the pre school that the gates cannot be locked at any time and they were advised that access would be allowed at all time. The situation would be monitored. It was advised that the dispensing pharmacist preferred people to stand outside when dispensing medicines rather than allow them access to be Hall. This was due to time available and possibility of infection. Cllr Hill was asked to double check this with the doctor's surgery. **A/P240712 refers.**
- Community Policing initiative. If this goes ahead, it will be made clear to any users of the village hall that people will be allowed inside to meet with the community police officer.
- All agreed to a 5% increase in hire fees effective from September 24. This will be £15.75 per hour for residents of the village and £23.10 per hour for non-residents

**17. PARSONAGE COURT DEVELOPMENT:** All agreed that the management company were not adhering to the landscape management plan that had been put in place at the time the Planning application was approved. This is despite continued communication with the management company. All agreed that CCC Planning enforcement should be notified of the non-compliance. **A/P240713 refers**

**18. OLD PLAYING FIELD:** Nothing to report.

**19. ALLOTMENTS:** Nothing to report.

**20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** None

***A member of the public left at 8.58pm and the open session of the meeting was concluded.***

**21. PERSONNEL MATTER – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:** An appeal had been made by a parishioner for the council to reconsider a decision previously agreed by all councillors. Councillors reviewed and all agreed that the situation had not changed and that the original decision still stood.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 21.06pm

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 19.30pm in the Village Hall.