

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr R Brewer (Chairman), Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Traube and Cllr M Williamson  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 1 member of public attended.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Fairs, Cllr Ford.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - None

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

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The clerk confirmed that the potholes in Coggeshall Road and Brook House Road had been reported to Highways. Potholes at Little Tey House Farm on the road to the A120 are also to be reported, with a copy to Marks Tey Parish Council for information as it is on the parish border.

**5. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that there will be a training session on planning for new councillors on 19<sup>th</sup> June and we will receive details. The Neighbourhood Action Panel are to arrange the next meeting at our Village Hall at 9.30am on 1<sup>st</sup> June and again we will receive details.  
Borough Cllr Chillingworth then left the meeting.

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Funds received – HM Revenue & Customs – VAT repayment £ 4,130.98

(b) The following payments were approved:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100868	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 322.16	
100869	Gt Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 45.00	
100870	L Hermon – village hall maintenance	£ 763.75	£ 113.75
100871	L Hermon – repair of village hall folding doors between halls	£ 313.73	£ 46.73

The clerk was instructed to advise the chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee that the invoice for the repair of the doors had been paid as it was a repair to the fabric of the building, and to ask that he advise the parish council of any works authorised in the future for budgeting purposes.

(c) It was agreed that a transfer of £2,700 be made from Community Account to Business Premium Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,038.53 and Business Premium Account Cr £9,753.39. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

**7. PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

- 070409 5 Langleys Cottages, Chappel Road – proposed shed – no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 070915 Flories Farm, Burnt House Road – single storey extension and orangery - no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 070918 Flories Farm, Burnt House Road – removal of existing conservatory, lean-to and shower room. Building of single storey extension and orangery – no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 071056 Kalina, Brook Road – garage to the side, single storey extension to rear – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

Approvals

- F/COL/07/0095 Unit 1a, Great Tey Craft Centre, Brook Road – proposed single storey office extension – approved subject to 2 conditions.
- LB/COL/07/0121 Walcotts Hall, Coggeshall Road – alterations to existing staircase to form new opening to main landing – approved subject to 4 conditions.

**8. PARISH GRANT SCHEME 2007/08**

Colchester Borough Council has invited applications for the parish grant scheme. It was agreed to apply for a grant to assist with the replacement of the bark surface of the play area at the Recreation Ground with an all weather safety surface. Two quotations have been received ranging from £30,500 to £33,200 with a third quote awaited. It was agreed to seek a grant of £13,000 under this scheme, and to seek £10,000 from Awards for All (lottery) and £10,000 from Cory Environmental Trust. The clerk was asked to complete the applications accordingly.

**9. VILLAGE HALL**

Nothing to report.

**10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND**

- (a) It was agreed that the subject of consideration of the quotations for the new surfacing of the play area and the funding of this be an agenda item next month.
- (b) It was agreed to consider flooding and drainage as an agenda item next month.
- (c) The handyman has asked for the intended location of the two wooden bench seats with concrete bases. Cllrs Williamson and Traube agreed to prepare a plan and advise him.
- (d) Referring to the subsidence claim by a third party for damage at a property in Farmfield Road, the clerk advised that our insurers Allianz Cornhill had written saying that there is no indication in the Loss Adjuster's report that they had suggested work that needed to be carried out. It was agreed that the clerk replies and asks them if they want us to take any remedial action.
- (e) Cllr Traube said that a ridge tile needed replacing on the shelter, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to replace it from his stock of tiles.

**11. THE ANGLIAN WATER SITE, CHAPPEL ROAD**

Cllr Coy proposed that the council writes to Anglian Water and ask for their confirmation that they will make good the area surrounding their site including the grass verges, and encourage their workmen not to litter the area. This was agreed and the clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

**12. PICTURE OF THE MONTH**

Cllr Coy proposed a competition for a picture of the month for Round and About Great Tey. This was approved in principle with a local business voucher prize being awarded, and this topic will be researched further.

**13. WEB SITE**

The clerk advised that he had not yet met with the web site designer and taken over maintenance of the site as the designer had been unable to attend a meeting. However the designer advised that a training manual will be forwarded shortly which should enable the takeover to be completed. The designer has also advised that the web site hosting has been moved to improve the service at no additional cost to the council.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

From Colchester Borough Council advising that they have a team who can deal with a range of anti social behaviour complaints. It was agreed that a note be placed in Round and About Great Tey.

From Essex County Council advising that there was a site survey undertaken last year for the bus hard standing where a number of issues were identified with the cross-fall of the road, the camber and the drainage along the proposed site. The engineer has been working on the design of the site. This was noted with disappointment and it was agreed that we respond, trusting that the issues will be solved soon.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- (i) It was stated that the Essex County Council decision on the continuance of the 88b bus route is due shortly.
- (ii) It was stated that a hot air balloon marked Virgin landed on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the operators of the balloon asking for a landing fee of £50.
- (iii) It was stated that the turf laid by the developer outside The Old Warrens is not in keeping with the meadow bank. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the developer saying that although we can understand that for the open day turf was laid, we ask for their undertaking that the area will be re sown with meadow grass seed bearing in mind the conservation area.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

It was agreed that the Annual Electors Meeting at 7pm would precede the May Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm and the May parish council meeting at 7.45pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairperson.....

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