

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th April 2009, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr R Fairs, Cllr R Traube (Chairman), Cllr M Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 9 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr A Maxwell

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th March 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Traube said that he had asked Mr Hermon to varnish the notice board outside the post office.

5. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Community Street Warden scheme is being extended from Colchester to the rural villages, and gave details should the parish wish to have patrols here. They deal with anti social behaviour, litter and dog fouling. Cllr Traube said that the parish council would consider this.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that funding was being made available to bring local authority properties up to date. Cllr Traube said that we had recently received a report on the properties in Great Tey.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that a supply of black sacks will be delivered to households in the parish on 22nd April.

Cllr Traube said that the parish council is concerned with the standard of the repair of potholes in the parish.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Funds Received – allotment income £4.00, HMRC – VAT refund £2,122.70,
Gt Tey Village Hall Mgmt Committee – donation for maintenance £670.00

(b) Cheques for payment authorised

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101041	Essex Assoc. Of Local Councils – annual sub	£ 232.34
101042	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 350.00
101043	Gt Tey Village Hall Mgmt Committee – hall rental	£ 48.00
101044	Gt & Little Tey PCC – donation for churchyard maintenance	£ 600.00
101045	Audit Commission – external auditor's fee for 3.08 accounts	£ 327.75
101046	William Andrew Coy – litter pick BBQ expenses	£ 69.91

Youth Activity Account

100008 Gt Tey Village Hall Mgmt Committee – hall rental £ 32.00
100007 Great Tey Youth Club – re items bought with receipts, invoices £ 616.16

(c) It was agreed that a transfer be made from Community Account to Business Premium Account of £1,000, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr 897.63, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 2,897.75 ,and Business Premium Account Cr £ 4,191.83. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) It was agreed to delay paying the cheque for the Audit Commission until they had responded regarding our request to reduce the external auditor's fee as it was based on turnover which was inflated because of the one payment for the play area surface. The cheque could be released if the invoice was not reduced.

(e) The clerk advised that the renewal papers had been received from Allianz for the annual parish council insurance due 1st June. He was asked to approach Zurich for an alternative quotation and also establish whether the 15% discount had been applied to the Allianz quotation, and refer back to the council at the May meeting.

7. REGISTRATION OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY

The clerk advised that he had collected several bundles of deeds from the solicitors and will review the deeds and prepare the application for the registration of the parish council land. The matter will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

8. PLANNING MATTERS - Applications

081656 Unit 4 Tey Craft Centre, Brook Road – proposed extension to Unit 4 for storage – no objections subject to neighbours' views.
090329 Moor Farm, Moor Road – entrance porch and two storey side extension (Resubmission of application 080704) - no objections subject to neighbours' views.
090367 East Gores Farm, East Gores Road – Shed D – change of use from B1/B8 to B1(a); Shed E – change of use from redundant agricultural to B1/B8 - no objections subject to neighbours' views.
090450 6 Windmills – two storey side extension - no objections subject to neighbours' views.

090390 Homagen, Chappel Road – amendment to proposal approved under application no.081527 to retain one window at the rear of the barn and insertion of one window to the side of the barn – we would wish to see two small windows suitable for a barn construction and in line with the enforcement officer’s recommendations to the owner and the parish council in the email dated 24th February 2009.

Appeals

081923 Land to the Rear of Pendleton, The Street – erection of 1.5 storey dwelling with integral garage (resubmission of application 081538) – no further comments and the parish council stands by our original comments dated 14th January 2009. Please advise the decision to the parish council.

9. GREAT TEY MOAT PROJECT

The meeting was suspended. A parishioner said that for over one hundred years we have been endowed with a small piece of history which few residents are aware of, which is The Great Tey Moat. It commences just to the east of the Rectory and travels for approx 100metres to the east and 100metres to the north of the old Heather School (Dacon Trust). He would like to arrange a working party to help clear it and perhaps make it visible again so that everyone can enjoy it. There are also wildlife and ecological issues too. He would like the parish council to consider the project on heritage grounds, give their support to it, and help with the mechanics in finding the right body who might advise us on the right and wrong way to resurrect this little part of past Great Tey life.

The meeting was resumed. Cllr Bartleet said that he should contact the landowners and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group at Writtle College. After discussion Cllr Traube said that the parish council will support the project and he suggested that an article be placed in Round and About to call for volunteers.

10. ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE

Cllr Traube said that Essex Air Ambulance (EAA) were shortly to put in a planning application regarding the proposed move of helicopter operations to Earls Colne Airfield, and EAA had offered to make a presentation to the parish regarding this as our parish would not be consulted regarding the planning application. After discussion it was agreed that EAA would not be invited to give a presentation.

11. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised that the invoice for £3,520 plus VAT had been received for the fencing works. It was agreed that the clerk obtains confirmation from Cllr Coy that the works were satisfactory and obtain the grant funds from Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council. Cllr Fairs said that he would like a site meeting with Cllr Coy to arrange the infrastructure for the water supply.

Cllr Williamson said that the revised rules would be discussed at the next meeting.

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 12th May before the Parish Council meetings, and the agenda was agreed. It would include the consideration of project funding and an update on the registration of parish council land.

13. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the rose garden maintenance can now be handed over to the handyman and the clerk was instructed to ask him to maintain this in future.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From a parishioner advising of damage to street signs and saying that the police had been involved. The clerk was instructed to ask Colchester Borough Council Street Services to repair signs as necessary in the village.

From the Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP) advising that the next NAP meeting is at Great Tey Village Hall at 6pm on Thursday 7th May. Cllr Traube said that this is the place to voice concerns and comments regarding anti social behaviour and vandalism and the clerk was asked to put a note in Round and About Great Tey.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) A parishioner said that First Bus Representatives and Colchester Borough Council will attend the next Passenger Transport meeting to discuss Health and Safety issues at Colchester Bus Station.

(ii) A parishioner said that Anglian Water have destroyed the grass verges near their site on Chappel Road. The clerk was asked to write to Anglian Water reminding them of our previous request to tidy up the verges.

The meeting resumed

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Traube said that there were a large number of potholes around the village and he was not satisfied with the work done to date in repairing the potholes. Members agreed and the clerk was instructed to ask Essex County Council Highways to arrange the annual meeting to walk around the parish.

Cllr Traube said that grass should be sown on both sides of the new path in the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground, and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to attend to this.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Chairperson.....

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