

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11th August 2009, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr S Brook, Cllr R Fairs (Chairman), Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams and 5 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr R Bartleet

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th July 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Cllr Traube said that he had spoken to the Fire Officer regarding the proposed fence for the pre school and he had no objections. The pre school have been advised and we now await further contact from the committee.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(b) Cheques for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/	of which VAT:-
101076	Heart of the Valley CFR – donation to First Responder Team	£ 500.00	
101077	G & J Barron- parish paths partnership scheme	£ 52.44	£ 6.84
101078	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 350.00	

Youth Activity Club Account

100016	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 32.00	
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The letter received from the fundraiser for the Heart of the Valley CFR was read out, and the clerk was asked to reply stating that the parish council understood that the original request for funds was for initial capital costs for a second defibrillator and not for running costs. The parish council cannot commit to making an annual donation as this is a large part of our donations budget which is restricted by law.

It was agreed that a transfer be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account of £900, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £,1,005.30, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,950.83, and Business Premium Account Cr £5,092.66. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Appeals

090450 6 Windmills, two storey side extension – appeal lodged against refusal.

081923 Land to the rear of Pendleton, The Street – erection of 1.5 storey dwelling with integral garage – resubmission of application 081538 – appeal against refusal to grant planning permission dismissed.

7. OLD PLAYING FIELD

A letter regarding the boundary fence to all residents in Brook Road whose properties back onto the Old Playing Field was agreed, and the clerk was asked to send it to the residents involved.

8. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that he had not yet arranged a site meeting with Anglian Water and he will chase them to arrange this.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that he had been advised of a complaint regarding the outside lights to the village hall which were remaining on. He has asked the electrical contractors to repair this.

11. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From a parishioner forwarding copy correspondence to our MP Bernard Jenkin requesting him to put pressure on the Government regarding the much needed improvements to the A120 from Braintree to Marks Tey.

From a parishioner requesting use of The Old Playing Field overnight for parking for a wedding at the church on 3rd October. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to reply.

From Colchester Borough Council advising that their Town and Parish Council Grant scheme will be combined with Essex County Council CIF scheme, so that the deadline for both grant applications is November, with the judging panel meeting in February/March. It was agreed that projects for these schemes will be considered at the next meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) A parishioner commented that Chappel Road was closed for a week and the work done was a few patches. Cllr Traube said that it was closed for health and safety reasons as the road is narrow with a number of bends.

(ii) A parishioner asked if it was his responsibility to maintain the verge outside his property. Cllr Traube said that the verges are cut only once a year and thanked him for cutting it himself.

The meeting resumed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The clerk advised that he had received an enquiry regarding the ownership of The Chase, asking if it is owned by the frontagers and not publically maintained. It was agreed that the council's response is that there is no definitive answer who owns The Chase. Part of it is the Essex Way public right of way footpath, and solicitor's advice should be obtained by the enquirer. The clerk was asked to contact Essex County Council and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England to establish whether or not they have details of ownership as it is believed that they established ownership of all land that the Essex Way crosses.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairperson.....

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