

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th August 2011, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Beesley (Chairman), Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr Chillingworth and 1 member of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Brook, Cllr Fairs

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th July 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that he attended the broadband conference as arranged, and although he has not yet received an information pack it appeared that the broadband service in the parish could not be improved without funding which would not be available. He said that he had arranged for Colchester Borough Council (CBC) to clean the inside of the shelter on the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground which had been covered in graffiti, and awaited quotations for the cleaning of the seating, or even complete replacement if that was cheaper.

The clerk advised that the replacement cost for the bus shelter was £6,400 and the insurance company is being asked for quotations for the best way to include this in the council insurance policy.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he had received details of a waste collection problem in the parish and he was following that. He advised that Cory Environmental Trust have funds available. He also referred to the letter from CBC regarding the Revenue Grant Consultation, expressing concern at the process and saying that the parish council should respond.

Cllr Traube expressed concern at the standard of pothole repairs in the parish, and Borough Cllr Chillingworth suggested that Essex County Councillor Anne Brown is invited to the next meeting to talk about road repairs. This was agreed and the clerk was instructed to invite her and also ask her whether Moor Road is to be tarred and chipped. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The following credit has been received – allotment rental £ 14.50

b) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
101218	Anglian Water – allotments water 29.04.11 to 27.07.11	£ 42.40
101219	D Williams – clerk salary £358.33 less PAYE	£ 286.73
101220	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 71.60
101221	Claire PB & Jonathan PR Ltd – printing for R&A questionnaires	£ 25.00

Youth Activity Club Account

100040 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental £ 31.20

(c) The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr 445.96, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,312.23, and Business Saver Account Cr £10,108.88. No transfer between accounts was required. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. PLANNING MATTERS - Applications

111271 Windy Ridge, Lamberts Lane – new two storey cottage, demolition of existing timber frame building – no objections subject to neighbours' views

111350 Dovedale, Moor Road – proposed side, rear and front extensions – no objections subject to neighbours' views

111357 Berryfield, Broad Green – proposed hay barn/turkey rearing shed – no objections subject to neighbours' views

111378 Two Hoots, 12 Chappel Road – two storey side extension – no objections subject to neighbours' views

111427 Monticelli, Brook Road – modifications to roof – no objections subject to neighbours' views

Approvals

110838 1,2 & 3 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – painting the external walls in pale yellow colour Johnsons Quiet Shore No 25 – approved subject to 3 conditions

111025 Resthaven, Chappel Road – single storey rear addition – approved subject to 2 conditions.

111068 2 Greenfield Drive – extension and alterations - approved subject to 3 conditions.

8. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Dog fouling of the playing field and the churchyard has been reported by the handyman, and the clerk was asked to put a note in Round and About reminding parishioners to clean up after their dog and that there are dog bins for their use.

9. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk was asked to contact the contractor who installed the pre school fence as there is a gap in the fence near the rear hall door that should be reduced in accordance with the original specification.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

- (a)The clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from the handyman for the cleaning and also for the replacement of the shelter seating.
- (b)The quotation of £215 plus VAT for the replacement of 7 rotted posts in the play area was considered. The handyman said that a further 5 would need replacing in 12 to 18 months and so the clerk was instructed to ask for a quotation to replace 12 posts which can then be considered. It was agreed to ask the Trustees of the Village Hall to fund this cost by way of donation to the parish council.
- (c)The quotation of £163.96 plus VAT to install spikes to the swing cross bars and the top bar of the walking log chains as pigeon deterrents was considered and approved. It was agreed to ask the Trustees of the Village Hall to fund this cost by way of donation to the parish council.
- (d)The play area report from Allianz Engineering which had previously been circulated to councillors was considered. It was agreed that the relevant sections of the report be sent to the handyman and that he is asked to attend to the items that are unsatisfactory, but not to attend to those that are just recommended. It was also agreed that as this report duplicates the ROSPA report and is more costly, that the clerk writes to our insurers Allianz, advise them that we have the ROSPA report every year, and enclose a copy of the report. They are to be advised that any deficiencies reported are rectified, and ask them if this is sufficient for their requirements.

11. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL REVENUE GRANT

Councillor Williamson said that she disapproved of the consultation by CBC regarding the future distribution of the revenue grant which they propose is by way of bidding, and all councillors agreed. It was therefore agreed that a subcommittee would meet to draft a response which is to be circulated to all councillors for approval. Copies of the final document are to be sent to Essex Association of Local Councils, Colchester Association of Local Councils, and Borough Cllr Chillingworth.

12. PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Brewer said he had arranged for a questionnaire to be distributed with Round and About Great Tey asking parishioners to advise of any services that they can offer.He will report the responses received at the next meeting.

13. WEBSITE REVIEW

Cllr Beesley said that he was in contact with the web site designer regarding this review, and will report back.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Letter received from Cory Environmental Trust providing details of funding available for some village projects. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. The clerk was asked to seek the quotes for the removal of the tennis court surface, installation of a basketball and multi play surface, and the removal of the trees on the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground between the tennis courts and the remainder of the field.

Letter received from Essex County Council (ECC) Highways advising of the change in bus operator for services 88 and 88B to Network Colchester.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

- (i)The transport representative said that he would arrange for the advice of the change of bus operator to be put in Round and About.
- (ii)He said that he would ask ECC to send a county councillor to the next transport representatives meeting when the Colchester bus station will be discussed.
- (ii)He asked if the hedges and trees by the bus shelter could be cut back.

The meeting resumed.

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The clerk was instructed to ask the agents to arrange for the hedges and trees by the bus shelter to be cut back.

Cllr Traube said that there would be a power outage on Thursday 18th August from 8.30am until 4.30pm whilst the electricity company completed essential tree cutting near power lines.

Cllr Brewer said that a parishioner had asked if the low branches on the tree in the middle of Moor Road at the junction of Chappel Road could be removed and the tree generally tidied. This was agreed and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to attend to this.

The clerk said that it had been reported that some allotment plots were not being worked properly. He was asked to write to the plot holders concerned, asking if they wished to continue with the plot and if so to work it fully.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.16 pm.