

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8th December 2009, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Brook, Cllr A Maxwell (Chairman), Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 3 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Fairs.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th November 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Traube said that he, together with Cllr Brook and Cllr Williamson met with an Essex County Council Highways Engineer and walked the footpaths in the village. A number of kerbs and pavings were marked for repair. A pothole outside Tey Grange, Chappel Road was repaired. A notice regarding trees overhanging the footpath was issued to Viper House, The Street. Coggeshall Road will be resurfaced next year.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the 2020 Rural Strategy was being issued by Rural Community Council of Essex upon application. The Courier paper issued by Colchester Borough Council will have a questionnaire regarding a public consultation on waste strategy for the Borough and the consultation finishes on 15th January. Cllr Maxwell and Cllr Traube said that the Courier has not yet been received and there is little time to respond. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said he knew nothing of the repairs to A120. He left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following cheques for payment were authorised:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101094	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation re churchyard grasscutting	£ 900.00	
101095	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 350.00	
101096	I Dyer – grasscuts OPF & HFRG	£ 227.70	£ 29.70
101097	I Dyer – handyman	£ 95.60	£ 12.47
101098	I Dyer – play area repairs	£ 293.25	£ 38.25

The clerk was instructed to obtain confirmation from Mr Dyer that the play area repairs have all been completed, and to ask him not to cut the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground when children are leaving the school at the end of the school day. The clerk is to ask Cllr Fairs if he has instructed the repair of the final two play area jobs to the other repairer.

(b) It was agreed that a transfer of £1,900 be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,022.81, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,880.83, and Business Premium Account Cr £7,593.65. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

7. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk was instructed to obtain an update from Cllr Fairs on the provision of water to the allotments.

8. VILLAGE HALL

The clerk was instructed to obtain an update at the end of January from the treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the annual returns to the Charity Commission for The Village Hall charity 262991. This was after the council had been advised that they were outstanding.

9. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND PARISH GRANT SCHEME AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CIF SCHEME

The draft application for the scheme was considered and amended where appropriate. It was agreed to submit an application for £6,500 for village hall improvements of fencing around the hall and thermostatically controlled radiator valves. The clerk was instructed to submit the application accordingly.

12. ANNUAL LITTER PICK

It was agreed to have the village litter pick in mid March, with the actual date to be agreed in January.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) The Essex County Council Local Transport Questionnaire cannot be completed as a group response as a number of questions require personal replies. Details will be put in Round and About.

(ii) First Bus is withdrawing some bus services in December and details will be posted in the bus shelter.

The meeting resumed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Williamson circulated a draft questionnaire regarding the play equipment which is to be inserted in Round and About. This was agreed and arrangements will be made in January.

Cllr Traube said that there had been some vandalism in the bus shelter which needs monitoring.

The clerk said that he had received a request from a resident of Chrismund Way asking that the trees at the rear of their property near the car park entrance be reduced in height to the remainder of the surrounding trees. This was agreed and he was instructed to ask the handyman to reduce all the trees in that area to the same height.

The clerk advised that further guidance had been requested from Colchester Planning Department regarding the relocation of the parish council notice board and the requirement for planning permission, but no response has been received to date. This will be followed.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.52 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....