

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th January 2007, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr R Brewer (Chairman), Cllr R Fairs, Cllr W Ford, and Cllr M Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams and 1 member of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Traube and Borough Cllr Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th December 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Bartleet said that he had spoken to the nearby landowner regarding the two cars for sale on the grass verge in Brook Road, and the cars have now been removed.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(a) The Outreach Group wish to prepare the 2007 Village Directory. We propose that it be for both Great and Little Tey villages and will place a note in Round and About Great Tey inviting people to enter the directory. Councillors suggested that the print date be delayed until after the Parish Council elections in early May.

The meeting resumed.

The 1 member of public then left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following payments were approved:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/	of which VAT:-
100853	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 312.83	
100854	Gt Tey Village Hall Mgmt Comm – hall rent	£ 45.00	
100855	Gt Tey Village Hall Mgmt Comm – hall user subsidies	£ 366.00	
100856	I Dyer – handyman	£ 129.84	£ 19.34
100857	I Dyer – handyman	£ 75.78	£ 11.29
100858	I Dyer – grass cutting	£ 94.00	£ 14.00
100859	I Dyer – handyman	£ 299.63	£ 44.63

(b) It was agreed that a transfer of £1,600 be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £501.50 and Business Premium Account Cr £16,903.58. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The Annual Budget and Precept was reviewed. It was agreed that no provision for maintenance expenditure be made for the village hall, but a provision was made for equipment and furniture for the village hall. It was agreed to donate £700 to Round and About Great Tey for the next financial year. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by 3% to a new figure of £3,866 pa. It was also agreed to increase the hourly rate for the handyman to £8.75. The budgets for 2007/08 were agreed and these show expenditure of £16,546 and income of £13,650. The precept for 2007/08 was agreed at £9,393, an increase of 3% and in line with inflation. This necessitates Council Tax of £24.81 per year for a band D property, an increase of 79 pence per year. The Colchester Borough Council annual grant received with the precept has reduced from £4,431 to £4,090.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

LB/ COL/06/2029	Teybarn, New Barn Road – retrospective application for approval of previously unauthorised works to the exterior of the above building – no objections subject to neighbours' views
F/COL/06/2026	Teybarn, New Barn Road – retrospective application for approval of previously unauthorised works to the exterior of the above building – no objections subject to neighbours' views
F/COL/06/2058	6 Moor Road – open porch, double garage and conservatory – no objections subject to neighbours' views

Approvals - None

8. THE OLD PLAYING FIELD

Nothing to report.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Nothing to report.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Brewer advised that the invoice for the refurbishment of the car park was £18,950 plus VAT and in line with the estimate. This will be funded by grants from Essex CC and Colchester BC totalling £8,950, and the clerk was instructed to submit the invoice to them. The Awards For All grant of £5,000 will be paid next week, and a transfer of £8,350 (being £5,000 agreed contribution and the VAT) was completed to transfer funds from Business Premium Account to Community Account.

This transfer and the cheque for settlement of the invoice will be released when the grant monies have been received.

11. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Colchester Community Safety advising details of further meetings. Cllr Williamson has agreed to attend the next meeting and will report back.

From the Rural Community Council of Essex giving guidance on new fire regulations. This was passed to Cllr Williamson to present to the Village Hall Management Committee.

12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Fairs said that the web site committee will arrange to meet and report back at the February meeting.

It was agreed that the clerk could purchase a copy of the Guide to Local Administration by C A Baker at a cost of £49, and also that model standing orders be obtained from EALC at a cost of £6. It will be a future agenda item to consider adopting standing orders.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 7.30 pm.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....