

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Borough Cllr P Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th June 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Colchester Borough Council – allotments grant	£ 1,900.00
Essex County Council – allotments grant	£ 1,620.00
Essex County Council - parish paths partnership grant for 2008	£ 1,354.00
Allotment rentals	£ 4.00

(b) Cheques for payment

Chq.No. Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101062 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 48.00	
101063 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee –user subsidies	£ 376.00	
101064 D Williams – clerk salary	£ 350.00	
101065 Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA report on play area	£ 93.15	£ 12.15
101066 Campaign to Protect Rural England – annual subscription	£ 29.00	
101067 Colchester Association of Local Councils – annual subscription	£ 35.00	
101068 I Dyer - grasscuts 3 for OPF and 2 for HFRG	£ 177.10	£ 23.10
101069 I Dyer – handyman	£ 166.61	£ 21.73
101070 CA Blackwall (Farms) Ltd – parish paths partnership	£ 109.02	£ 14.22
101071 R Browning & Son – parish paths partnership	£ 267.72	£ 34.92
101072 AR Dann t/a F Percival & Sons – parish paths partnership	£ 197.34	£ 25.74
101073 H J Fairs & Son – parish paths partnership	£ 365.01	£ 47.61
101074 J & C Rayner Farms Ltd – parish paths partnership	£ 420.21	£ 54.81
101075 Rural Community Council of Essex – annual subscription	£ 55.00	

Youth Activity Club Account

100015 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 32.00
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The clerk was instructed to ask the Village Hall Management Committee to include in future the Youth Activity Club in the subsidies for the village hall that are paid by the parish council.

It was agreed that a transfer be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account of £1,400, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,007.74, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,982.83, and Business Premium Account Cr £5,992.32. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) It was agreed that Cllr Bartleet be appointed a signatory to the parish council bank account to replace former Cllr Nice. The bank mandate was completed authorising any two signatories of Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Traube and Cllr Williamson.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- 090865 Tey Brook Farm, Brook Road – general purpose portal frame building – no objections.
- 090855 5 East Gores Road – proposed two storey rear extension (demolition of single storey rear garden room extension) together with associated alterations – no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 090891 Vernons Road, Chappel – stationing of 12 caravans for use by travellers (resubmitted application) - In response to the supporting planning statement we would draw attention to contradictory statements stating that the applicants are of a nomadic habit but in the concluding statement they wish to settle. We object to this planning application for the following reasons:- 1. The site is outside the village envelope, 2. There is poor road access, Vernons Road is narrow, with a sharp bend beside the site, and there is no pavement. 3. The site is in a rural area and should thus prohibit development in the countryside. 4. The present local amenities such as sewerage, refuse collection, and parking spaces are insufficient to support this development.

Approvals

- 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 – approved subject to 3 conditions.

090663 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – revised submission for two storey and single storey rear extension and internal alterations to ground and first floor to provide new conservatory, larger dining room and additional bedroom on first floor. Provision of new window opening to side elevation. (081622) – approved subject to 2 conditions.

7. OLD PLAYING FIELD

A letter to all residents in Brook Road whose properties back onto the Old Playing Field was rewritten and will be forwarded to all members before being sent to the residents.

8. THE PLAY AREA

The annual reports received from Allianz Engineering and Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) were considered. Cllr Fairs and Cllr Traube agreed to look at the deficiencies outlined at the play area before the council asks the handyman to quote for repairs. When the report has been considered it was agreed that we write to Allianz and advise them that the distortion of the equipment has been evident for some years and has been accentuated with the new surface.

9. TREE SURVEY

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Essex County Council (ECC) for a maximum of £300 plus VAT for the survey requested by Allianz Insurance, and to ask ECC to monitor these costs as the original survey was for £300 and we were originally advised that renewals would be £100. The clerk was instructed to arrange this and to also ask ECC to recommend the interval between reports and include this in the report. This can then be pointed out to Allianz Insurance when the report is forwarded.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that he had not yet had a site meeting with Anglian Water and he will chase them to arrange this. Correspondence had been received mentioning that Mr Dyer had provided a water container for the allotments. The clerk was instructed to write to him and thank him for this and offer reimbursement for his costs. The correspondence also mentioned that the allotment gate had dropped and the clerk will ask the handyman to repair this.

11. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that following a request from the Pre-School Management Committee, he, together with Cllrs Maxwell and Williamson, met with them to discuss their request for secure fencing 1.2metres tall around the pre school play area. They are hopeful that they can obtain funding for this. Cllr Traube said that the village hall is not in the conservation area and no planning permission is required. The request was agreed in principle subject to the fence being maintenance free, preferably a galvanised link fence and not a wooden fence, and subject to funding by the pre school. The pre school will advise when funding is in place. Cllr Traube asked the clerk for details of the fire officer to advise him of this.

The clerk advised that a possible source of funding for 50% of the radiator valves for the village hall had been found, and that an application will be made in August.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

E Mail from Colchester Borough Council (CBC) regarding the Town and Parish Capital Grant and CIF Scheme. They advised that the Essex County Council (ECC) timescale for their part of the scheme was delayed this year and CBC asked whether parish councils preferred to see these schemes combined or not. It was agreed that the parish council would prefer to see these schemes run separately and the clerk was asked to reply accordingly.

E Mail from the Youth Activity Club asking if the parish council bank account for the club receives interest. The account does not receive interest, and on the parish council instant access account the rate is only 0.1%., which would only earn a few pence.

E Mail received asking if the parish council can pay the agreed donation to the First Responders Group. It was agreed to ask for a formal request and details of the scheme to date.

E Mail received saying that there was interest in cricket within the village and asking whether an approach could be made regarding the former cricket field on the junction of Moor Road and Chappel Road. The clerk was instructed to write to the landowners agents.

E Mail received from the Youth Activity Club saying that they have purchased a projector which might be hired out for film shows in the village. It was agreed that a note be put in Round and About to see if there was any interest.

Email received from Borough Cllr P Chillingworth in reply to the parish council's request for details of the Section 106 funding scheme which may provide funding for parish projects from new buildings in the parish. He will give details at the next meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i)A parishioner asked if he needed planning permission to replace a dilapidated gate with a new one – He was advised to ask the planning department at Colchester Borough Council.

(ii)A parishioner said that according to government strategy, travellers can nominate which school they wish their children to attend, whether or not the school can accommodate them – He was advised that the 11 children of school age at the proposed travellers' site in Vernons Road, Chappel have registered at Chappel school.

The meeting resumed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

An estimate for the works to the fence between 8 Farmfield and the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground had been received from the handyman who said that it would be within his discretionary figure of £100. It was agreed that he could be asked to proceed and Cllr Fairs said that he would also inspect the site.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

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