

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 8.25pm

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Fairs, Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr C Nice, Cllr R Traube and Cllr M Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams and 1 member of public attended.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Traube was proposed by Cllr Williamson, and seconded by Cllr Maxwell. There being no other nominations Cllr Traube was duly elected chairman and took over the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. - None

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Fairs was proposed by Cllr Traube and seconded by Cllr Bartleet. There being no other nominations Cllr Fairs was duly elected vice chairman.

4. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEES

It was agreed that the following sub committees be re elected:-

Planning - full council
Finance - full council
Highways - Cllr Coy, Cllr Nice, Cllr Traube
Housing - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Traube
Recreation - Cllr Coy, Cllr Fairs, Cllr Williamson
Footpaths - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Traube
Village Hall - Cllr Nice, Cllr Williamson
Web Site - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs
Transport - Cllr Traube

The transport representative will continue to be Mr J Bland. He was thanked by the council for his involvement.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.29pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 8.30pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 13th May 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The clerk reported that the following funds had been received.

Great Tey Primary School – hatching of car park £ 200.00
Great Tey Parent Teachers’ Assoc – hatching of car park £ 100.00

The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100952	R Hull – parish paths partnership footpath cut	£ 45.12	£ 6.72
100953	D Williams - clerk salary	£ 335.66	
100954	N Tregoning – cost of box for collected newspapers	£ 34.99	£ 5.21
100955	G & J Barron – parish paths partnership footpath cut	£ 53.58	£ 7.98
100956	I Dyer – handyman	£ 110.52	£ 16.46
100957	I Dyer – handyman	£ 187.64	£ 27.95
100958	I Dyer – grasscuts OPF and HFRG	£ 77.55	£ 11.55
100959	R Browning & Son – parish paths partnership footpath cut	£ 273.54	£ 40.74
100960	Rural Commnity Council of Essex – subscription	£ 55.00	

It was agreed that a transfer of £800 be made from Instant Access Account to Community Account. The clerk reported that after these transactions had been made, the balance of the Community Account was credit £995.29 and the balance of the Instant Access Account was £9,718.76. The bank statements were signed by the chairman as evidence of agreement.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

None

Approvals

- 080590 Teybrook Farm, Brook Road – rebuilding of cart lodge destroyed by fire January 2007 – approved subject to 3 conditions
- 080625 2 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – removal of section of internal partition to divisional wall between kitchen and dining room on ground floor level – approved subject to 1 condition
- 080652 8 Garden Fields – single storey side extension – approved subject to 3 conditions
- 080704 Moor Farm, Moor Road – new porch extension, new two storey extension to Moor Farm – approved subject to 5 conditions.

Refusals

- 080744 Great Tey Stores, The Street – Change of use of part of ground floor premises from retail to residential – permission refused.

Letter received from Colchester Borough Council Planning Department advising that the application for Fairstead, Tey Road, Earls Colne for change of use and alteration to building formerly used in connection with commercial kennels, for the purposes of a complementary health clinic with car parking area for 2 vehicles, will be considered by the Planning Committee on 12 June.

7. THE VILLAGE SHOP

Cllr Traube referred to the questionnaire that had been completed by 152 householders in the village, and thanked the volunteers for arranging and completing this. The details were discussed and it was decided that a final meeting would be arranged on 9th September at 8pm with the parish council meeting at 7pm. This final meeting would be advertised in Round and About, the web site and posters, and the way forward decided. In the meantime it was decided that details of the community bus to take parishioners to the local supermarket would be advertised, along with the contact details for the mobile shop, who can call by appointment. The possibility of arranging for internet access at the village hall, perhaps through the youth club, so that parishioners could learn how to order shopping through the internet, was also discussed.

8. GREAT TEY YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Nice said that the youth club were making a new application for funding as the previous application was declined. Fund raising events such as a race night and a New Year's Eve party are being arranged. They are able to arrange for police checks for the volunteers at a price of £15. Cllr Traube said that the Youth Community Initiatives Fund is being launched on 12 June at the Essex County Council Area Forum meeting, and it was agreed that a councillor would attend and promote the Youth Club's requirement for funding.

9. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

The clerk read out the reply received from the contractor regarding the complaint regarding the timing of grass cuts at HFRG and OPF. Cllr Traube referred to the complaint received regarding a gate to the play area, and it was agreed that this complaint would be forwarded to the inspectors undertaking the annual review of the play area as the reviews are due shortly, and await their reports.

10. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

The clerk said that the police had advised that six volunteers and a coordinator were required to start the scheme. It was agreed that an article will be placed in Round and About and that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Traube asked for the review date for the location of the Vehicle Activated Sign, and this will also be an agenda item for the next meeting.

11. VILLAGE WEEKEND

It was agreed to await a formal request for funding as the organisers have been advised that a sum of up to £500 has been budgeted for.

12. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH GRANT AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

After discussion it was agreed that an application would be made under this scheme for the installation of water to the allotments and the replacement of fences. Cllr Fairs agreed to liaise with Anglian Water and also to obtain 3 quotations, and Cllr Coy agreed to obtain 3 quotations for the replacement fencing. Cllr Coy proposed that the council consider obtaining free trees from Colchester Borough Council when the annual scheme is announced, and plant a coppice in Harold Fairs Recreation Ground. It was agreed that this would be taken up, and a note is to be placed in Round and About to see if any parishioners wish to become involved. No funding is required for this project.

13. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk said that the tenant of plot 7 wishes to give up his plot and it was agreed that this would be re let to the next person on the waiting list.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Letter received from the planning investigation officer regarding the complaint of the number of vehicles parked at the premises and also parking in the road outside Brook House. Further information was requested and this was provided. The clerk was asked to write to the occupiers asking them to park at the premises and not in the road on a dangerous bend.

Copy letter received from a parishioner regarding flooding at the junction of Brook Road and the A120.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended

No questions.

The meeting was resumed.

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairperson.....

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