

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Fairs, Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr C Nice,  
Cllr R Traube (Chairman), Cllr M Williamson.  
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 8 members of public attended.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES –

Cllr Fairs said that he had collected the trees for planting from Colchester Borough Council and will plant them shortly in Harold Fairs Recreation Ground as previously agreed.

Cllr Bartleet said that he had reviewed the Forestry Commission report which referred to the removal of conifers from Chalkney Wood.

Cllr Traube said that he had spoken to Norma Tregoning to discuss whether she required any funding for the drop in centre. She advised that the project is breaking even and it was agreed therefore that we would review again in six months time. She will check that she is receiving the £2 subsidy from the Village Hall for parishioner users.

## 5. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that a supply of black sacks will be delivered to households in the parish on 29<sup>th</sup> April. He advised that the Attended Freighter will visit Great Tey on 2nd May, 27<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Coy will put a note regarding both these items in Round and About. Borough Cllr Chillingworth also said that an Animal Enforcement Officer had been appointed, and Mr Tague can be contacted on 01206 507856. He said that the River Colne Countryside Project will not be funded by Colchester Borough Council although Braintree District Council wish to continue to fund the post. He also said that travellers had moved to a site in Vernons Road, Chappel.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Credits received – Trustees of Village Hall re donation for pathway £ 493.00

(b) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101034	C Nice – reimbursement for anti vandal paint for hall	£ 11.95	£ 1.56
101035	C Nice – reimbursement for sign for anti vandal paint for hall	£ 9.48	£ 1.24
101036	D Williams – clerk sal. £335.66, postage & stationery exp £55.60	£ 391.26	£ 4.50
101037	I Dyer - handyman	£ 112.13	£ 14.63
101038	I Dyer - handyman	£ 25.08	£ 3.27
101039	J & C Rayner Farms Ltd – parish paths partnership scheme	£ 411.93	£ 53.73
101040	L F Hermon – village hall maintenance	£ 770.50	£ 100.50

Youth Activity Club

100006 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rent £ 46.00

100007 Great Tey Youth Club – re items bought with receipts, invoices £ 1,311.09 Nil

The clerk was instructed to ask the Village Hall Management Committee for a donation for the hall maintenance costs.

(c) It was agreed that a transfer be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account of £1,000, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £728.93, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £3,543.91, and Business Premium Account Cr £3,191.02. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence. The clerk advised that a claim for refund of VAT for £2,122.70 had recently been submitted.

## 7. REGISTRATION OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY

The clerk advised that the council's solicitors had quoted a fee of £500 including VAT but excluding Land Registry costs, for undertaking the first registration of the council owned land with the Land Registry. It was agreed not to accept this, and the clerk was asked to pick up the deeds from the solicitors at no charge, to review what deeds we have, and to report back.

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS - Applications - None Approvals - None Refusals

082133 11 Lower Langley – single storey rear extension - refused

## Other Matters

Cllr Traube said that the Enforcement Officer from Colchester Borough Council had visited the barn at Homagen, Chappel Road following complaints received from parishioners. She advised the owner that metal window frames must be removed and if windows were required then a planning application should be submitted for up to two small wooden framed windows. There was no toilet installed in the barn.

### 9. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Coy said that the replacement fencing had been installed and he would see the installer and ask him to submit the invoice as soon as possible so that the funding can be claimed from Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council.

He said that the allotment plot holders had met and asked whether they could be provided with a key to the Old Playing Field. This was agreed and it was suggested that a padlock with a code number be bought. This was agreed. They will also purchase a padlock to the allotment gate. The allotment plot holders also agreed that they will meet twice a year to tidy up the allotments and in future they will cut the pathways around the plots.

Cllr Coy said that Colchester Borough Council charge £32 per annum for a plot the size of our double plots. After discussion it was agreed that when water has been installed, then the new plot rentals will be £25 for a double plot and £12.50 for a single plot. The new rentals will be effective from 30 September 2009, and Cllrs Coy, Williamson and Maxwell will review the existing rules and agreements and recommend any changes at the May meeting. It was also agreed that when double plots fall vacant then they would be offered as single plots, but that they would not be automatically split if the rules changed.

Cllr Fairs said that the water installation would be 4 to 6 weeks after the meeting with Anglian Water in 3 weeks time, and so water will not be installed until the end of May.

Cllr Coy said that as the cost of water usage was not yet known, it is possible that the plot holders may be asked for an interim payment before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Also if there was a shortfall after the new rentals had been running, then the plot holders may be approached, but he recommended that if there was a surplus of allotment rental, then this would be carried forward to cover future allotment costs.

### 10. YOUTH ACTIVITY CLUB

Cllr Nice reported that the club now had 30 members and an average meeting attendance of 19. The club had spent over £1,000 on equipment and were concerned with the security of that equipment.

### 11. LITTER PICK IN MARCH

Cllr Coy confirmed the final arrangements.

### 12. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the maintenance had been completed, including anti climb paint on the approaches to the roof and the relevant signs. There has been further damage to the tiles in the hall ceiling, and there are few replacement tiles left. Cllr Nice said that he attended and chaired the recent Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee when Mr Simon Fraser was elected as chairman, and Mr Jim Springate was re elected as treasurer.

### 13. NEW PROJECTS

Cllr Traube asked whether there were any further suggestions for projects that may be considered. Cllr Maxwell suggested a small extension to the village hall for storage room. Cllr Traube proposed that any decision regarding projects to proceed with should be made at the annual electors meeting in May, and this was agreed.

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Vicky Sanders, Neighbourhood Police Officer, sending a crime report.

From Colchester Association of Local Councils, sending an agenda for the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

From Mr I Dyer, sending photographs of rubbish dumped in the Old Playing Field at the rear of the properties in Brook Road. Cllr Traube suggested that once the deeds of the Old Playing Field had been obtained, then the council consider installing a robust fence as a project.

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) A parishioner said that representatives from Essex County Council and First Bus will attend the next Passenger Transport Executive meeting to discuss Health and Safety issues at Colchester Bus Station.

(ii) A parishioner asked whether as a new project, the parish council would consider sponsoring a first aid evening at the village hall. Cllr Traube said that the new projects that the council are looking at relate to capital expenditure for which we are seeking funds from other bodies.

The meeting resumed

### 17. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Maxwell said that as the council had discussed schemes for the purchase of domestic heating oil in bulk for a group of households, he had found a company that promoted a scheme, and it was agreed that Cllr Coy would put a note in Round and About to see whether there was any interest in the village in such a scheme.

Cllr Traube asked what progress had been made with the speedwatch scheme, and Cllr Maxwell asked that the clerk contact the police officer involved and arrange for him to have details of the procedures involved.

Cllr Nice said that reluctantly he had to resign as parish councillor because of work commitments. He had enjoyed his two years as a councillor.

Cllr Traube thanked Cllr Nice for his support, especially his involvement with the Youth Activity Club.

Cllr Fairs said that there was a broken barrier on the entrance to the skate park and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to make it safe as soon as possible.

Cllr Traube asked the clerk to chase Colchester Borough Council regarding the overgrown bush on the pathway outside 13 Lower Langley and ask them again to cut it as it is restricting access on the pathway.

Cllr Traube asked the clerk to liaise with the handyman to clear the corner of the boundary between Nuts End and The Old Playing Field.

Cllr Traube said that he would liaise with Mr Hermon regarding the varnishing of the notice board outside the Post Office.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.55pm.

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