

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 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 5 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Williamson said that she would present the results of the questionnaire to the next meeting, and asked that this be an agenda item.

Cllr Traube asked whether there had been any contact with the owner of Nuts End, The Chase regarding the fence with the Old Playing Field where it appears that the new fence posts are on the Playing Field side of the existing boundary which is marked by concrete posts. Cllr Williamson said that Cllr Fairs had called on her several times but had not made contact. It was agreed that the clerk would write and ask her to correct this.

## 5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the March Courier is late and asked to be advised of any progress on delivery which is hoped to be finished this week.

He advised that the Borough Council is to trial a weekly food waste collection and fortnightly black sack collection and Great Tey may be involved in the trial.

He advised that the A1124 road is being resurfaced during the night of 12/13 March. Cllr Traube asked if there were any funds for road maintenance and Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he would contact our Essex County Councillor.

He then left the meeting.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq.No. Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101107 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – part of hall insurance	£ 1,565.00	
101108 D Williams – clerk salary £350, post & stationery expenses £ 95.26	£ 445.26	£ 4.11
101109 I Dyer – handyman	£ 103.11	£ 15.36
101110 L F Hermon – village hall maintenance	£ 734.37	£ 109.37
Youth Activity Club Account		
100022 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 28.00	
100023 Great Tey Parish Council – allotment plot rental	£ - .50	

(b) It was agreed that a transfer of £3,000 be made from Business Saver Account to Community Account, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £793.35, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,768.33, and Business Saver Account Cr £3,194.13. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence. The clerk reported that the VAT refund return had been submitted to Customs & Excise.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS - Approvals

091639 East Gores Farm, East Gores Road – Change of use of shed N from B1/B8 (office/storage) use to office (B1) –approved subject to 4 conditions

091660 Great Tey Reservoir & Booster, Tey Road – Construction of a booster pump station within the grounds of the Great Tey Water Reservoir site to provide the Supply Network with a contingency to allow essential maintenance to be carried out on other Assets within the Supply Network –approved subject to 6 conditions

Cllr Traube referred to our enquiry to Planning Department Colchester Borough Council concerning Collops Barn and said that the plans they provided showed that the property was to be attached to the stables. The matter has been referred to the enforcement officer as the property appears to be detached.

## 8. ALLOTMENTS

In view of legal arrangements that may have to be made concerning the piping of water to the allotments it was agreed that Cllr Traube will discuss with Cllr Fairs the various options available for the route of the water pipe and the siting of the water meter, and report at the next meeting.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the maintenance work to the village hall has been done at a cost of £ 625 plus VAT, and the Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to reimburse the parish council with £625.

**10. GREAT TEY POST OFFICE**

Cllr Traube said that the postmaster had resigned and the village Post Office is to close on 5<sup>th</sup> May. After discussions with Post Office Ltd the Postmaster at Wivenhoe has agreed to run an outreach service at the Village Hall for two three hourly sessions, probably on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. As part of the process Post Office Ltd runs a 14 week consultation period during which time the village and a consumer group are consulted. He said that the earliest possible date of the commencement of the outreach service is at the end of July. He is seeking to have a temporary outreach service between 5<sup>th</sup> May and the end of July in the existing post office premises. As a consequence of the Post Office closure the postbox will be moved to the front of the Village Hall and will be a full size box. The box outside the post office premises will be removed. The bench outside the post office premises will be moved to the front of the village hall near the rose garden.

**11. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL BY COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TO MOVE TO WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

After discussion it was agreed to support this proposal and the clerk was asked to advise Colchester Borough Council accordingly.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

From a Village Weekend organiser offering the allotment holders a stall at the forthcoming weekend on 25, 26&27 June. This was handed to a plot holder to liaise with other holders.  
From Rural Community Council of Essex inviting parishes to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to enter and the clerk was asked to complete the entry forms.  
From Essex County Council Public Rights of Way Officer advising of forthcoming changes to the scheme, and confirming that for this year it could be continued on the same basis as previous years.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-  
(i)Application forms for BITE+, the new young persons’ bus concessionary card, are held by John Bland.  
(ii)The rose garden outside the village hall is looking untidy. The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to attend to this.  
(iii)Has there been a reply from Colchester Borough Council (CBC) concerning the changes to the Town and Parish Clerks’ Funding Scheme – The clerk confirmed that CBC had answered our enquiries, and advised that the fund was for £150,000 and that applications had been received for £411,000. The meeting to decide the amount of funding is on 31 March.  
The meeting resumed.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Cllr Bartleet said that the litter pick was on Saturday and asked whether any other arrangements were to be made. It was decided that there were no further arrangements to make.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

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