

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr R Fairs, Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr R Traube (Chairman), and Cllr M Williamson  
1 member of public attended.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr C Nice, Clerk D Williams

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Maxwell raised the question about parking on the Food Company car park now that the Marks Tey car park had closed. It was confirmed that people can park at the Food Company.

Cllr Traube had received an email concerning vandalism in the H.F.R.G. The seat had been totally demolished. This will now be removed and not replaced. Equally the scales will not be repaired and removed as recommended by the handyman. Cllr Maxwell would put an article in Roundabout Great Tey to this effect.

The clerk would ask the handyman to carry out the work.

Cllr Traube reported that Sibleys had installed the light in the notice board outside the village hall and the parish council is awaiting their invoice.

The Clerk was actioned to post a notice on the parish notice board concerning negotiated preferential rates with electricity and gas providers. This has been done.

The notice in Round and About concerning the replacement of the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee had not yet resulted in anybody coming forward. Cllr Maxwell would rerun the article in Round and About.

The Handyman job description is to be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting, along with the grass cutting tenders.

Cllr Nice was actioned to look at anti-vandal paint for the village hall roof. This is to be brought forward to the next meeting.

## 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Funds Received – Colchester Borough Council – precept/grant £6,924.00

(b) Cheques for payment

Chq.No. Payee

Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-

101016 G & J Barron – footpath cut, parish paths partnership £ 33.84 £ 5.04

101017 D Williams – clerk salary £ 335.66

(c) **Youth Activity Club (YAC)**- Funds Received £ 64.00

(d) Cheques for payment

Chq.No. Payee

Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-

100001 Gt Tey Village Hall Mgent Committee – hall rental for YAC £ 32.00

100002 Gt Tey Village Hall Mgent Committee – hall rental for YAC £ 32.00

(e) financial report – there is £7,493.62 in the current account (Community Account). It was agreed that a transfer of £6,500 be made from the Community Account into the Business Premium Account. This would leave a balance of £993.62 in the Community Account. After the transfer the balance of the Business Premium Account will be £15,337.97; £5,000 of this amount constitutes the grant for the footpath near Great Tey Primary School. Both account sheets were signed by the chairman as evidence of agreement.

## 6. PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

081502 Bell House, The Street – removal of existing staircase and replace with new, safer staircase. Creation of first floor bathroom. We agreed that all the work is internal and have no objections subject to compliance with planning approvals for listed buildings.

### Approvals

081527 Homagen, Chappel Road – relocation of existing timber framed bungalow and conversion into barn – approved subject to 5 conditions

081696 Cherry Garden, Colne Road – proposed garden store and car shelter – approved subject to 4 conditions

### Refusals

081622 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road – two storey and single storey rear extension to provide new dining room and additional bedroom, internal alterations to first floor and provision of new window openings to side elevation to bedroom 2 and demolition of existing outbuilding – refused

**7. THE VILLAGE POST OFFICE**

Cllr Traube advised that he had a site visit at the village hall with the Post Office and a potential outreach post mistress to see where the outreach service could be located. It was agreed that the current doctor’s waiting area would be an ideal position. Cllr Traube also advised that the village Post Office will remain open for the foreseeable future and Cllr Traube encourages villagers to continue using it.

**8. GREAT TEY YOUTH ACTIVITY CLUB**

There was no up to date report available as Cllr Nice was absent.

**9. VILLAGE HALL**

It was agreed that Cllr Traube would check the village hall for any remedial work and would report back at the December meeting.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

Email from Emma Rayment, Neighbourhood Policing Team, asking for the return of the graffiti removal kit. Cllr Fairs would contact Emma and make arrangements for the return of the kit.

Email from RCCE concerning tree planting schemes. Cllr Traube passed the paper over to Cllr Fairs who would follow it up.

Letter from Solicitors in Colchester advising us to consider registering Parish Council land and buildings. The Clerk is to look into the necessity of this and make it an agenda item at the December meeting.

Email from Mr G Argyle regarding The Heart of the Valley first responders. No further action necessary.

Email from Rural Community Council of Essex advising of information session “Taking actions forward” on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. No attendees.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended

A parishioner advised that he had had a meeting with ECC bus representatives regarding the withdrawal of the number 70 route. It was confirmed that this was a commercial route and that the action taken was in order.

The parishioner also reported that there would be further delay to the completion of the road layout at Tollgate.

A parishioner raised the question of the Village Hall Management Committee. He raised the concern that, as the Committee currently has no chairman, there would not be another meeting before the AGM in February 2009.

Cllr Williamson advised that she had been asked about the situation of the reform of the dispensing of medicine.

The Clerk would be asked to write to Borough Cllr P Chillingworth asking whether he can lend his support to the surgery and speak to ECC. Cllr Traube encouraged everybody to write individual letters before 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr Traube advised that he had asked the Clerk to write again to our MP to remind him of the urgency of the situation.

The meeting was resumed.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Update on allotments – Plot 1 will shortly be vacated and this is being re-allocated. Plot 8A is currently not being used due to illness. It was agreed that this would be reviewed in three months’ time. The Clerk would report back at the next meeting on the grant for installing water in the allotments.

Cllr Fairs had been asked to advise the Parish Council that a parishioner had the diesel tank of his vehicle drilled and diesel stolen in the village. It was agreed to publish this in Round and About to draw it to the public’s attention.

Cllr Williamson had been asked to raise the presence of the Kindergarten banner again. Cllr Fairs said he would again speak to the owner of the property where the banner is situated.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Chairperson.....

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