

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet (at 7.52), 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** - Cllr A Coy, 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Brook confirmed that he would be attending the forthcoming Roles and Responsibilities Course.

Cllr Fairs said that he was gathering the information required to enable the parish council to consider the installation of solar heating for the village hall. He said that he was arranging for an outstanding play area repair to be done.

Cllr Traube said that he understood that the occupier of the property opposite The Barn Restaurant, Brook Road had obtained permission from Essex County Council Highways to fill in the ditch in front of the property. The clerk was asked to obtain confirmation of this permission from ECC Highways following the parish council's earlier enquiry to them.

## **5. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) The following cheques for payment were authorised:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101090	Round and About Great Tey – donation	£	300.00
101091	D Williams – clerk salary	£	350.00
101092	R Fordham – tree works at Old Playing Field & H Fairs Rec.Ground	£	207.00      £ 27.00
101093	EALC – councillor course fee	£	34.00
Youth Activity Club Account			
100019	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£	28.00

(c) It was agreed that a transfer of £800 be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £989.36, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,880.83, and Business Premium Account Cr £9,493.40. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## **6. PLANNING MATTERS**

Cllr Traube asked if the parish council had received advice of the re- routing of vehicles through the village because of the resurfacing of the A120. As no advice had been received the clerk was instructed to ask ECC Highways.

## **7. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Fairs said that he had not made any progress regarding the arrangement of the route of the water supply to the allotments, and he would attend to this by the next meeting.

Cllr Traube said that he had been advised that garden waste is being dumped onto the allotments. Councillors expressed their disappointment and agreed that the parish council should consider arrangements for a more robust permanent fence between the Old Playing Field and allotments, and the rear of the properties in Brook Road.

Cllr Bartleet entered the meeting at 7.52 having previously advised that he would be unavoidably late.

## **8. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Fairs said that he had obtained several quotations for fencing and gates at the village hall, and these ranged from £5,500 including VAT to £6,600 including VAT. It was agreed to consider these under minute number 10.

Cllr Traube said that it was disappointing that the funding request for thermostatic valves for the radiators had been declined. He said that the light bulb at the rear of the hall needs changing and the clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to attend to this.

## **9. THE PLAY AREA**

Cllr Williamson said that she had met with a representative from Wickstead to discuss the provision of play equipment for children aged 8 to 13. There were 3 types of equipment that may be suitable, costing £8,000, £9,000 and £11,000, all excluding VAT. It was agreed to consider this under minute number 10.

## **10. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND PARISH GRANT SCHEME AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CIF SCHEME**

Cllr Fairs said that there were three projects that could be considered for funding under this scheme. They were play equipment for 8-13 year old children, the fencing at the village hall, and the thermostatic valves for radiators

at the village hall. A very full discussion followed regarding these projects, and it was agreed to instruct the clerk to prepare a draft application for the funding for the fencing and thermostatic valves for radiators at the village hall for consideration and completion at the next meeting. This application is to be circulated to councillors beforehand.

Cllr Williamson said that the play equipment project requires more consideration. Cllr Traube said that the parish council must establish whether or not there is a need for this equipment. Cllr Williamson agreed to devise a questionnaire to circulate to parishioners as an insert in Round and About in February.

### **11. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL FREE TREES SCHEME**

Cllr Fairs said that the scheme this year is mainly for hedging. After discussion it was agreed that the parish council will not take up the scheme this year.

### **12. ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

Cllr Fairs said that the parish council should support the annual litter pick with the same arrangements as in previous years, and this was agreed. He said that he would supply the barbeque, and the clerk was instructed to ask Colchester Borough Council if a date has been set, and to put a note in Round and About if a date is given. This is to be an agenda item in December.

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

From a parishioner asking for a street light in Moor Road. It was agreed to reply that the question of street lights has been raised in the village on many occasions and residents do not want them. They may wish to consider making their own arrangements to light their premises or driveway.

From the handyman giving an update on the play area works, which was noted.

From Colchester Borough Council regarding a Consultation on Dog Control Orders. It was agreed to include the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground and The Old Playing Field as areas where a dog control order is required regarding failure to remove dog faeces and failure to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. A further dog control order regarding no dogs allowed is proposed for the children's play area, and further information will be available when these orders have been made.

From Colchester Community Transport and Shopmobility enclosing a poster for exhibition on the parish notice board.

From Essex County Council enclosing a Local Transport Plan Questionnaire, seeking completion by parishioners. The clerk was asked to put a note in Round and About together with the web site link to access the questionnaire.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) The question of health and safety at Colchester Bus Station is being resolved. First Bus has agreed that they will no longer leave buses unattended, and the other matter is being attended to.

(ii) Essex County Council are to give concessionary bus fares for young people aged 5 to 19 years and the parish council will be advised of the details.

(iii) There is a defunct 'road closed' sign in The Street which has been left there for some time. Cllr Traube said that he will advise ECC Highways of this at the forthcoming walk through the village.

(iv) Anglian Water has put posts in front of the reservoir on Chapel Road to protect the verge.

(v) Why is the notice board being relocated in The Chase rather than at the Village Hall. It is dangerous walking out of The Chase onto The Street. Cllr Traube said that The Chase is in the centre of the village near the church and the pub. It was noted that pedestrians walking out of The Chase walk across the front of The Chequers to avoid a direct exit from The Chase onto The Street.

(vi) There is a pothole on Moor Road just before the railway bridge – Cllr Fairs said that this would be reported to ECC Highways and the clerk was asked to attend to this.

The meeting resumed

### **14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Cllr Traube said that he had arranged a walk around the village with ECC Highways to point out outstanding highways issues, and asked other councillors to join him. This was arranged.

Cllr Williamson said that the school wished to thank the parish council for the agreement to use the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground for the sponsored run and walk which went well. She said that the school had a recent visit from the Essex County Councillor Anne Brown.

Cllr Bartleet said that there was a pothole on Coggeshall Road west of the junction with Salmons Lane at Dowsland Green, and Cllr Williamson said that there was a pothole near Walcotts, Coggeshall Road. The clerk was asked to report these to ECC Highways.

Cllr Maxwell said that there was an asbestos tank dumped on Moor Road just past the first bend. The clerk was asked to report this to Colchester Borough Council.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.43 pm.

Chairperson.....

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