

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 12th October 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 Fairs, Cllr Coy

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14th September 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Traube said that he met with a member of the Rural Community Council of Essex who is writing an article regarding the new Post Office outreach service in the Village Hall, and we await the article.

5. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that Colchester Borough Council (CBC) have a full meeting on 13th October when the issue of all out elections will be discussed. He also said that the enquiry by the inspector into the Site Allocations Document has confirmed that all items in the consultation are to be included. He confirmed that village envelopes in this area are not being altered.

Cllr Traube said that parishioners were concerned with the damage to the Aldham road which is being caused by the extra traffic due to the Chappel bridge closure. The clerk was asked to arrange for the annual street and road review to be undertaken with a representative from Essex County Council (ECC) Highways. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following funds have been received

Great Tey Pre School – contribution towards village hall fencing	£ 2,315.00
Colchester Borough Council – first half grant & precept	£ 7,295.00

(b) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101158	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 48.00	
101159	I Dyer – grasscuts	£ 129.25	£ 19.25
101160	I Dyer – handyman	£ 57.28	£ 8.53
101161	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 358.33	
101162	Round and About Great Tey – donation	£ 260.00	
	Youth Activity Club Account		
100029	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental	£ 28.00	

(c) It was agreed to transfer the sum of £6,300 from Community Account to Business Saver Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,042.61, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,600.33, and Business Saver Account Cr £6,306.60. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) The Youth Activity Club have asked whether the parish council can reclaim VAT on tuck shop purchases. After discussion it was agreed that VAT could not be reclaimed as it was not a parish council event nor was it controlled by the parish council.

7. PLANNING MATTERS – Applications

101902 Greenacres (formerly Rudlands Farm) Chappel Road – two storey rear extension – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

8. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the fencing around the village hall was now complete apart from the speed bump which had not yet been done. The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to tidy up the rose bed.

Cllr Traube said that the routine maintenance of the heating system by the engineers has established that the thermostatic controls should be replaced at an approximate cost of £1,458. He said that there is no reason to replace this until it goes wrong, and suggested that a cost of £750 is included in the budget for next year although it may not need to be spent. The hall management committee have agreed in principle to fund £750 if required.

9. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised that a vacant plot had been rented, and a double plot had been split at the plot holder's request and that the new single plot has also been rented. Plot holders will be asked if they are interested in an allotment association when this year's invoices are sent out shortly.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Two estimates have been received to secure the perimeter of the tennis courts with Heras fencing, and after discussion it was agreed to accept the estimate from Mr I Dyer for £442.80 to include all materials and labour, subject to completion within one month of awarding the work. Heras fencing from a third party will not be utilised.

Estimates for tree works were considered, and it was agreed to accept the estimate from Mr R Fordham for £250 to cut the conifers at the side of the school along the path subject to confirmation that this includes reducing the height to approximately six feet (to clear the top of the fence) as well as cutting to the side of the trees. Estimates to cut the trees at the back of the houses near the entrance for £500, and also to cut the trees at the back of the tennis courts for £1,500 were not accepted as there was no budget for these costs. Cllr Traube said that approximately six fence panels are broken on the play area. This was not mentioned in the recent ROSPA report and it was agreed that there would be no action at present.

11. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Two estimates were considered for the installation of a new boundary fence with the rear of the properties on Brook Road. The fence will be a wooden post and rail fence, with the rail height around 40cm. It was agreed that further clarification was required regarding the work involved with one quotation, and the clerk was asked to obtain this clarification. It was also agreed that when one of the estimates had been accepted, the council would write to the householders advising them of the type of construction of the fence, and the date of the works. Councillors agreed to meet on site to agree the line of the fence on Saturday 30th October at 9am.

12. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Maxwell said that he had attempted to contact Essex Police on several occasions to advise them that the parish were interested in starting a scheme, but he had been unable to make contact. The clerk was asked to write to Essex Police accordingly and send copy correspondence to Cllr Maxwell. A list of parish volunteers is also to be sent to Cllr Maxwell who will contact the volunteers.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Essex Records Office confirming attendance at the handover of the copy plans of 1811 for the parish of Great Tey, on October 21st at 7.30pm in the church.

From Allianz Engineering sending details of the fragmentation policy in answer to our enquiry concerning the duplication of inspection reports on the play equipment. It was agreed to ask for clarification of the actual cover, and when received, then ask Allianz who are the council's main insurers whether we can dispense with either ROSPA or Allianz Engineering report.

From the publisher of a new community magazine asking for editorial content from the parish council. It was agreed to see the first magazines before deciding whether or not to submit editorial.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

- (i) There were a large number of cars parked throughout the village when the running event along the Essex Way was staged recently. Can the parish council write to the organisers suggesting that runners use designated car parks in the village. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to write accordingly.
 - (ii) The transport representative advised that he is to attend a parish transport meeting with ECC shortly, and he will mention damage to the roads around the village caused by buses and the extra traffic as a result of the closure of Chappel road bridge.
 - (iii) If someone wants to organise an event in a parish council field do they need to obtain permission from the parish council. This was confirmed, with requests directed to the clerk.
- The meeting resumed.

14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION – None.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

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