

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th September 2010, at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Brook, Cllr R Fairs (Chairman), Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth and 10 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Coy, Cllr Maxwell

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - Cllr Fairs declared an interest in minute 10 as he is a director of the company contracted to install the water to the allotments.

3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN COMPETITIONS AND BEST KEPT ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION

The chairman congratulated all the certificate winners and said that the time spent working in their garden was appreciated by the village. Cheques were presented to the Garden winners. Certificate winners were:-

Best Kept Large Front Garden

First Prize - Bucklers Farm, Buckleys Lane Second Prize - Gulls Farm, Buckleys Lane
Third Prize - Wellmans, Lamberts Lane Special Award - Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane

Best Kept Small Front Garden

First Prize - 5 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road Second Prize - 16 Christmund Way
Third Prize - Matfield, The Street Special Award - Mid May, The Street

Best Kept Allotment

First Prize - M Hird and B Flack Second Prize - A Coy

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.** - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th August 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The clerk advised that he awaited the requested details of the play area reports and the proposed new web site.

6. REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the issue of speeding in Chappel Road was raised by a parishioner at the recent Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting. He advised that if the parish wanted a Community Speedwatch scheme then the police can assist. Cllr Maxwell is to be asked to provide an update regarding progress with our scheme. Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Courier had been delivered in the parish. He said that the revenue grant consultation had finished, and developments are awaited. The parish precept will not be capped. He said that Chappel road bridge will be closed for six months whilst it is rebuilt, and the clerk was instructed to ask Highways to put up the relevant notices. He said that Marks Tey Railway Station is to be rebuilt. Borough Cllr Chillingworth left the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following funds have been received

Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – half cost of hall radiator valves £ 800.00

(b) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)	of which VAT:-
101149	Mr and Mrs Bartleet – best kept large front garden prize	£ 20.00	
101150	Ms H Sears – best kept small front garden prize	£ 20.00	
101151	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 358.33	
101152	Tey Farm Systems Ltd – balance of installation of water to allotments	£ 798.41	£118.91
101153	Great & Little Tey PCC – donation re churchyard, 2 quarters	£ 600.00	
101154	I Dyer – handyman	£ 85.93	£ 12.80
101155	I Dyer – grasscuts	£ 155.10	£ 23.10
101156	C H Lindsey & Son Ltd – hall radiator valves	£ 1,897.63	£ 282.63
101157	C & W Fencing Ltd – fencing for village hall & pre school	£ 5,875.00	£ 875.00

(c) It was agreed to release the cheque to C & W Fencing when the funds of £2,315 had been received from the pre school, and to transfer the sum of £5,590 from Business Saver Account to Community Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £900.47, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £1,628.33, and Business Saver Account Cr £5.70. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence. The clerk advised that he will claim the grant funding totalling £3,500 from Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council for the radiator valves and the hall fencing, and he will also reclaim the VAT paid.

(d) A preliminary budget for 2011-2012 was considered in the event that the revenue grant was withdrawn by Colchester Borough Council. It showed that at worst the precept for Band D would increase by £1 per month.

(e) The clerk presented the audit report from the external auditors which had been signed with no comment.

8. PLANNING MATTERS – Applications

100951 Land Adj. Farmhouse, Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road – change of use and conversion with extension of existing barn/garages at Marshalls Farm House, to single residence plus new garage for Marshalls Farm House (resubmission of 091096) – no comment.

101834 Site of Former Barn (South of) Teybrook Farmhouse, Brook Road – erection of building for use as a residential annexe or holiday let to replace listed barn destroyed by fire, (resubmission of 101070) - No objection subject to the applicants proposed Unilateral Undertaking to confine the use of the building to that ancillary to the main farmhouse is made a condition of approval.

Premises Licence The Barn Brasserie, Brook Road – To permit the provision of live music, recorded music and the provision of facilities for dancing indoors 11.00 to 02.00 Mondays to Sundays inclusive. To permit late night refreshment 23.00 to 02.00 indoors Mondays to Sundays inclusive. To permit the supply of alcohol on and off the premises 07.00 to 02.00 Mondays to Sundays inclusive. The hours the premises are to be open to the public 07.00 to 02.30 Mondays to Sundays inclusive – The clerk advised that the parish council can only make comments if it is a neighbour and so this was for information only.

Approvals

101552 Eastbrook, Brook House Road – proposed rear single storey kitchen extension and alterations – approved subject to 3 conditions.

100744 Broad Green Farm Cottages, Broad Green – domestic ménage and stabling, garage and store – approved subject to 6 conditions.

101346 Wish It, Broad Green – two storey extension and single storey rear extension – approved subject to 4 conditions.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the fencing for the pre school had been installed at the village hall and a speed bump was required under a gate so that the fencing meets OFSTED requirements. The cost will be a maximum of £500 and will be funded equally by C & W Fencing Ltd and the pre school, who will both be invoiced separately. He said that he would contact the fencing contractors regarding the bolts to the gates which may need some work. Cllr Traube said that the thermostatic valves had been fitted satisfactorily to the radiators in the hall. A quotation on works that may be required to the front wall of the hall is awaited.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairs said that the water supply had been connected to the allotments. It was agreed that there would be no formal function regarding the connection, and invoices for the new financial year can be sent out at the agreed increased rental of £12.50 per single plot, and £25 per double plot with no back payment required for this financial year. Cllr Coy is to be asked to start up the allotment association now that water is connected.

11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that he is to meet with a tree surgeon to obtain quotations for work at the recreation ground. He is to also meet the handyman regarding work to the play equipment and to fencing off the tennis courts. The clerk was instructed to remind the handyman to do the essential work to the swing chains as soon as possible.

A report from a student at Colchester Sixth Form College regarding the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts was read out. The clerk was asked to write and thank her for her involvement and the report will be kept on file.

12. OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Fairs said that the second quotation for the replacement fence at the rear of the Brook Road properties had not yet been received. The clerk advised that he had delivered the letters to the residents advising them that the fence is to be replaced. Replies have been received from two residents who disagreed with the council action and these were read out. The clerk was asked to reply to these letters.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i) Why is the parish council replacing the fence on the Old Playing Field at the rear of the Brook Road properties. Answer – to prevent garden creep and because the wire fence is broken every year and has to be repaired.

(ii) The transport representative advised that bus services will continue during the closure of Chappel road bridge. He asked if the roads around the village, particularly Moor Road, could be inspected regularly during the re-routing of traffic whilst the bridge is closed. Answer -Cllr Traube said that this was doubtful but he proposed that the clerk asks Highways accordingly. Agreed.

(iii) Are there any plans to increase the number of allotments. Answer – the council is splitting the double plots when they become vacant or if full plots cannot be utilised.

The meeting resumed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

The vicar has confirmed that the copy plans of the parish of Great Tey made in 1811 can be stored securely in the vestry, and that the event for the official handover can be linked with the publishing of the local historian's book about Great Tey. The event is to be on October 21st at 7.30pm in the vestry and the clerk was asked to respond.

Cllr Williamson said that complaints had been received from parents regarding the grass cuts to Harold Fairs Recreation Ground which were being done when the children were leaving school. Cllr Fairs is to ask the handyman not to cut the grass at that time.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.22 pm.

Chairperson.....

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