

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 10th July 2012, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr S Beesley (Chairman), Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Traube, Cllr N Veash, Cllr M Williamson

Clerk Mr D Williams and 2 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Fairs.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th June 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements:-

(i). The transport representative said that there was an insufficient consultation process regarding the proposed works for the new Colchester Bus Station.

Cllr Traube agreed, and said that he attended the exhibition and considered that the lay out of the new bus station had not been thought out properly.

Cllr Veash said that the parish council should write to Borough Cllr Chillingworth and express concern and ask for an update on this issue which had been discussed with him previously. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to write accordingly.

The meeting resumed.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following credits have been received:-

Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall – donation for HFRG works £ 340.00

(b) The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Chq.No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
101287	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – club subsidies	£ 428.00	
101288	Campaign to Protect Rural England – subscription	£ 29.00	
101289	D Williams – clerk salary £444.08 less PAYE £88.82	£ 355.26	
101290	HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk salary	£ 88.82	
101291	Playsafety Ltd – play area inspection	£ 97.20	£ 16.20
101292	I Dyer – grasscutting	£ 187.20	£ 31.20

Youth Activity Club Account

100050 Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall rental £ 17.00

(c) A transfer from Community Account to Business Saver Account for £1,200 was agreed. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,040.81, Youth Activity Club Account Cr £ 1,027.23 and Business Saver Account Cr £ 12,814.59. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(d) The clerk reported on the grant funding position for the two projects being considered.

An application for £5,000 for the removal of the tennis courts is prepared and will be made to BIFFA by the Parish Council once a second quotation for these works has been received. Cllr Fairs has said that he will arrange this quotation.

An application for £13,582 to BIFFA by The Trustees of the Village Hall for the redecoration and repairs to the village hall has been submitted. Having been given further information, BIFFA have advised that the results of the application will be advised by mid November. Cllr Traube said that if no funding has been obtained by the end of the year then the Trustees will have to consider using their own funds, and quotations for the roof works should be obtained. This subject will be on the December agenda.

8. COMMUNITY PROJECT

Colchester Borough Cllr Chillingworth has grant funding of £2,000 available for one parish in his ward for a community project to help the community. If a project is not identified, then this grant will be paid to the ward parishes so that £400 per parish will be received. No response has been received from parishioners following the article in Round and About, and so it was agreed that this item will be on the agenda for next month.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

It was agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct recommended by Colchester Borough Council apart from the disciplinary board arrangements as they appear prejudicial and discriminatory against the Parish and Town Council sector, as the Parish Council appointed under these arrangements is a non-voting member. The Colchester Association of Local Councils has written to Colchester Borough Council regarding this, and the clerk was asked to also write and support this stance. The clerk was also asked to establish the procedure regarding previously completed Register of Interests documents and how long they are retained before being securely destroyed. The clerk was asked to re circulate details to councillors regarding completion of the Register of Interests.

10. VILLAGE HALL

In response to an enquiry, Cllr Traube proposed that action is taken in September regarding the hazel trees on the boundary with The Old Rectory. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to place this item on the September agenda.

11. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

The ROSPA report on the play area and play equipment was discussed. It was agreed that the only action point required was to repaint yellow the two springer moon (chicken). The clerk was instructed to ask the handyman to do this.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

Request received from the Youth Activity Club asking for approval to plant trees if they are successful in a competition. It was agreed that these could be planted at the top of the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.
Email received from a parishioner, referring to the recent funding request for the Village Hall redecoration and refurbishment, suggesting that an application is made for the 10% funding of £ 1,358 to the Village Weekend Committee. This was met with general approval and the result of the funding application is awaited.
A report has been received regarding the allotment usage stating that four allotment plots are not being worked. One has a new plot holder allocated, and the clerk was asked to write to the other plot holders asking if they wish to keep the plot, appreciating that the weather has been bad.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Brewer said that there had been a good response from ECC Highways regarding the issues that the parish council had raised and details of the roads to be worked on have been circulated.
Cllr Brewer said that the doctors’ surgery was now held at the Village Hall on Tuesdays, and medicines are distributed on Fridays.
Cllr Traube said that the inside of the bus shelter should be cleaned. It was agreed to ask the handyman to do this if no one volunteered to do this.
The clerk advised that he is contacting again the agents of the owners regarding the trees and bushes that are overhanging Chappel Road and Moor Road.
The clerk advised that he will contact the web site administrator regarding the inability to upload photographs onto the web site.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairperson.....

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