

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Brewer (Chairman), Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Fairs, Cllr W Ford, Cllr R Traube  
Clerk Mr D Williams and Borough Cllr P Chillingworth. No members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr M Williamson

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> June 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman. Cllr Brewer said that the July meeting did not take place as a quorum, being a minimum of three councillors, could not be formed. Councillors try to give sufficient notice if they are unable to attend, and it was very rare for a meeting not to take place.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brewer said that he attended the recent meeting of the Colchester Association of Local Councils together with Cllr Ford. There were no items to place on the agenda for the Association's next meeting.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were approved:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100827	J E & F A Bartleet – parish paths partnership scheme (PPP)	£ 191.06	£ 28.46
100828	A R Dann t/a F Percival & Sons – PPP	£ 191.76	£ 28.56
100829	C Blackwall Farms Ltd – PPP	£ 111.39	£ 16.59
100830	R Browning & Son – PPP	£ 273.54	£ 40.74
100831	G & J Barron - PPP	£ 57.11	£ 8.51
100832	D Williams – clerk salary July	£ 312.83	
100833	Campaign to Protect Rural England - subscription	£ 26.00	
100834	Rural Community Council of Essex – subscription	£ 50.00	
100835	I Dyer – grasscutting	£ 141.00	£ 21.00
100836	I Dyer – handyman	£ 172.43	£ 25.68
100837	I Dyer – handyman	£ 297.28	£ 44.28
100838	Destroyed		
100839	Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee – hall hire	£ 45.00	
100840	Great Tey Vill. Hall Mgmt Comtee – subsidies for users	£ 446.00	
100841	R Dow – village hall postbox	£ 51.90	£ 7.73
100842	Essex Playing Fields Association – annual subscription	£ 25.00	
100843	D Williams – clerk salary August	£ 312.83	
100844	Round and About Great Tey - donation	£ 350.00	

It was agreed that £1,500 and £2,000 be transferred from Business Premium Account to Community Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £974.52, and Business Premium Account Cr £12,628.28.

It was agreed that Cllr Ford be appointed as a further signatory to the bank account and the necessary papers will be completed.

Cllr Coy joined the meeting at 7.42pm.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

## Applications

F/COL/06/1052 Moor Farm, Moor Road – two storey side extension, wider front door and canopy – no objection subject to neighbours' views.

LB/COL/06/1046 Moor Farm, Moor Road – construction of 2 storey extension at side, wider front door and Canopy – no objection subject to neighbours' views.

F/COL/06/1097 The Dacon Trust Activity Centre, Brook Road – demolition of existing activity centre building, workshop and kitchen and erection of replacement activity centre – no objection subject to neighbours' views.

The meeting was temporarily suspended.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that it was general policy to refuse applications to change agricultural land to garden

The meeting restarted.

C/COL/06/1141 Site rear of Kalina, Brook Road – change agricultural land to garden – we refuse and consider that this should remain as agricultural land.

- F/COL/06/1231 3 Windmills – two storey side extension, garage with bedroom and en suite bathroom above – no objection subject to neighbours' views.
- F/COL/06/1271 21 Greenfield Drive – single storey rear and side extension – no objection subject to neighbours' views including neighbours to the rear of the property.
- Approvals
- F/COL/06/0925 Oak Lodge, Moor Road - 2 x conservatories proposed to be erected to back of property – approved subject to 2 conditions.

#### 7. VILLAGE HALL

The cost of the new village hall post box of £51.90 including VAT was approved. A note will go in Round and About Great Tey of the new post arrangements for the village hall, together with an interview with the new chairman of the management committee.

Cllr Traube reported that following the refurbishments the flooring is lifting in two places and the main contractor is contacting the sub contractor to rectify the problem. It was agreed that maintenance issues for the hall will be reviewed in December.

#### 8. WEB SITE REPORT

It was agreed that the web site committee would review matters and report back to the council.

#### 9. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Following receipt of the Allianz Cornhill engineer's report, Cllr Brewer said that the report indicated that the majority of the equipment was satisfactory. It recommended that ideally the mini skate park be segregated from the general public, but as it was not used extensively and no problems have been reported, it was agreed that this work need not be done, but the Council agreed with the Allianz suggestion that the horizontal metal barrier rail (open) ends be suitable protected / guarded. The clerk was instructed to ask Mr Dyer to undertake the works recommended in the Allianz Cornhill engineer's report. The ROSPA report was noted only, as no further problems were evident.

#### 10. THE OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Brewer said that the uncut area around the beacon was previously agreed as a wild flower area. It was agreed to provide Mr Dyer with some wild flower seeds and ask him to sow them after the annual cut late in the season has been done.

#### 11. FENCE AROUND THE OLD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Brewer referred to the letter written by the parish council to the residents of Brook Road regarding non access from the rear of their properties to the Old Playing Field, and also referred to two letters from parishioners and an email report from Mr Dyer, handyman. It was agreed that replies to the letters be sent, pointing out that the matter had been fully debated by the parish council, and that the parish council's concern is to prevent rights of access to the playing field being established where none exist at the moment, and also ask that residents of Brook Road continue to respect the boundary fence. Mr Dyer was thanked for bringing to our attention the EDF tree works in the Old Playing Field, asking him to let us know of any further developments.

12. THE ALLOTMENTS Cllr Brewer advised members of a request for regular vehicular access down The Chase to take water and manure to the allotments. It was agreed that the clerk write advising that we consider that weekly deliveries of manure and water is an excessive use of vehicular access down The Chase which would threaten the surface of both The Chase and the Old Playing Field. It was further suggested that she contact Mr Dyer, the keyholder for the Old Playing Field, to mutually agree specific delivery dates.

#### 13. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The clerk advised that at the recent Town and Parish Clerks' meeting, Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council agreed to a grant of £8,950. Our request for £13,950 was reduced by £5,000 as it was considered that the parish council would qualify for a grant of £5,000 from Awards For All. It was agreed that the parish council accepts the quotation from L Hermon for £18,950 plus VAT together with a contingency of £2,000 if required. The parish council agreed to fund the residual cost of £12,000 pending the grant from Awards for All, and if this grant was not paid, then the Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall would be asked to fund £5,000. The clerk was asked to make the application for a grant to Awards for All, and obtain written confirmation from Colchester BC regarding their grant. Once this was available, the contract for the car park works could be formally accepted and the work undertaken. The council's appreciation to the clerk in obtaining the Colchester BC grant was noted.

#### 14. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Cllr Brewer said that several parishioners had suggested various traffic calming measures. He said that the community police officer has agreed to undertake speed gun checks and the Essex County Council Highways Department manager responsible for our area is willing to attend a future meeting of the parish council once he is aware of our specific issues and has some information concerning traffic speed and volume. It was agreed that the

main concerns involve the volume of traffic and speed along Brook Road and Chappel Road together with the increased number of lorries. It was believed that vehicle satellite navigation systems were taking vehicles through our village. The traffic problems are worse between 06.30 and 08.30 and 17.00 and 19.00. The site for monitoring traffic information should be the entry to the 30mph speed restrictions in Brook Road. It was agreed to invite Highways Department to our October meeting with traffic information undertaken after the BT works, and the clerk will write and make arrangements, sending copies of parishioners' correspondence.

Cllr Brewer said that he was disappointed with the editorial comment in the August issue of Round and About Great Tey which included the statement 'with the hope that the parish councillors read this newsletter'. He would prefer to see editorial support that parishioners attend parish council meetings to hear and contribute to these issues. We do accept that Round and About Great Tey is a publication independent of the parish council.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Essex Association of Local Councils requesting nominations for a draw for tickets to Buckingham Palace Garden Party in July 2007. It was agreed to nominate Mr J Crookenden for his past service to the parish council.

From Skills Kindergarten requesting sight of paid original invoices concerning the supply of the Jubilee tree and plaque, and confirming that upon receipt they will make payment to the parish council being their donation.

From Rural Community Council of Essex sending an information pack regarding Statutory Planning.

From Essex County Council confirming continuance of Service 83 bus route

From Rural Community Council of Essex confirming that Great Tey has won a Merit Award in the Calor Essex Village of the Year Competition. A note of this will be placed in Round and About Great Tey.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that only 3 parishes out of 8 in the area were attending the Colchester Neighbourhood Action Panel and recommended that our parish attends. Cllr Brewer said that he was unsure whether it would be of benefit to our parish. Cllr Traube agreed to attend and report back to the council.

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that the Stanway relief road work had restarted.

It was agreed that the agenda would be amended in future for him to present Borough issues earlier in the meeting. The meeting resumed.

#### 16. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Coy requested that the parish council pays the annual donation to Round and About Great Tey, and it was agreed that the budgeted sum of £350 be paid. It was agreed that the council, as in previous years, will review the level of contributions for the next financial year budget in 2007/8 and take heed of the increased publication costs.

Cllr Traube said that he had been in close contact with Essex County Council concerning the funding of the bus hardstanding. The clerk reported a telephone call from them in which they advised that we should be successful but they are still allocating their budget and we should receive confirmation within one month.

The clerk reported that he had received the results of the Best Kept Front Garden Competition from Cllr Williamson and it was agreed that he would write to all those placed and commended and invite them to the September meeting when they will be presented with certificates. A prize of £20 will be presented to the first place. A note regarding this will be placed in Round and About Great Tey.

The clerk reported that he had received complaints regarding the unkempt appearance of the grassy bank in The Street from outside the former Old Warrens to the Walled House. Enquiries made have not established ownership and it was agreed that Mr Dyer is asked to cut and maintain this area until we are asked not to do so.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.30 pm. The chairman apologised that he could not attend the September or October meetings, and Cllr Traube will chair the meetings.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

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