

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14th August 2007, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr A Maxwell, Cllr C Nice, Cllr R Traube (Chairman) and Cllr M Williamson
Clerk Mr D Williams, 2 members of the public, Colchester Borough Cllr P Chillingworth

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Coy, Cllr Fairs.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Bartleet declared an interest in item 5 as he has presented an invoice for footpath cutting, and he will not take part in any discussion regarding this item.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10th July 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Traube reported that the ceiling in the Village Hall has been repaired satisfactorily. Cllr Maxwell said that the trees at the electricity sub station in Greenfield Drive are the responsibility of Colchester Borough Council and the clerk was instructed to write to the Borough Council and ask that these trees be trimmed. The clerk said that the property with a caravan in the garden in Brook House Road had been reported previously to Colchester Borough Council who had investigated the case.

5. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Chillingworth said that he attended the recent Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting at Great Tey Village Hall and there was a good attendance. It is a good opportunity for the community to get to know the police. The next meeting is at Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall on 24th October at 6pm. There is an exhibition for the new Vineyard development in Colchester from 1st-15th September at St James House, Queen Street, Colchester.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following cheques were authorised for payment

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100901	R Browning & Son – parish paths partnership footpath cuts	£ 273.54	£ 40.74
100902	J E & F A Bartleet - ditto	£ 191.06	£ 28.46
100903	G & J Barron - ditto	£ 59.93	£ 8.93
100904	D Williams - clerk salary	£ 322.16	
100905	Great & Litle Tey PCC – donation for churchyard maintenance	£ 600.00	
100906	Sibley Electrical Ltd – repair of broken outside light	£ 66.10	£ 9.85
100907	I Dyer – grasscutting Old Playing Field (1), Recreation Ground (2)	£ 117.50	£ 17.50

(b) It was agreed that a transfer be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account of £1,600, and the resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £ 950.92 and Business Premium Account Cr £10,172.12. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

(c) The clerk advised members that the Everyday Saver Account would be opened and the balance of the Business Premium Account be transferred into this new account once the arrangements for the addition of a new signatory to the mandate had been completed.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- 071989 Pippins, The Street – single storey extension to existing dwelling – no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 072072 Berryfields, Coggeshall Road, Broad Green – single storey rear extension- no objections subject to neighbours' views.
- 072100 Newbridge Barn, Burnt House Road – retrospective application for change of use of outbuildings to form residential annexe – no objections.
- 072102 Newbridge Barn, Burnt House Road – retrospective application for change of use of outbuildings to form residential annexe – no objections.

Approvals

- 071527 Allendale, Lamberts Lane – single storey extension to form porch – subject to 2 conditions

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Traube said that members had been circulated with details of the new Model Code of Conduct prior to the meeting, and after discussion it was agreed that this be adopted. It was also agreed that paragraph 12(2) be adopted. A new Code of Conduct will be sent to members together with a new Register of Interests Form which has to be completed by members within 28 days of adoption of the new Code.

9. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube said that the problem of the bubbling of the floor covering in the entrance hall has been raised with the main contractor on several occasions. It has also been pointed out that it is in excess of one year since the problem first occurred and the council is looking to the main contractor for remedial action. All members agreed with this.

10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

The clerk reported on fund raising developments for the installation of the replacement surface for the play area. Cory have agreed to a grant of £10,000 subject to approval from Entrust. Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council have agreed to a joint grant of £13,000 from the Town and Parish Grant Scheme, but the Awards for All grant request for £10,000 will have to be resubmitted for £5,000 as the maximum grant that can be claimed over a two year period is £10,000, and the sum of £5,000 was granted last year to assist with the car park resurfacing. This was agreed and the necessary application papers were completed. The council considered a suggestion from Colchester Borough Council to consider a further local company to undertake the installation, and it was agreed to proceed with Monsterplay who have reduced the contract price to £29,850 plus VAT. The funders will be made aware of this price reduction.

Cllr Maxwell asked whether the council should raise funds from the village to fund the shortfall of £1,850. This was discussed and it was agreed that as the funding has almost covered this project, that the council would fund the shortfall and any approach to the village would be for future projects.

Cllr Williamson said that Cllr Fairs had established that there were no drainage plans for the Recreation Ground. As there are no drainage issues at present it was agreed that no further action was necessary.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Williamson said that Cllr Fairs had established from Mr P Fairs that the fence parallel with the gate at the rear of the allotments is the responsibility of the parish council. Members agreed that they would inspect all the allotment fences before any action is considered, and Cllr Coy will be asked if he can give proposals from allotment holders on the type of fencing preferred. This will be an agenda item in September. The clerk was asked to circulate the allotment agreement.

12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Essex County Council enclosing details of the Essex Rail Seminar on 5th October. The clerk was asked to establish whether or not this is open to the public, and if so to put an article in Round and About Great Tey.

From Great Tey Preschool requesting permission to build a pergola in the garden next to the village hall car park. They confirm that the Planning Department at Colchester Borough Council advise that planning is not required.

Cllr Traube proposed that this was approved and all members agreed. The clerk was asked to reply accordingly. From Colchester Borough Council regarding a consultation on the introduction of Dog Control Orders. The proposals were agreed.

From Essex Rural Partnership advising that details of the local six week consultation on closure of Post Offices in Essex will commence shortly.

From a Chrismund Way resident advising that the tree closest to the entrance to the school on the grassed area in Chrismund Way needs attention. The clerk was requested to ask Essex County Council to attend to this.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended

1.A parishioner said - the council has offered the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground to Marks Tey Football Club. There are no toilet and changing facilities there. Cllr Traube said that the council have advised them of this and the council like to see the Recreation Ground used.

2.A parishioner said – as an allotment holder may I have occasional vehicular access to the allotments – Cllr Traube said that this was approved subject to the ground not being too soft to cause damage to the Old Playing Field.

3.A parishioner said that the combination lock to the gate of the allotment is broken. Cllr Traube said that this will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was resumed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Williamson asked the clerk to write to the occupiers of the gardens awarded certificates in the Best Kept Front Garden Competition and invite them to the September meeting to receive their certificates.

Cllr Bartleet said that there were potholes in Brook House Road generally, and particularly by Collops corner.

Cllr Williamson said that there were potholes generally along Coggeshall Road. The clerk was asked to report these potholes to Essex County Council Highways.

Cllr Williamson said that she has the plan for the concrete bases for the benches at Harold Fairs Recreation Ground, and the clerk was requested to ask Mr Dyer to meet her at the site to discuss.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairperson.....

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