

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th May 2006, at 7.45 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Brewer (Chairman), Cllr R Bartleet, Cllr W Ford, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson.
Clerk Mr D Williams and 2 members of public attended.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Brewer was proposed by Cllr Williamson, and seconded by Cllr Ford. There being no other nominations Cllr Brewer was duly elected chairman and took over the chair from Cllr Bartleet. Cllr Brewer thanked Cllr Bartleet for his two years' stewardship.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. – Cllr Coy, Cllr Fairs

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Traube was proposed by Cllr Ford, and seconded by Cllr Bartleet. There being no other nominations, Cllr Traube was duly elected vice chairman.

4. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEES

The following sub committees were agreed:-

- Planning - full council
- Finance - full council
- Highways - Cllr Brewer, Cllr Traube, Cllr Coy
- Housing - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Ford, Cllr Traube
- Recreation - Cllr Fairs, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Coy
- Footpaths - Cllr Brewer, Cllr Bartleet
- Village Hall - Cllr Traube, Cllr Williamson
- Web Site - Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs
- Transport - Cllr Traube

The transport representative will continue to be Mr J Bland. Cllr Traube asked that a letter be sent to Mr Bland thanking him for his considerable efforts in this role, and this was agreed by all the council. The clerk will write. The clerk will continue to be the contact for allotments and will attend web site committee meetings.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 7.54pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Opened at 7.55pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Coy, Cllr Fairs, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 11th April 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Ford asked for progress with two planning queries raised. The clerk advised that Colchester Borough Council said that there is no breach of planning terms concerning 5 Langley Cottages, and that they are investigating the planning terms for 4 Teyfield Cottages. Cllr Brewer said that he had reviewed the Health and Safety requirements forwarded by Essex County Council concerning the parish paths partnership scheme and recommended that they be circulated to the farmers who participated in the scheme. Cllr Bartleet agreed to give the papers to Mr J Bartleet who liaises with the farmers.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Funds received – Colchester Borough Council – grant/precept £6,775.00

(b) The following cheques for payment were approved following a review of the details of the cover of the insurance policy which were considered satisfactory.

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
100816	Allianz Cornhill – insurance policy renewal	£ 588.00
100817	D Williams – clerk salary	£ 312.83

It was agreed that £6,600 be transferred from Community Account to Business Premium Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,013.46, and Business Premium Account Cr £17,602.69.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

O/COL/06/0300 Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road – outline application for replacement of residential twin unit caravan with a chalet bungalow – the parish council object to the erection of a chalet bungalow to replace a mobile home as this is outside the village envelope.

Approvals

LB/COL/06/0443 Moor Farm, Moor Road – replace sashes in 14 windows and replace one pair of French doors using 22mm glazing bars – approved subject to 4 conditions.

7. VILLAGE HALL

The cost of £400 to paint the kerb on the village hall car park with florescent paint was considered, and it was agreed that the parish council would not proceed with these works as the kerb conforms with regulations and the cost could not be justified.

8. WEB SITE REPORT

Cllr Brewer said that he was satisfied with the presentation by the web site designer at the Annual Village Meeting, and members agreed. It was suggested that this be an agenda item each month, and that in July the council considers putting a supplement in Round and About Great Tey advertising the web site and calling for material.

9. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PARISH GRANT SCHEME

Cllr Williamson confirmed that the application for funding to assist with the resurfacing of the car park at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground will be submitted before the closing date of 12th May.

10. CORREPENDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From National Association of Local Councils – enclosing a paper concerning the restructuring of local councils to be circulated amongst parish councillors, which is being done.

From Colchester Association of Local Councils regarding the parish council's membership seeking details of nominated councillors – Cllr Brewer and Cllr Ford agreed to respond.

From Mr Bernard Jenkin MP acknowledging our letter concerning the possible withdrawal of the Post Office subsidy in 2008 and the effect on long term viability of our village shop. He agrees with our points and confirms that he and his colleagues continue to work towards securing rural life and livelihoods.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

The footpaths between Windmills and Greenfield Drive, and The Street and Garden Close need weedkilling – the clerk will ask Mr Dyer if he can attend to this.

The meeting resumed.

12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Bartleet said that there was a dangerous pothole in Brook House Road, and the clerk will ask Highways to attend to this.

The clerk mentioned that a reply had not yet been received from Skills Kindergarten regarding the cost of the jubilee tree and the plaque, and it was agreed that he telephone and enquire, also asking whether they are willing to maintain the grassed area around the tree.

The clerk enquired whether the parish council are interested in joining the Colne and Stour Association at an annual cost of £5. It was agreed that Cllr Brewer look at the papers and report next month.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 13th June 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The parish council meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

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Chairperson.....

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