

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Brewer ( Chairman ) Cllr R Fairs, Cllr W Ford, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson and Mrs B Brewer ( Deputising Clerk ) and 1 member of public attended.

## 1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Bartleet and Clerk Mr D Williams

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None. A pocketbook ' The Code to Protect you' issued by the Standards Board was distributed to Councillors.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

We are awaiting a further approach from Mr Ray Smith of Essex CC Highways.

- i. Cllr Williamson said that the refurbished wooden plaque was now in situ and located at the back of the stage.
- ii. The Council were pleased to hear that Bob Dow has agreed to continue as VHMC Chairman and we assume he will deal with the introduction of the new fire regulations.
- iii. Cllr Traube enquired what progress has been made with the Community Fund Grant application for the resurfacing cost shortfall for £5,000 – The Chairman will ask the Clerk to follow up as appropriate.

## 5. COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that :-

- i. Agreement had been reached for the new Colchester Football stadium to be built at Cuckoo Farm at a cost of circ £10.5m - little risk. Likely start date in January 2007 and to be completed within approx 12 months.
- ii. Borough have now agreed that residents may have 4 garden waste bags – additional bags available at Angel Court, Colchester at cost of about £3
- iii. Cllr Chillingworth provided an outline of the Government's White Paper proposed changes on Local Government – Councils can create new parish councils, new bye laws. There will be some easing of restrictions on Borough Councillors 'code of conduct' where they may have dual interests and there will be a change that will impact on the appointment of Mayors or Council Leaders.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a)The following payments were approved:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
100850	D Williams –clerk salary	£ 312.83

(b) In October it was agreed that a transfer of £5,800 be made from Community Account to Business Premium Account. In the process of doing this the bank made the transfer the wrong way but steps are in hand to rectify. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,088.99 and Business Premium Account Cr £18,560.76. The bank statements were signed by the chairman in evidence.

## 7.PLANNING MATTERS

Applications :

F/COL/06/1662 Marshalls Farm, Chappel Road – erection of single storey dwelling to replace residential twin unit caravan. This application replaced a previous Application F/COL/06/0333 considered by the Council in May 2006 and rejected on basis that the development fell outside the Village Envelope. This Application was withdrawn ( reported in June 2006 ) . The new Application replaces the previous Application. The Council compared the two Applications and could see no change apart from an emphasis that the Applicant suffers from a disability necessitating an extra bedroom – be that as it may the Council felt strongly that they should continue to reject the new Application on the same basis as expressed before

Approvals

C/COL/06/1444 East Gores Farm, East Gores Road – change of use from part shed D2 from flowers to B1 office/workshop – approved subject to 3 conditions

F/COL/06/1454 4 Rectory Cottages, Brook Road - construction of new timber conservatory to rear and part demolition of existing outbuilding – approved subject to 2 conditions

## 8.THE OLD PLAYING FIELD

The Council considered a letter dated 10th October from a resident of Brook Road claiming a private right of way from the rear of his garden to the Old Playing Field

The Council agreed that we should restate our position as explained to the resident at the previous meeting and in our letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

The Council were of the view that the resident should produce Deeds, Documents or Letters which convey upon him a legal right of access to the Old Playing Field which we deny was ever granted.  
The Clerk will be requested to write to him on these lines and if he persists with his claim we simply refer him to our Lawyers who dealt with this matter in 1994.  
A contingency provision for lawyers costs should be made in the 2007/2008 Budget.

**9. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Traube said that he has heard nothing further regarding the flooring problem from the main contractor.

**10. HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK**

Cllr Traube confirmed the probability subject to weather conditions was that the earliest date that the contractor can start is 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and by surfacing the area in 2 or 3 sections, it will take 2 or 3 weeks to complete. Parents will be notified via the school newsletter.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**

- i. A letter with weighty documents received from the Essex County Council, Law & Administration Dept enclosing copies of public notices concerning Special Parking Area Restrictions – namely Chrismund Way where there will be no waiting at any time at the school entrance.
- ii. Letter received from Colchester BC regarding grants for parish play areas /grounds – Cllr Brewer proposed that we explore the cost of replacing the bark with a more permanent and maintenance free surface – the Clerk will make enquires on suitable surfaces from adjoining Parishes and investigate costs. This item may be considered for the 2007 Parish Clerks Grant Application.
- iii. A letter was received by Cllr Bartlett from the Countryside Alliance seeking support defending the importance of rural Post Offices – a poster was enclosed for display in the Post office – Cllr Fairs said he will arrange for it to be delivered.
- iv. Letter passed on by Cllr Bartlett from the Community & Voluntary Forum who have taken over the database from Community Renewal Network east (CRNe) who require our council details to enable them to keep us advised on ‘communities’ activities’ in our region – The Clerk to respond on his return

**12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

- i. A water leak has sprung up outside Nos. 1 Chrismund Way but Anglia Water have said to the Householder, that despite the fact the water is running over the road and could freeze if the weather deteriorated, they will not ‘fast track’ a repair and the normal 10 days waiting applies – it was suggested there is a real danger given the location so near the school. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Anglia Water to ask that they should ‘fast track ‘ work where a water leak constitutes a potential danger.
- ii. Children are riding bikes without lights around the Village Hall – a mention of this will be made in the next edition of R&A reminding parents that the curtilage of the Village Hall is not a play area and that cyclists failing to display lights on their cycles was a very dangerous practice.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

- i. Much work has been done on the Great Tey Web Site by Robert Appleton in the last month and the Chairman requested the sub committee to attempt to finalise the site as soon as practicable to enable the Parish Council to officially publicise the site to the Parish. Cllr Fairs will make the necessary arrangements.
- ii. The Chairman reported that a parishioner had drawn his attention to the fact that some of the road signs in the village were in need of repainting, re-fixing and in the case of the entrance to Greenfield Drive a new sign (on the Village Hall side of the road). The Chairman will request the Clerk to contact the Highways Dept.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

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Chairperson..... Date.....