

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005, at 7.30 pm.

*Present:*

Cllr R Bartleet (chairman), Cllr A Coy, Cllr R Fairs, Cllr W Ford, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson,  
Clerk: Mr D Williams, 3 members of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. – Cllr R Brewer, Borough Cllr P. Chillingworth

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were agreed as a true record, and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Williamson referred to the complaints concerning the obstruction of The Chase and produced copies of correspondence to residents dated 23.11.88 and a photograph of current obstructions. There is a long history and a substantial parish council file. It was agreed that the clerk would write again after 4 weeks had elapsed from the first letter referring to the obstructions and the container of The Old Playing Field and refer to the chairman regarding the wording.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

It was resolved that the following payment be made:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
100723	Great Tey Village Hall Mangmnt Comtee – hire of hall	£ 37.50
100721	D Williams – clerk's salary	£303.75

It was agreed that a transfer of £1,000 be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account. The resultant balances after payment of cheques approved is £1,445.31 on Community Account, and £4,403.10 on Business Premium Account.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications:

F/COL/05/0436 4 Tey Grange, Chappel Road – proposed porch – no objections subject to neighbours' views.  
F/COL/05/0549 4 Chrismund Way – single storey rear extension – no objections subject to neighbours' views.

Approvals

CC/COL/12/05 Great Tey Primary School, Chrismund Way – single storey, one classroom extension – granted subject to 7 conditions  
F/COL/05/0326 Mole End, 1 Marshalls Cottages, Chappel Road – proposed rear extension and detached single garage – granted subject to 3 conditions.

Letter from Colchester Borough Council (BC) advising that an enforcement report concerning a large shed at 4 Rectory Cottages is to be heard by the Planning Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The clerk was instructed to write and ask for the result of the meeting.

Letter from Colchester BC advising that the recommendation on the application for the fire exit door and emergency escape staircase to the south east gable end of existing barn be 'approve conditional', inviting the council to listen to the debate and have the opportunity to speak. As the council have forwarded their views, it was considered not necessary to attend.

7. VILLAGE HALL ALTERATIONS AND FUND RAISING

Cllr Williamson reported that the application for a grant of £10,000 to Essex Environment Trust by the Village Hall Trust had been successful. It was agreed that the alteration works would be in the name of the Village Hall Trust. It is unclear whether VAT paid on alterations can be refunded, and the clerk to the trustees is to approach HM Customs and Excise for a ruling.

8. THE ROAD FROM A120 TO CHAPPEL CORNER.

The clerk reported that Colchester BC had responded to our letter requesting a speed limit on this road. They said that it does not meet the criteria for a reduced limit which is set out in the Essex County Council Speed Strategy and Policy for Essex and Central Government Guidance. They also say that the damage to the verges will be inspected and appropriate repairs undertaken where necessary. Cllr Bartleet said that he had met with the chairmen of Chappel, Wakes Colne and Mount Bures Parish Councils regarding the road. They proposed that they would send a joint letter to Essex County Council by combining the points that each council wished to include. Councillors discussed our proposals including a weight restriction for access only on lorry use over 7.5 tons, traffic calming in the village with speed sensors, and a possible roundabout at the junction of the Great Tey road with A120 thus aiding vehicles turning right. Another alternative was traffic lights. Councillors will consider further.

9. SPECIAL GRANT OF £1,000 FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

It was reported that Essex CC will shortly make this grant available either to improve our IT capacity where this option is preferred, or otherwise to support community work. The clerk mentioned that the parish council does not have a photocopier and it was agreed that he could obtain estimates for councillors to consider further. It was suggested that some funds could also be directed to the village hall refurbishments.

10. EUROJAM 2005 – AN OFFER FROM SCOUTS TO DO COMMUNITY WORK

Reference was made to a letter from Colchester BC offering the help of scouts aged between 10 and 18 to do community work between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August, there being about 45 per coach. It was agreed that an article would be placed in Round and About Great Tey and Cllr Coy will deal with this.

11. GARDEN WASTE

Reference was made to a letter from Colchester BC advising that it is necessary to place a limit of 3 sacks per household for garden waste. A notice will be placed on the parish notice board by the clerk, and an article will be placed in Round and About Great Tey, and Cllr Coy will deal with this.

12. SHRUB GROWTH ON HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND ADJACENT TO 13 LOWER LANGLEY

The clerk reported correspondence received from the property management company for Colchester BC concerning 13 Lower Langley following the correspondence reported at the February meeting. They have asked that the shrubby growth between the gateway and the first semi mature tree along the boundary beside the above property be cleared, thus allowing the grass to become re established. This can then be mown when the grass is cut, which should keep it under control. An annual check should be then all that is necessary. The clerk will ask Mr Dyer to attend to this and diarise for the annual check.

13. THE ROW OF TREES AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND.

Cllr Bartleet reported that he met the Arboricultural and Countryside Manager (ACM) for Essex County Council at the site to discuss this hedge. The ACM has submitted a written report confirming that as the hedge does not appear to be dangerous or a nuisance, he proposed that nothing is done to the hedge for the time being. Cllr Bartleet advised that several residents have objected to any proposed reduction in the hedge, and councillors agreed that no action be taken.

14. THE WASTE BIN NEAR THE SHELTER ON THE HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND.

It was agreed to move the waste bin near the shelter at a cost of £50 plus VAT to prevent people climbing onto the waste bin to get on the roof of the shelter and possibly cause damage and injury. The clerk was instructed to liaise with Colchester BC to have this work done.

15. ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Village Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm and the Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm. The agenda for the Annual Village Meeting to include the Parish Council Chairman's report, and the Village Hall Refurbishment.

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From P C Vicky Sanders introducing herself as the new community officer. It was agreed that the clerk invites her to the June meeting.

From Mr D Richards enclosing a copy of comments which were sent to the Highways Agency regarding the new A120 scheme and the existing A120 road.

From the Rural Community Council of Essex sending posters confirming that our village has entered the Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition. A poster will be put up and Cllr Coy will ensure that an article is placed in Round and About Great Tey.

17. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Williamson thanked Cllr Coy for arranging the litter pick. He said that it was a good day, well supported, and thanks are due to everyone who was involved. We are to diarise for next January for next year's arrangements. Cllr Coy said that he will approach the businesses involved in the Great Tey directory when it is published and suggest that they advertise in Round and About Great Tey.

Cllr Traube reported that the base for the bus shelter had been constructed and the shelter was on order. He is seeking a hardstanding for buses on the village hall side of the road.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7.30pm .

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....

c/fwd

B/fwd.

In the public question session the following matters were discussed:-

- Concern was expressed with the road junction of the Tey Road with Chappel Road opposite Scenterfields. On the approach from Earls Colne the turning to the right is no entry but markings are on the road only and difficult to see in the hours of darkness. Because of this there should be a road sign. In view of the serious accident on 11<sup>th</sup> April the clerk was instructed to request a review of the signage to Essex County Council highways department.
- The refuse collection after the Easter holiday was delayed and Colchester BC did not answer the telephone number of 282700. The clerk was instructed to report this to Borough Cllr P Chillingworth as he is the portfolio holder at Colchester BC.
- The lorry tyre is still in the ditch on Moor Road just beyond Oak Lodge. This has already been reported to Colchester BC asking them to arrange for its removal.