

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Tuesday 9th August 2005, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet (chairman), Cllr A Coy, Cllr W Ford, Cllr R Traube, Cllr M Williamson,

Clerk: Mr D Williams, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth. 18 members of public attended

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr R Brewer, Cllr R Fairs

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 12th July 2005 were agreed as a true record, and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Ford said that the seat and the notice board outside the shop have been rubbed down and stained by Mr Dyer. Cllr Traube said that the bus shelter had been installed at a cost of £10,000 by Essex County Council (Essex CC) with no cost to the village. The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance and he asked that parishioners keep it tidy. The clerk is to write to Essex CC and thank them. Cllr Traube is still pressing for the hardstanding on the other side of the road. Cllr Williamson proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Traube for his work in obtaining this bus shelter, which was seconded by all members. Cllr Bartleet reported that he had received the notes of his meeting with representatives of Essex CC concerning the road from the A120 to Chappel Corner, and the clerk is to write to remind Mr G Harris that the parish wish to have a mobile radar unit. Cllr Coy joined the meeting.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Funds received – Great Tey Village Hall Management Committee £3,500
- Great Tey Village Weekend £2,200

Both are contributions to the refurbishment of the Village Hall, and the clerk will write and thank both organisations. Cllr Traube proposed that the funds from the Village Weekend be used to repaint the exterior of the Village Hall and replace the front guttering. All members agreed.

- b) It was resolved that the following payments be made:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100751	I W Dyer – grasscutting for June	£ 47.00	£ 7.00
100752	I W Dyer – grasscutting – July	£ 70.50	£ 10.50
100753	R M Tatam – steel plates for Jubilee tree guard	£ 45.00	
100754	D Williams – clerk’s salary	£ 303.75	
100755	D Williams – cost of photo copier from P C World	£ 165.62	£ 24.05
100756	G & J Barron – parish paths partnership footpath cutting	£ 49.94	£ 7.44
100757	R Browning & Son – parish paths ptshp –footpath cuts	£ 149.23	£ 22.23
100758	Roofglaze – Rooflights for Village Hall	£1,372.40	£ 204.40
100759	Mrs M Williamson – cost of picture cleaning for Vllge Hall	£ 300.00	£ 44.64
100760	R Traube – incidental expenses re Village Hall refurb.	£ 184.36	£ 27.43

It was agreed that no transfer be made from Business Premium Account to Community Account in view of the cheques shortly to be issued. The resultant balances after payment of cheques approved is £3,779.05 on Community Account, and £8,422.85 on Business Premium Account.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

- i) Thanks were expressed to Cllr Traube for obtaining the bus shelter, and mention was made that the parishioners must look after it.
- ii) Concern was expressed with the planning application for 3 houses at Old Warrens by many members of public.
- a) The application is incorrect in that one tree has already been felled, the previous owner has retained a path which would be obstructed by a boundary and one house is too near to a listed building.
- b) There is a major problem with access being one drive for 3 houses with double garages. The wall is listed and cannot be knocked down.
- c) The sewerage system is a problem at present and these houses will make it worse. The houses nearby are built on a raft and these new houses may well affect them.
- d) Will there be more development at Warrens Farm?
- e) the builder’s interest is purely financial, otherwise Old Warrens house would remain
- f) the developers are knocking down a perfectly good house
- g) the access is unsafe
- h) there is no access for emergency vehicles
- iii) There are 3 potholes near Cherry Garden, Tey Road. The clerk was asked to write to Essex CC Highways. The meeting resumed.

6. PLANNING MATTERS - Applications:

F/COL/05/1237 Old Warrens, The Street – erection of 3no.houses and garages – it was agreed to reject the planning application, and the council replied accordingly –

The Parish Council strongly object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. Access for emergency vehicles is not acceptable and the access onto the plot from the road is dangerous
2. The plot is overcrowded with three 3 storey houses
3. The road is already overcrowded and dangerous and these houses will add to the traffic usage
4. The house on the left overshadows the neighbour which is a listed building and only 1 metre away. No doubt it will also restrict the light.
5. The sewerage system is already overburdened
6. The application appears to be incorrect as a tree has already been felled and a wedge of land and a footpath are not shown
7. A number of neighbouring properties are built on rafts, and the proposed buildings may have an effect on them and also on the surrounding buildings (including a listed barn) as most of them have shallower foundations than modern buildings.

We have also received strong objections from a large number of both immediate neighbours and other village residents objecting to this application. Should this application proceed we ask that the planning committee visit the site.

The meeting was suspended and Borough Cllr P Chillingworth confirmed that the issues raised were valid objections to the proposal. The meeting resumed. It was agreed that the clerk would confirm the reply to councillors and respond accordingly to Colchester Borough Council Planning Department.

- The Barn Brasserie, The Barn, Brook Road – Premises License – no objections
- Approvals

F/COL/05/1007 2 Buxton Cottages, Coggeshall Road – two storey rear extension–approved with to 4 conditions.

7. VILLAGE HALL ALTERATIONS AND FUND RAISING

Cllr Traube reported that the village hall refurbishments are at the stage of completion of phase 1 and the hall will be ready for the wedding which has been booked for some time. The village hall will then be closed for both halls to be refurbished and completion is expected for the first week in October. Cllr Ford suggested a function to mark the formal opening with a barbeque and drinks for parishioners.

8.BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Cllr Williamson reported that judging had been completed but that the winners could not yet be announced until they had been advised in writing. It was agreed that this should be done, and a prize of £20 be awarded to the winner. The competition has not been sponsored this year.

9. VILLAGE HALL RESITING OF THE COMMEMORATION PLAQUE AND CHURCH PAINTINGS

Cllr Williamson said consideration will have to be given to resiting a number of items including the commemoration plaque which was being refurbished, and several paintings which have been cleaned. It may be that the providers of grants will wish to have plaques erected, and members will consider this at the time.

10. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that of the 10 allotment plots, it appears that 5 plots are unused. The agreements are dated throughout the year but rent of 50 pence has previously been collected in October annually. It was agreed that the clerk write to the holders of the 5 used plots asking for the annual rent by 1st October, and also to the 5 unused plot holders advising that as they appear to be unused and we have a waiting list, we will reallocate their plot by 1st October if we do not hear from them.

11. CORREPDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

-from Colchester Borough Council enclosing correspondence concerning the Big Lottery Fund and asking the parish council to write to Bob Russell MP asking him to lobby for a capital funding programme for village halls. It was agreed that the parish council would do so, also asking Mr Russell to suggest where we could obtain funds for refurbishments in the meantime to fund our refurbishments.

-from The Rural Community Council of Essex asking the parish to attend a workshop regarding the Local Development Framework. Cllr Williamson and Cllr Traube or Cllr Ford agreed to attend

-from Colchester Borough Council advising that the Capital Grant Scheme funding may be increased further by Essex CC, and the meeting to agree the allocation of grants including that for the village hall has been delayed.

13. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION – None.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2005 at 7.30pm .

The parish council meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairperson.....

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