

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Tuesday 8th March 2005, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr R Bartleet (chairman), Cllr R Brewer, 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. – 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 8th February 2005 were agreed as a true record, and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Ford reported that he had contacted the Community Police Officer (CPO) concerning the children on motorised scooters causing danger to themselves and to road users. The CPO will see the parents of the children concerned. Cllr Williamson said that the price of the plaque for the jubilee tree quoted as £28 was approximate.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

It was resolved that the following payment be made:-

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
100721	D Williams – clerk's salary	£294.63

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 £786.56 on Community Account, and £5,377.28 on Business Premium Account.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications:

F/COL/05/0326	Mole End, 1 Marshalls Cottages, Chappel Road – proposed rear extension and detached single garage – reply :no objections subject to neighbours' views.
F/COL/05/0353	Brook House Barn, Brook House Road – fire exit door and emergency escape staircase to south east gable end of existing barn – reply: we propose that the fire exit is moved away from the gable end overlooking the nearest neighbours.
F/COL/05/0366	3 New Cottages, Brook Road – conservatory to rear – reply: no objections subject to neighbours' views and being in keeping with the conservation area.

Approvals

F/COL/04/2348	Gull Cottage, Broad Green – erection of small screen fence, summer house and garden shed to eastern side of property – approved subject to one condition.
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7. CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Highways Agency in response to our letter asking what measures they are planning to implement to manage traffic before the new A120 is completed. They advise that they are aware of the considerable maintenance and operational issues and are currently drawing up a maintenance programme. There are also bids for funding so that they can implement small safety improvement schemes. It was agreed that we would diarise 4 months and then ask for details of the maintenance programme.

From ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) confirming that they will undertake the playground inspection relating to the Disability Discrimination Act in May, and that an additional charge of £30 was due if we require an appointment with the inspector. It was agreed that we did not.

From Colchester Borough Council advising that they are considering our letter concerning a speed limit on the road from Godbolts corner on the A120 through Great Tey, and the maintenance required to the road.

From Strutt & Parker advising that they have instructed a tree surgeon to carry out various works to the overhanging trees along Chappel Road and Moor Road.

From a parishioner expressing concern with the signs for Skills Kindergarten that are in and around the village. This had been brought to the attention of Colchester Borough Council who had inspected them and asked Skills Kindergarten to remove the signs, which they have done.

From Inspace Partnerships on behalf of Colchester Borough Homes enclosing 4 items of correspondence from Colchester Borough Council dated 2000 regarding growth of trees and hedges along the boundary of 13 Lower Langley. They have arranged a site visit with Mr Dyer, and we shall follow for completion of the remedial work requested.

From B Laurie enclosing estimates for the Village Directory of £220 for the design and artwork, and £245.70 for the printing of £600 copies. These costs were approved, and it was agreed not to seek a contribution from Marks Tey Parish Council as there were few entries relating to Little Tey parish.

8.VILLAGE HALL

a) Alterations and Fundraising

Cllr Traube confirmed that we have a full estimate for consideration by the trustees. Cllr Williamson said that an application was being submitted for funding to Essex Environment Trust.

b) Renewal Insurance Premium for the Village Hall.

It was agreed to pay £1,400 in line with the budget towards the renewal insurance premium of £2,013.59.

12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Coy advised that advertisements in Round and About Great Tey will be by way of a 1 page insert, and will generate 12 adverts at £50 pa. He advised that he will collect the equipment from Colchester Borough Council concerning the litter pick, and posters have been put up regarding the litter pick.

Cllr Bartleet advised that he had received complaints regarding the obstruction of the pathway down The Chase to the gateway of the Old Playing Field, and it was agreed that the clerk write to Mr and Mrs Dyer asking them to ensure that there is an unobstructed pathway.

Cllr Traube reported that one of the safety barriers at the Gardens Field end of the footpath from The Street had broken at the base. The clerk is establishing whether it is the parish council's responsibility, or that of Colchester Borough Council. If confirmed that it is our responsibility, then the clerk was authorised to instruct Mr Dyer to repair at a cost of approximately £90.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2005 at 7.30pm .

The parish council meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....

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

The size of the grips clearing the soakaways at the side of the country roads are too large, causing dangerous holes. It was agreed that the clerk write to Colchester Borough Council regarding this.

The refuse collections for glass and cans has missed out Greenfield Drive and surrounding roads twice in the last six weeks. It was agreed that the clerk write to Colchester Borough Council regarding this.

Concern was expressed at the number of signs regarding Skills Kindergarten that had appeared in the village.

The bus companies that serve the village had been advised by letter that the bus tickets that they issue are interchangeable.