

# GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

Acting Clerk Mrs B Brewer, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth, and 1 member of public attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Brewer, Cllr Fairs, Clerk D Williams

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Bartleet said that the water leak in New Barn Road has been rectified. Cllr Williamson reported that the plaques for the jubilee tree are being prepared and will be installed as soon as possible. Cllr Bartleet reported that someone had tripped on the kerb by the car park. Cllr Traube said that the contractor had installed the kerb at the recommended height and it was agreed that Cllr Traube would obtain a quote from the contractor to highlight it with florescent paint. Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that the waste freighter will be at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> August. He also referred to the forthcoming litter pick which is mentioned in minute 9.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Funds received – Essex CC – grant £6,043.81, Essex CC – Parish Paths Partnership £936, Allotments £7.50

(b) The following cheques for payment were approved

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-
100803	R Appleton – web site costs and expenses	£ 710.00
100804	D Williams – clerk salary £303.75 and expenses £82.98	£ 386.73
100805	Village Hall Management – subsidy for hall insurance	£ 1,400.00

It was agreed that £1,400 be transferred from Business Premium Account to Community Account. The resultant balances after all items are paid and received is Community Account Cr £1,122.08, and Business Premium Account Cr £9,576.99.

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 on the grounds that this is a permanent dwelling outside the village envelope. We would draw attention to the fact that in 1998 this whole issue was subject to a planning inspector's report which concluded that the current occupant could reside temporarily, and therefore has any enforcement been issued?

Approvals

F/COL/06/0027 1 Thatchers Cottage, Chappel Road – proposed conservatory to rear – approved subject to 1 condition.

F/COL/06/0019 Unit 1A Teybrook Craft Centre, Brook Road – change of use of unit 1A to B1 & B8, variation of condition No4 of Col/99/0210 and new additional office accommodation.- approved subject to 9 conditions.

Refusals

F/COL/05/1336 Elm Farm, Elm Lane –retention of haulage yard – The proposals do not form part of the original authorised business site area and represent a significant and unacceptable visual intrusion of an industrial nature into the countryside and therefore conflict unacceptably with policies. The intensification in the use of Elm Lane which has a substandard visibility splay onto the A120 and results in vehicles performing right hand turning movements across the flow of traffic compromises the safety of road users. The existing use of the site as a haulage yard subject of this application and the earth bunds around it are unauthorised development that if this situation is not rectified to the satisfaction of the council could lead to the council taking enforcement action.

7. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Traube advised that Mr Hermon has been paid in full for the refurbishment which is complete apart from three outstanding minor issues, but he is satisfied that they will be resolved. Vandalism to two sink plugs was reported in the ladies toilets and these have been mended. Two sponsor plaques have been erected in the hall. It was agreed that we write to Mr Hermon thanking him for his good work.

It was agreed that a subsidy of £1,400 be paid to the Village Hall Management Committee towards the annual insurance premium of £2,084.70.

#### 8. WEB SITE REPORT

The web site is progressing and it was agreed to pay Mr Appleton in full for his development work and expenses. It was suggested that he be invited to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 9. LITTER PICK

The date agreed is 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am, and the equipment has been ordered from Colchester Borough Council. Cllr Ford is to buy consumables for the BBQ, and posters are to be displayed in various locations in the village.

#### 10. COLCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

It was agreed that Cllr Traube and Cllr Ford attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this meeting would be at 7pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May before the Parish Council meeting. Details will be discussed at the April meeting when it will be an agenda item.

#### 12. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From Bernard Jenkin MP in response to our letter regarding the withdrawal of government funding for the Post Office Account in 2010. He is concerned about this and the effect that it will have on small communities in his area and has signed a House of Commons Early Day Motion seeking an immediate review.

From Colchester Borough Council inviting applications for the Parish Grant Scheme 2006/07 by 12<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to consider funding requirements and this will be an agenda item in April.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

None.

The meeting resumed.

#### 12. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Traube asked that a letter be written to Essex CC Highways and Transportation requesting a hard standing for the bus stop at the Village Hall. This was agreed and his draft letter was approved. Cllr Traube said that the Accident Book and Risk Assessment Books are now in place at the Village Hall. Cllr Brewer and Cllr Traube were thanked for their work in completing the risk assessments and preparing these books.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

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Chairperson.....

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