

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Tuesday 13th September 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, Essex Cnty Cllr A Clover, Borough Cllr P Chillingworth, 7 members of public attended

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

3. BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION 2005

The competition was not sponsored this year. The judges were impressed by the standard of gardens in the village, and the results were as follows:-

First : Greenlands Farm, Lamberts Lane – Mrs Williams

Second : 6 East Gores Road – Mr & Mrs Taylor

Third : 3 Holliland Croft – Mr & Mrs Carter

Highly Commended : Ponderosa, Brook Road – Ms Taylor

Highly Commended : 18 Holliland Croft – Ms Hoad & Mrs Lewis

4. ADDRESS BY A CLOVER, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Clover advised the meeting of matters being considered by the County Council. Those that affected the village included the 2012 London Olympic Games, which will benefit the area, although it was too soon to be specific.

Also the route of the improved A120 was still under consultation.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of the last parish council meeting of 9th August 2005 were agreed as a true record, and signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The clerk confirmed that we have not yet had a response to our reply regarding the recent planning application for Old Warrens. The clerk also confirmed that letters had been sent out regarding the renewal of the allotment rents and also regarding the unused allotments, and Cllr Coy will arrange for a note to be placed in Round and About Great Tey advising parishioners that there are 3 vacant allotment plots. Cllr Traube advised that Essex County Council are considering the cost of constructing the hardstanding for the bus stop outside the village hall as they have a small budget available. No agreement has yet been given.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

a) Funds received – Sale of billiard table £350.00

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

Chq. No.	Payee	Amount (£)/ of which VAT:-	
100761	Anglian Electrics – fridge freezer & oven for village hall	£ 890.00	
100762	D Williams- clerk salary	£ 303.75	
100763	Essex Playing Fields Association – annual subscription	£ 25.00	
100764	Mrs C Williams – winner’s prize for best kept front garden	£ 20.00	
100765	Mrs M Williamson – cost of table for village hall	£ 78.00	
100766	Colchester Borough Council – building regulations for village hall	£ 278.48	£ 41.48
100767	Great Tey Metalcraft – Brackets for village hall	£ 52.88	£ 7.88
100768	R F Traube – incidental expenses for village hall refurbishment	£ 298.78	

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 £2,378.38 on Community Account, and £8,422.85 on Business Premium Account.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications:

F/COL/05/1345 Southlyns, Coggeshall Road, Salmons Corner – stable block – no objections subject to neighbours’ views.

A/COL/05/1334 Skills Kindergarten, Warrens Farm, Coggeshall Road – directional name boards – we object to this application on the grounds that signs 3 and 4 are too large and are principally advertising and not directional. We also consider that sign 2 should be directional only.

F/COL/05/1401 2 Farmfield Road – two storey side extension and conservatory – no objections subject to neighbours’ views.

F/COL/05/1336 Elm Farm, Elm Lane- retention of haulage yard – no objection subject to neighbours’ views.

Approvals

F/COL/03/2133 Brook House Barn, Brook House Road – 1.area in main barn currently designated residential – change to Class B1; 2.area in barn B (currently B1) – change to residential – approved subject to 9 conditions

Refusals

O/COL/05/0946 Elm Farm, Elm Lane – demolish former agricultural & prefabricated office buildings and erect suite of class B1/B8 buildings and lay out parking and circulation areas – refused.

9. VILLAGE HALL ALTERATIONS AND FUND RAISING

Cllr Traube reported that the village hall refurbishments are at the stage of completion of phase 2. The small hall and storage area have been completed and the main hall will be available for the Harvest Supper on 1st October. The exterior will then be done. The result of the grant request to Colchester Borough Council for £15,265 will be known by the time of the next meeting. A plaque will be commissioned to recognise the funders who have assisted with the cost of the refurbishments.

10. THE EFFECT OF THE REVISED LICENSING LAWS ON THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Brewer said that the council should review the conditions of hiring out the village hall in view of the revision of the licensing laws. Cllr Coy had investigated the position and said that a hirer should have a personal license and that the conditions of hire should indemnify village hall owners. It was agreed that Cllr Brewer would make enquiries of Colchester Borough Council and report at the next meeting.

11. THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED SPEED INDICATION EQUIPMENT

It was agreed to recommend that the equipment be located outside the village hall, unless Essex County Council Highways Department could suggest a better alternative, and the clerk is to write accordingly.

12. THE COST OF REPLACEMENT BARK FOR THE PLAY AREA

Mr Dyer has quoted a price of £46 per cubic metre plus VAT to supply and lay between 18 and 22 cubic metres of bark in the play area to bring it to the required thickness required in the recent ROSPA report. An alternative quote at the same price had been obtained from a local supplier, and Cllr Bartleet confirmed that the estimate of the amount of bark required was correct. It was agreed that Mr Dyer's quote be accepted, and the sum of up to £1,000 be expended, and that a cheque could be issued upon delivery of goods and before a council meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

From EALC advising of a Roles and Responsibilities course on 8 November It was agreed that Cllr Brewer attend, and that the council pay the cost of £26.

From Essex County Council regarding a Web Site Enhancement Fund. It was agreed that the clerk apply for a grant of £750. Cllr Fairs will cost the amount and Cllr Coy will put a note in Round and About Great Tey seeking a volunteer who would be responsible for setting up a web site for the parish council.

From EALC asking the council how the special grant of £1,000 was utilised. It was agreed that the majority of the cost of the bark (£835) and the cost of the new copier (£165) would be paid from the special grant

From Essex County Council advising of the Road Passenger Transport Strategy.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(i) Borough Cllr Chillingworth advised that the planning application for Old Warrens had not yet been decided. He also advised that the Borough Council had received grant applications under the Capital Grant Scheme of over £300,000, and that Essex County Council were probably going to provide £150,000 in funding as well as the Borough funding of £150,000. The applications will be considered on 6th October. He also advised that applications under the revised licensing laws had been slow and that they had to be submitted by the end of November. He confirmed that litter pick arrangements would start earlier next year.

(ii) The road sign for Salmons Lane on the right when approaching from the A120 needs replacing – it was agreed that the clerk would write to Essex County Council Highways Department regarding this.

(iii) The bolts that secured the bench outside the village hall are protruding and dangerous now that the bench has been removed. Cllr Traube will arrange for the bolts to be cut off.

(iv) The phone box is very messy – it was agreed that the clerk write to British Telecom and ask them to tidy it up. The meeting resumed.

14. OTHER BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Cllr Williamson said that the school governors wanted to put up a list of governors on the parish council and village hall notice boards. This was agreed.

Cllr Traube asked that we advise the owners of the Old School House in Moor Road of the land agents who deal with the adjacent land, as there is an overhanging hedge.

Cllr Traube said that the ditch behind the telephone box in Chappel Road needs cleaning out, and the clerk was asked to contact Essex County Council Highways Department. Care is needed with a mains electricity cable.

The clerk reported the reply from Essex CC Highways Department regarding the junction of the Tey Road and Chappel Road. They cannot support our request for no entry signs on Tey Road to the right of the island, but will arrange for additional hatch markings to narrow the road on the nearside of the slip road as if you were entering it from Tey Road.

The clerk said that he had a two drawer filing cabinet surplus to requirements owned by another parish council. It was agreed that this be bought at a cost of £20.

Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 11th October 2005 at 7.30pm .

The parish council meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairperson.....

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