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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.15PM IN THE WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL.

IN THE CHAIR: CLLR. J. TAYLOR.
PRESENT: CLLRS: S. STRATFORD, K. MARTIN, S. HOUNSLOW &
 H. CRESSWELL.
CLERK: MRS V. BURROWS.
ALSO PRESENT: WARD CLLR. P. CHILLINGWORTH & FOUR MEMBERS OF THE
 PUBLIC.

5TH FEBRUARY 2010.

10/019: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Jim Taylor welcomed those present to the meeting.

10/020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Allan Hannington.

10/021: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 10/004 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JANUARY 2010 ARE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

PROPOSED: CLLR. CRESSWELL. SECONDED: CLLR. STRATFORD. FOR: ALL.

10/022: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI. 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional non-mandatory section 12(2)

<i>Cllr. Hounslow</i>	<i>'personal and prejudicial' interest.</i>	<i>Item 10/033.</i>
<i>Cllr. Hounslow</i>	<i>'personal' interest.</i>	<i>Item 10/029.</i>
<i>Cllr. Martin</i>	<i>'personal' interest.</i>	<i>Item 10/029.</i>
<i>Cllr. Martin</i>	<i>'personal' interest.</i>	<i>Item 10/033.</i>

Cllr. Hounslow initially did not think she had a 'personal & prejudicial' interest in agenda item 10/033. The meeting was adjourned and the Chairman consulted Cllr Chillingworth who advised that if Cllr Hounslow had written to Essex County

Council's Legal Department with regards to the agenda item then she most certainly would have both a 'personal & prejudicial' interest. The Chairman re-opened the meeting and suggested that the Clerk contact Andrew Weavers (the monitoring officer) at Colchester Borough Council to clarify the situation and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Taylor apologised in advance if the advice she been given was incorrect. Cllr Hounslow agreed to declare a 'personal & prejudicial' interest and leave the room while the agenda item was being discussed.

10/023: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

One member of the public had e-mailed 2 questions through to Clerk prior to the meeting, these were as follows:

- ❖ When is the Council due for its next elections?
- ❖ How many of the Council members are elected?

The Clerk advised that she had contacted electoral services at Colchester Borough Council and was still waiting for a reply, however she assured the individual that 2011 was when the next elections were due to be held and only Cllr Cresswell was an elected member of the Council, all the other members were co-opted. The member of the public thanked the Council for answering these questions.

10/024: EX AGENDA.

Cllr. Peter Chillingworth spoke briefly on the following issues:

- ❖ The Salt Bins. Cllr Chillingworth advised that the Clerk had contacted him Re: missing Salt Bins and he wondered if a solution had been found. The Clerk advised that Malcolm Dade and Alan Blyth were aware of the problem and would do something about it. Cllr Chillingworth also advised that Malcolm Dade had cleared a blocked drain on Vernons Road.
- ❖ Sure Start Children's Centre provides a variety of advice and support for parents and carers. Their services are available to you from pregnancy right through to when your child goes into reception class at primary school. Cllr. Chillingworth explained that this government initiative was coming to the North Essex area and would be based in East Bergholt. For more information please visit direct.gov.uk and follow the links to Sure Start.
- ❖ Cllr Chillingworth also mentioned that the Parish Support Grant would be finalised on the 17th February at the Full Council Meeting for 2010 / 2011.

The meeting was adjourned as two more members of the public had arrived. Cllr Taylor asked if they wished to speak. They apologised to the Council for not having sent a formal invitation to the concert which is in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust. The concert was scheduled for the 8th February at Wakes Colne Church. They said all were invited and they looked forward to seeing us.

The meeting was re-opened.

10/025: CLERKS REPORT.

The Clerk asked if anybody needed any clarification on items in the Clerks Report and none were requested. The Clerk delivered a couple of updates and these were as follows:

- ❖ The A1124 was due to be re-surfaced overnight on the 10th February 2010 and not the 9th as per all the notices.
- ❖ New Standing Orders had been produced and the Council could now purchase them.

RESOLUTION 10/005 THAT THE DRAFT CLERKS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE DOCUMENT CONTAINING RELEVANT INFORMATION.

PROPOSED: CLLR. STRATFORD. SECONDED: CLLR. MARTIN. FOR: ALL.

10/026: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE.

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See payment schedule).

RESOLUTION 10/007. THAT THE 2 CHEQUES DETAILED ON THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE BE AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT.

PROPOSED: CLLR. TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR. CRESSWELL. FOR: ALL.

- 2) Budget Statement for January 2010 / February 2010. The statement was discussed in full and the Clerk explained what the money had been spent on.

10/027: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS.

- 1) Application No: 100080. Single storey extensions and alterations. Wigleys Cottage, Bures Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BB. The members discussed this in full and had no concerns beyond wishing that any neighbour was also content with the proposal.

RESOLUTION 10/006 THAT THE CLERK CONTACTS COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS SNEDING COMMENTS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION NO: 100080.

PROPOSED: CLLR. STRATFORD. SECONDED: CLLR. TAYLOR. FOR: ALL.

10/028: Sheltered Seat for the Elderly.

It was reported that the Chairman had now received the 2 quotes that the insurance were waiting for. It was agreed that the Clerk should get in touch with Chappel Parish Council and start to fill in the claims forms to recover the money to replace the shelter that was burnt down. The Clerk also advised that she had applied for £4,400 in grant money to help re-build the 'Shelter' and that we could have a local builder build it. The situation at the present time with the money was that we should have received the funds before the next meeting.

10/029: East Anglian Railway – Erection of a 2.4 Meter Gate.

Cllr. Hounslow reported that a 2.4 meter high gate had been erected on the East Anglian Railway Museum land with what looked like no planning permission. It was agreed to write to the Mr Ian Reed at the Museum and ask if planning permission had been sort and if not point them in the direction of planning at Colchester Borough Council. It was agreed to report back at the next meeting

RESOLUTION 10/007 THAT THE CLERK WRITE TO THE EAST ANGLIAN RAILWAY MUSEUM WITH REGARDS TO PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF A 2.4 METER GATE

PROPOSED: CLLR. TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR. STRATFORD. FOR: THREE. ABSTAINED: 2

10/030: Adoption of Phone Boxes in Wakes Colne.

It was reported that a gentleman called David Williams had been and cleaned the Telephone Box on the A1124 as it was in a very sorry state. Cllr Taylor wished it to minuted that the Council Members were very grateful for him doing this. The meeting was adjourned and a member of Chappel Parish Council explained that she had been approached by two parishioners who were unhappy about the phone box being adopted and therefore not being able to be used to make telephone calls. Cllr Chamley explained that we would lose it anyway therefore it was better to adopt it and keep it in the Village, than lose it for good. The meeting was re-opened and it was suggested that the Clerk chase her contact at BT and report back next month.

10/031: Highways Issues – A1124.

It was reported that the A1124 was still in a bad state of repair, however Malcolm Dade had been in touch with the couple for Virley Cottage who attended the January Meeting with regards to this issue. It was agreed that the roads in the County were an on-going problem because of the bad weather but as long as we keep talking to

the Highways Department it was felt that something would be done. Salt Bins had been raised by Cllr Chillingworth and again the Clerk advised that she had spoken at length with Alan Blyth who advised that once the weather improved all Wakes Colne's salt bins would be looked at and moved back to their original places and replaced if they had gone missing.

10/032: Grass area near to Village Shop Progress Report.

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had visited the Swan Pub and asked them to remove the unsightly signs that had been placed at the corner of Swan Street. It was also noted that the land that the tree was planted on was indeed Wakes Colne's Land, however Cllr Taylor advised that he would go and see the adjacent landowners out of courtesy and explain what the Parish Council are thinking of doing. Cllr Taylor reported that he had also spoken to the East Anglian Railway Museum about having some type of memorabilia in this area. Cllr. Martin had agreed to co-ordinate this project, however he now advised the Council that he could not commit and it was agreed that Cllr. Taylor would now organise it.

10/033: Station Approach to Spring Gardens Road, ECC Legal Services

Cllr Hounslow reported that she had written a letter to Essex County Council (ECC) with regards to the 20 year ruling on footpaths. The Clerk then read out the letter the Parish Council had received from ECC Legal Services. Cllr Hounslow left the room while this item was being discussed. It was discussed that as this is private land it was a matter for the East Anglian Railway Museum and Cllr Hounslow to sort out privately and that is was not a Parish Council issue at this time.

RESOLUTION 10/008 THAT THE CLERK WRITE TO ECC LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ADVISING THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY HELP THE CASE AND INFORM THEM THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT A PARISH COUNCIL MATTER AT THIS TIME.

PROPOSED: CLLR. TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR. STRATFORD. FOR: THREE. ABSTAINED: 1. CLLR. HOUNSLOW WAS UNABLE TO VOTE. CLLR. HOUNSLOW RE-ENTERED THE ROOM.

10/034: Footpath Update.

Cllr. Martin advised that he had no further information on the Footpaths, however he would be attending Chappel Parish Council's meeting on the 10th February as the PRow Officer and P3 contact was attending to give a presentation. It was agreed that Cllr. Martin was deliver an update at the next meeting.

10/035: Next Agenda Items.

Broomhill Culvert	March Meeting
Highways	A1124 and issues raised in the Public Forum.
Phone Boxes	A1124 & Lower Green update.
Grass Area near Village Shop	Progress Report
Reports from Cllr Martin	Footpaths

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 3rd March 2010 at 7.15pm at Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our Chairperson Cllr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

**Signed.....
Chairperson of the Parish Council**

Date: 3rd February 2010

Chairman signature