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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.15PM IN THE WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL.

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

14TH APRIL 2010.

10/054: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Jim Taylor welcomed those present to the meeting.

10/055: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

10/056: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 10/020 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD MARCH 2010 ARE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING...

PROPOSED: CLLR. STRATFORD. SECONDED: CLLR. CRESSWELL. FOR: 5. ABSTENTION: 1.

10/057: 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)

Cllr. Hounslow. 'personal' interest.

Item 10/065.

Cllr. Martin. 'personal' interest.

Item 10/063 & 10/065.

Cllr. Taylor. 'personal' interest

Item 10/074

10/058: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

Members of the public raised the following questions:

- ❖ The high percentage increase for the precept for 2010 / 2011? It was noted that Wakes Colne & Chappel Parish Councils had had an increase of over

30% while other Councils in Colchester on average had had an increase of only 9.8%. It was explained that extra money had been sought due to the additional costs that had been incurred regarding Vernons Road.

- ❖ More information should appear on the website including photos of the Viaduct and Water Tower? Cllr Martin agreed this was a good idea and would have a look at it.
- ❖ Dates for the Halstead & District Motor Cycle Club meetings were asked to be put on the website. It was agreed Cllr Martin would put them on.
- ❖ Road at Chappel Hill – When will it be repaired? It was noted that all the roads in both Villages were earmarked to be repaired it was just a question of when. 2 Million Pounds had been allocated to Highways in Essex to repair the roads and it was a matter of contacting them again to ask when?
- ❖ When will the A1124 be de-classified into a B Road? It was suggested that this was probably not going to happen until the A120 and A14 were finished

10/059: EX AGENDA.

Cllr. Peter Chillingworth spoke briefly on the following issues:

- ❖ The Parliamentary Elections on May 6th. Cllr. Chillingworth spoke briefly on voting and how to do postal votes etc.
- ❖ The Courier. It was noted that again some residents in the rural areas had not received a copy of the Courier. Cllr Chillingworth was in touch with the Portfolio holder and would report back with further information when available.

10/060: CLLR S CHAMLEY – CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL. UPDATE ON THE CIF MEETING HELD ON THE 31ST MARCH

Cllr Chamley spoke briefly about the meeting and why it was changed from February to the end of March. It was then noted that Wakes Colne & Chappel Village Hall had secured £4,500 towards the refurbishment project and Chappel Parish Council had secured £1,000 towards the allotments project. Cllr. Chamley mentioned that money had been very tight and not all applicants had received money.

10/061: CLERKS REPORT.

The Clerk asked if anybody needed any clarification on items in the Clerks Report and none were requested. The Clerk had no updates to deliver.

10/062: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE.

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See payment schedule). The four invoices were passed around for all Councillors to have a look at. It was noted that Wayne Goodchild Building Services had completed the bus shelter and it looked fantastic.

RESOLUTION: 10/021. THAT AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION THE 4 CHEQUES DETAILED ON THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE BE AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT. ALSO THAT £5,600 IS TRANSFERRED TO THE CURRENT ACCOUNT TO COVER THESE INVOICES.

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

- 2) Budget Statement for March 2010 / April 2010. The statement was discussed in full and the Clerk explained what the money had been spent on. Again, it was felt the Council were very much overspent on the current budget although due to the detailed information the Clerk provides they were all comfortable with the how this had happened. The Clerk informed the members that the end of year accounts would be available at the next meeting for sign off.

10/063: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS.

- 1) Application No: 100492. Replacement of existing hinged wooden strutted entrance gate with 2.1m high security mesh panels by a 2.4m sliding metal palisade gate. East Anglian Railway Museum Chappel & Wakes Colne Station, Station Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester. It was noted that the Parish Council did not object to this application in principal, however they were not happy with the fact that the gate looked a bit of an 'eyesore'. It was also noted that the application for a footpath through the railway property had gone to appeal and it was felt this should be mentioned in the comments. Retrospective planning was also commented on but it was felt that this was not the platform to bring it to the forefront.

RESOLUTION: 10/022. THAT AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION THE COUNCIL SHOULD SEND COMMENTS ADVISING THAT WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL EXPRESSED NO CONCERNS BEYOND WISHING THAT ANY NEIGHBOUR WAS ALSO CONTENT WITH THE PROPOSAL, AND THAT THE STATION APPROACH FOOTPATH APPLICATION HAD GONE TO APPEAL.

PROPOSED: CLLR. TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR. CRESSWELL. FOR: 4. OBJECT: 1. ABSTENTION: 1.

- 2) Application No:100565. . Triple Garage - Resubmission of applications COL/96/0278, F/COL/01/00467 and F/COL/06/0940. Virley Cottage, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BY

RESOLUTION: 10/023. THAT AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION THE COUNCIL SHOULD SEND COMMENTS ADVISING THAT WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL EXPRESSED NO CONCERNS BEYOND WISHING THAT ANY NEIGHBOUR WAS ALSO CONTENT WITH THE PROPOSAL.

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

- 3) Application No: 100079. Alteration/extension of existing garage to form utility, study, en-suite and store. Loveneys, Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BJ... Permission Granted.

10/064: Bus Shelter – Update.

Cllr Taylor advised that the bus shelter was finished apart from the solar powered light. Lots of comments had been received as to how good the shelter looked. Cllr Taylor suggested that we carry on tidying up that area by strimming around the oak tree and putting Union Jack bunting up to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War on the 8th May. All agreed this was a great idea.

10/065: EARM – Erection of a 2.4 Meter Gate. – Update

Cllr Taylor acknowledged that a letter had been received from the EARM and that no further comments were required.

10/066: New Standing Orders 2010.

Cllr Taylor advised that the Clerk, Cllr Chamley from Chappel and himself had spent 3 hours working through the New Standing Orders and had produced a draft copy for all Councillors to read prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the draft was acceptable and should be adopted after first passing a resolution to accept that electronic information for meetings is acceptable.

RESOLUTION: 10/024. UPON THE COUNCIL HAVING FIRST RESOLVED THAT SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON COUNCILLORS CONFIRMING THE TIME, DATE, VENUE AND THE AGENDA FOR A MEETING BY DELIVERY OR POST AT THEIR RESIDENCES AT LEAST 3 CLEAR DAYS BEFORE A MEETING IS NOT EXPEDIENT ELECTRONICALLY SERVE ON COUNCILLORS A SUMMONS CONFIRMING THE TIME, DATE, VENUE AND THE AGENDA OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE AND A SUB-COMMITTEE AT LEAST 3 CLEAR DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING PROVIDED ANY SUCH EMAIL CONTAINS THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF THE PROPER OFFICER.

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

RESOLUTION: 10/025. THAT WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL ADOPT THE NEW STANDING ORDERS 2010 AS PER THE DRATF COPY.

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

10/067: Adoption of Phone Boxes in Wakes Colne.

The Clerk advised that the adoption was underway and we were waiting to hear back from BT.

10/068: Highways & Flooding – Report on Meeting with Terry Knights & Neil Baker.

Cllrs. Taylor & Hannington attended a meeting with Highways and discussed the issues with the roads and ditches in Wakes Colne. The A1124 was discussed at length and several solutions were sought concerning the flooding on the A1124. The white lines on the A1124 had been earmarked to be re-done and all other pot holes generally through out the village had been identified and marked up. Cllr Taylor advised that the list of questions sent by Mr Bowden had been passed directly to Highways and that they had suggested they would respond directly, it was agreed the Clerk should chase before the next meeting.

10/069: A1124 & Community Speed Watch.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted George Ward from Highways Re: the speed of traffic on the A1124 and the possibility of having some traffic calming installed. George Ward had suggested we re-visit the Community Speed Watch programme and he was more than happy to come out to the village and discuss our options.

10/070: Litter Pick Project – Annual Spring Clean.

Cllr Taylor advised that he had been in touch with Jolene from Street Services at CBC and they had agreed to supply 4 sets of equipment to help with the Annual Spring Clean. It was agreed that the equipment would be collected prior to the start date of the 19th April. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Martin would co-ordinate the project.

Cllr Taylor pulled agenda item 10/074 forward as Cllr Chillingworth had to leave.

10/074: Whole Council Elections (CBC).

Cllr Taylor passed round a copy of the letter that had been received into the Parish Office with regards to whole council elections. It was discussed that whole council elections were more cost effective, however the present system, elections 3 years out of 4 can be more beneficial to smaller political parties. It was agreed that the form that was supplied would not be filled in as members could not agree which way was best.

10/071: CALC Meeting Report.

Cllr Hannington gave brief overview of the meeting and agreed to put the minutes in the correspondence file for all to read...

10/072: Website Report.

Cllr Martin gave an update on the website and explained that he had recently updated some of the content. It was suggested that the points discussed in the Public Forum would be looked at and hopefully it would look better in the coming months.

10/073: CiLCA Qualification Presentation.

The Clerk gave all Cllrs a copy of the presentation that she had prepared in support of the CiLCA Course. It was suggested that the Council needed to account very carefully for this expenditure to avoid going over budget in the coming year, however that said the Council were very happy to support the Clerk in her new venture

RESOLUTION: 10/026. THAT WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT THE CLERK IN UNDERTAKING THE CiLCA QUALIFICATION STARTING IN MAY 2010.

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

10/052: Next Agenda Items.

Spring Clean

Chappel Bridge Update

Any further issues raised at this meeting as discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 5th May 2010 after the AGM which will take place first at 7.15pm at Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our Chairperson Cllr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

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

Date: 5th May 2010