

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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## Clerks Report January 2010

### Things ongoing in January

As I mentioned in the last report, December was quiet and I said I thought it was the 'lull before the storm' well the later part of January has just been manic. With the re-scheduled meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> followed by the preparation for the February meeting it has been non - stop!! I have e-mailed and also rung for updates but due to the short time scales, some of these have not been received before producing this report. As always, I will bring as much information to the meeting as possible.

Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Status
10/027	<b>Planning &amp; Enforcement</b>	1) Application No: 100080. Single storey extensions and alterations. Wigleys Cottage, Bures Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BB	Discussion & Decision
FYI	<b>Station Road Sign &amp; Greene King</b>	I am still waiting for a reply from George Ward having resent the e-mail a couple of times. My best guess would be they have no money in the budget in this current year but I will keep trying – he made get fed up with me and just do it!!	information
10/031	<b>Highways</b>	Following the re-scheduled meeting on the 20 <sup>th</sup> January I contacted Malcolm Dade Re: the A1124 and the pot holes. I was informed that Malcolm had visited the people in question and confirmed that some work was going to be undertaken at the beginning of the following week. I have not driven down the road before producing the Clerks Report so I can't confirm if this has happened. Prior to the Agenda deadline date I had an e-mail from another parishioner asking about salt bins in the Parish. I will have an update for the meeting as well as it being an agenda item.	Information
10/028	<b>Sheltered Seat for the elderly</b>	This is progressing slowly as we are reliant on other people!!. I spoke to the Insurance company after the meeting to advise that we were sourcing the two quotes require to complete the insurance claim. I also spoke to Adrian Summons from ECC and he agreed to give us the grant money but let the Parish Council decide who we have build it. So the situation at present is, we are waiting for 4,400 to be transferred into our Bank Account and we are also waiting for the 2 quotes to be e-mailed into the Parish Office so Chappel can fill in the form and send off. When I called the ECC they spoke a lot about Solar Power and part of the grant money has been given on the basis we have Solar Power fitted. Wayne Goodchild was looking in to it and will include it in his quote.	Discussion & Decision

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10/030	<b>Adoption of BT Phone Boxes in Wakes Colne</b>	<p>It was agreed at the last meeting that the Members required further information prior to agreeing to adopt both Phone Boxes. I've e-mailed you all the link and asked for your comments. <b>Keith's comments were as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Is it worth getting the boxes listed?</i></li> <li>2) <i>Is it worth having an electricity supply, as this appears to be the most contentious issue?</i></li> <li>3) <i>Will no light = vandalism?</i></li> </ol> <p><i>If we go for a metered supply to meter the light, is there is a connection charge or do we only pay for the electricity the light uses.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) <i>We need to find out an accurate estimate of cost of lighting the box, one council was quoted a 56 pence per day standing charge for electricity (approx £200 a year)</i></li> <li>5) <i>Any fee to disconnect the electricity supply to the box?</i></li> <li>6) <i>Does BT charge to decommission &amp;/or disconnect the box?</i></li> <li>7) <i>Cost of insuring the thing?</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Allan comments:</b></p> <p><i>I cannot see the worth of opting for the sponsored route, if the kiosk is already not used enough then there seems little point in paying out each year to BT to effectively subsidise their maintenance costs.</i></p> <p><i>I think severing the telephone service and taking on the kiosk, especially as we have the offer of maintenance, is probably the favoured option and one, which would keep future costs within our own control. This would be even more true if we had the power disconnected as well, after all what is the point of lighting an empty kiosk. The main point of the issue is that it is retained and that is only clear during daylight.</i></p> <p><b>Jim' and Valerie's Comments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Have both boxes had the power / electrical supply switched off?</i></li> <li>2) <i>Have both boxes had the telephone unit removed - if not when will this happen?</i></li> <li>3) <i>If Option 1 is chosen with regards to the power connection will the Parish Council get charged any further charges?</i></li> <li>4) <i>If we choose to have BT supply the power free of charge how much notice do you give before it is disconnected and do you charge the adopting body to disconnect?</i></li> <li>5) <i>Do we have to have a light in the Box once we have adopted it?</i></li> </ol> <p>Thank you for your comments, this will be discussed in further detail at the meeting. It is cause for concern that these small issues are not made clear before sending out information to the Parish Council's</p>	Discussion

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FYI	<b>Vernons Road – Possible New Application</b>	Following last week's information Re: an e-mail from the brewery requesting the sale of a piece of land near to the traveller's site nothing further had arisen. I will advise if further information is received.	Information
FYI	<b>Emergency Planning Meeting</b>	Sue Stratford and myself attended the meeting at Marks Tey earlier January to get an update on the Borough's Emergency Planning details. The meeting was very interesting and prompted both Sue and I to start looking at Wakes Colne's and Chappel's Emergency Plan. Watch this space!!	
10/032	<b>Grass Area Near the Village Shop</b>	Cllr. Taylor has spoken to various people about this area and he is assured that the little piece of land with the tree on it does actually belong to Wakes Colne Parish Council. If this is the case, then it would be ideal to have a drawing done of it to actually clarify how much of the land we own. This item will be discussed in more depth at the meeting.	Information
FYI	<b>Precept &amp; VAT</b>	Both these documents will have been completed and submitted to the relevant authorities before the meeting next week.	Information

## Dates for your Diary

### Clerks Forum Meeting Dates

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 12 – 5pm	Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, CPCIG Panel Meeting
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 12 - 3pm	Rowan House Rm S17
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 12 – 3PM	Rowan House Rm S17
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 12 – 3pm	Rowan House Rm S17
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 12 -3pm	Rowan House Rm G3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 12 -3pm	Rowan House Rm S17

### Colchester Association Local Councils Meeting Dates

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Peldon Village Hall	7.30pm
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### NAP Meeting Dates

Marks Tey Parish Hall		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	6pm	Marks Tey Village Hall
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	Marks Tey Village Hall
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm	Marks Tey Village Hall
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm	Marks Tey Village Hall
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	6pm	Marks Tey Village Hall

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Full name of the Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of the Organisation or Web Address</b>	<b>Subscription Yes /No</b>
<b>EALC</b>	<b>Essex Association of Local Councils</b>	Essexinfo.net	<b>Yes</b>
<b>CALC</b>	<b>Colchester Association of Local Councils</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>CBC</b>	<b>Colchester Borough Council</b>	www.colchester.gov.uk	<b>N/A</b>
<b>SLCC</b>	<b>Society Of Local Council Clerks</b>	Support for professional parish and town councils clerks including training and advice. www.slcc.co.uk	<b>Yes</b>
<b>ODPM</b>	<b>Office of Deputy Prime Minister</b>	Guidance on public participation in planning and comprehensive performance assessment and best value. www.odpm.gov.uk	No
<b>NALC</b>	<b>National Association of Local Councils</b>	www.nalc.gov.uk	Yes within the EALC Membership
<b>SBE</b>	<b>Standards Board for England</b>	Guidance on Framework for ethical behaviour in local government. www.standardsboard.co.uk	No
<b>ECC</b>	<b>Essex County Council</b>	Essex.gov.uk	No
<b>DEFRA</b>	<b>Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>	Defra.gov.uk	NO
<b>EPFA</b>	<b>Essex Playing Fields Association</b>	www.essexplayingfields.org.uk	No
<b>RCCE</b>	<b>Rural Community Council of Essex</b>	www.essex.rcce.org.uk	Yes
<b>CPRE</b>	<b>Campaign to Protect Rural England</b>	www.cpre.org.uk	No
<b>CSCA</b>	<b>Colne Stour Countryside Association</b>	www.colnestour.org	Yes
<b>landreg</b>	<b>Land Registry</b>	www.landreg.gov.uk	No
<b>NAP</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Action Panels</b>	www.colchester-community-safety.org.uk/	No
	<b>Essex police</b>	www.essex.police.uk	No

## Meeting dates for 2010

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### **Parish Calendar 2010/ 2011**

Month	Parish Council meeting	Agenda deadline (5pm)	Notice board deadline	Annual Parish Meeting (AGM)	Annual Parish Council Meeting
January 2010	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec		
February 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan		
March 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
April 2010	7 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March		
May 2010	5 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> April Joint with Chappel
June 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May		
July 2010	7 <sup>th</sup> July	29 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July		
August 2010	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting		
September 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug		
October 2010	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept		
November 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct		
December 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
January 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec		

