

Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Clerks Report July 2009

Things ongoing in July

July was always going to be very busy with only having 17days to do a months work. Vernons Road has been very active since the re-validation of the application and I will up date you all further into the report and also at the meeting on the 5th August. As you will all remember, it was agreed at the July meeting that we would have to have a Council Meeting this year in August. This is due to the Planning Application for Vernons Road that needs to be decided on and comments submitted during the month of August. Since a Council Meeting was agreed it seemed appropriate that we have a full Council Meeting and discuss and decide all outstanding council matters. Further to any e-mails I have sent advising of meetings etc I would now like to advise that we **do not** need to have a joint meeting with Chappel prior to our meeting on the 5th August. If you check the new agenda layout it should have that our full Council Meeting with commence at 7.15pm as per normal. If anybody has any questions please contact Cllr Taylor who will have all the information in my absence.

Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Status
09/110	Station Road Sign & Greene King	I e-mailed George Ward again for an update and he has promised to visit the site and report back before the 5 th August	information
FYI	Wakes Colne Parish Council Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31 st March 2009	This was sent off registered post on the 2 nd July 2009. As yet we have heard nothing but then this is not likely until August / September time	Waiting for information back from Audit Commission

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09/111	Planning & Enforcement Timberlands Farm	As agreed at the last meeting Cllr Stratford was going to find out some further information on the barn. I have contact Cheryl Headford and advised that when we have further information I will contact her. Cllr Stratford may have an update for the 5 th August.	Information
FYI	Planning & Enforcement Land at Hammonds Farm Application No: 090546	Appeal Notice. Mr M Abusubul had lodged an appeal against the refusal of planning permission. If you would like more details all the documents can be viewed on line at Colchester Planning Website.	Information
09/109	Planning & Enforcement Planning Application No: 090891 Vernons Road	The Vernons Road application was re-validated on the 7 th July 2009. The Parish Office received the "hard copy" application on the 9 th July. Due to the timings of our next meeting we needed to secure an extension. This has been achieved and we now have until the 17 th August to submit our comments. Jim & I met with PRC&WC on the 13 th July to discuss "a way forward" prior to our meeting on the 5 th August. It was discussed that the application still has not got any certificates of ownership (the Parish Council have Land Registry Documents) and the plans are still not to scale. PRC&WC's Solicitor was pushing again for an invalidation of the application for these reasons. If this happens I am not sure what the implications are. I have on e-mail a copy of PRC&WC solicitor's draft statement of objection if any body requires a copy. If you have managed to read the new application you will notice that it doesn't read any different. As I have mentioned already it does not seem appropriate now to have a joint meeting with Chappel as it is looking more likely that the application may be invalidated again. As it is very early that I am producing the Clerks Report I will have a full update at the meeting on the 5 th .	Discussion & Decision
09/103	Application for Councillor	Our new applicant had contacted Cllr Taylor and they have arranged to meet on the 21 st July. If all goes well Cllr Taylor was going to invite him to the meeting on the 5 th August for a brief "interview" I have put this on the Agenda near the start of the meeting then if accepted Mr Cope can join in with the rest of the meeting.	Discussion & Decision

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09/111	Replacement light fittings. To discuss quote & funding information from the ECC Making the Links.	Andy Bouttell from A & J Lighting (our lighting contractor) contacted me to advise that Essex County Council is offering an 80% grant at the present time to upgrade our street lamps. He advised me to contact Angela Balcombe from ECC – Making the Links to ask if the scheme was still in operation. I have been in touch with Angela and she has said <i>“Through ECC Making the Links we are able to help with upgrading your street-lights providing that the Parish Council can commit 20% of the total cost from their precept (not from other grant sources). If you could get a quote from your contractor for the work, and your Council agrees to pay the 20%, then let me have the details and we can take it from there.</i> Andy Bouttell has agreed to present to us at our August meeting, he will advise what we need in terms of replacement lights and also a cost.	Discussion & Decision
09/114	Letter from Little Horkesley Parish Council	This is an agenda item and I will drop a copy of the letter into you all before I go away on holiday. If you could have a read and then this will be discussed and a decision will be made at the meeting.	Discussion & Decision
09/115	Membership of the Rural Community Council of Essex	The membership is up for renewal at a cost of £40 per year. In the current climate it maybe that we re-consider whether to re-new the membership. A copy of the information will be dropped out for you all to read prior to the meeting	Discussion & Decision
FYI	Bures Station & the Flyer	I have sent a letter to the Clerk of Bures Hamlet Parish Council asking the questions that was agreed at the last meeting. As I haven't had a reply and the Agenda is done for August I will put it on the September Agenda. Just as a point of interest I noticed that Bures Hamlet have bi-monthly meetings and their next meeting is on the 20 th July and “The Paddocks and Parking Issues” was an agenda item.	Information
FYI	Clerks Bursary Scheme	I have received some information from the EALC about £100 we can claim for training for the Clerk. The main criteria is that the funds have to be used within 12 months and it is 50% towards training costs. As the Agenda has already been done I will put this on the September Agenda for a decision.	Information

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FYI	Essex County Council – Community Initiative Fund	<p>I have had correspondence from Beverly Davis at ECC to advise the following</p> <p><i>“The next round of CIF is being launched on Monday 6th July. There will, initially, be a fund of £6m which will be divided over the next four year term. The deadline for applications to reach Beverly is 6th November 2009. Judging panels will sit during February and March 2010. The criteria are broadly the same as previously, but the application form and guidance notes have been tweaked.</i></p> <p><i>The CIF(Highways) will also run again this year, with a £1million fund to be divided across Essex. We are still working on the finer points of this grant, including a list of possible options. The upper limit has been extended to £50,000 which should enable some major projects that will really make a difference. The application forms and relevant dates will be available online as soon as possible.</i></p> <p>Normally this information is with us already and we are looking to find projects with which the money can be used. Back in January we identified the Village Hall as being a good project but until I receive the details I can't progress this issue further.</p>	Information

EALC Training Calendar

August	Intensive CiLCA Date to be Confirmed	<u>EALC</u>
9 Sept	Chairman's Day 1	ETP
15 Sept	Burials Surgery	ETP
23 Sept	AGM	EALC
7 Oct	Chairman's Day 2 To be booked for Jim	EALC
15 Oct	Budget & Precept	EALC
20 Oct	Law & Procedures	<u>EALC</u>
6 Nov	Health & Safety	ETP
12 Nov	Roles & Responsibilities	ETP
1 Dec	Risk Management	ETP

Clerks Forum Meeting Dates

Friday September 4 th	1 – 4pm	Training Room Rowan House
Thursday 29 th October	12 – 3pm	Venue to be Advised
Thursday 15 th December	12 – 3pm	Grand Jury Room, Town Hall

Colchester Association Local Councils Meeting Dates

Monday 14th September 7.30pm Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, Stanway.

Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting Dates

Thursday 3 rd September,	6pm-8pm,	Aldham Village Hall
Thursday 12 th November	6pm-8pm	Gt Tey Village Hall

