

Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Clerks Report September 2009

Things ongoing in September

September usually is a month where things get moving again after the summer recess, this year it doesn't seem to have stopped!! September has been on-going with Vernons Road and the Committee hearing which was on the 17th September (see later in the report) the sign on Station Road is in progress again, the BT pay phone at Lower Green is being looked at so lots of things going on. Also the big news is that Wakes Colne Parish Council has a new e-mail address which is parishclerk@wakescolne.org The reason for the new address is that yahoo is very temperamental and has a tendency not to work as well as Microsoft Outlook. We have had to have Itek Computer Services out again this month as the yahoo e-mail was sending old messages (messages sent over a year ago) to people like Libby Rozier and Mark Fogg-Elliot. I will in due course send all the contacts I have from the yahoo e-mail address an e-mail advising of the new details. Also while I think about it has everyone got Hilda's new e-mail address – if not let me know and I will forward it on to you.

Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Status
09/146	Planning & Enforcement Only 1 Planning Application to Consider	This month we only have 1 planning application to consider	Decision
09/147	Station Road Sign & Greene King	I have been in touch with Greene King and the new sign has now been referred to a new employee of Greene King (the previous contact has left) so I am waiting for a reply- Update to follow at the meeting.	information
09/148	Replacement light fittings. Update	We are still waiting for the money from Angie Balcombe – Making the Links, I have e-mailed a couple of times asking for any update. I have also advised Andy Bouttell from A & J Lighting of the situation – Update at the meeting.	Information

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09/149	Adopt the basic Standing Orders	Following Septembers meeting I was asked to check the standing orders and find out when the hard copy Standing Orders was adopted by the Council that are dated April 2002. Cllr Cresswell has kindly supplied me with a copy of the Agenda & Minutes (April 7 th 2003). The minutes state that the standing orders were discussed, criteria agreed and then they were adopted by the council at that meeting. Since April 2003 it seems no other Standing Orders have been adopted or re-adopted. Over the years the nature of Council business has changed and this should be reflected in the current Standing Orders. If all Cllrs (as agreed at the last meeting) could bring with them a copy of the Standing Orders and we will hopefully be able to discuss the criteria that has changed and re-adopt the 2002 Standing Orders until such times as the new set are published.	Decision
09/150	Emergency Plan for Wakes Colne & Chappel	It was agreed that Wakes Colne would submit its own plan, this has been done but we are now going to complete a new and update plan for both villages in the near future.	Information
09/151	Planning Training - Update	I have contacted Sally Harrington Re: Planning Training and as yet I have not had confirmation that we can be training locally in the Village Hall. It was agreed that 4 members of Mount Bures Parish Council may attend, 6 members from Chappel Parish Council, all of us from Wakes Colne and once planning have confirmed the number of places maybe Great Tey & Aldham Parish Council maybe able to attend.	Information
09/152	Vernons Road & Committee Meeting Update	The beginning of September was very busy with collating the constructive points to go in the planning committee hearing speech which was read by Cllr Sue Chamley from Chappel Parish Council on the 17 th September 2009. Prior to the Planning Committee hearing we were advised that CBC's Planning Department had recommended refusal on the grounds of the size of the plot and also the highways issues. At the hearing the committee also recommended refusal and it was unanimous. That being the first hurdle, it would seem now that we will have to wait for CBC's planning department to compile a further report to present to the Planning Committee in November recommending enforcement. Mark Russell has advised that this may take a while as he needs specific information and he is working towards the 5 th November planning meeting but it maybe later. In the meantime I have asked Vincent Pearce to point me in the direction of further information on enforcement and appeals and as yet he has not come back to me – watch	Information

		this space!! A great deal information has been received this month on the Vernons Road Application so if anybody would like to have the 'File' to look over then they are welcome. Also it has been reported on several occasions on the crime sheets that some thefts and criminal damage has taken place recently in the Wakes Colne & Chappel area. In addition the Railway have had a theft in recent weeks which was reported to the police.	
FYI	All other items on the Agenda	All other items on the Agenda are new and will be discussed at the meeting	

EALC Training Calendar

7 Oct	Chairman's Day 2 Booked	EALC
15 Oct	Budget & Precept	EALC
20 Oct	Law & Procedures	EALC
6 Nov	Health & Safety	ETP
12 Nov	Roles & Responsibilities	ETP
1 Dec	Risk Management	ETP

Clerks Forum Meeting Dates

Thursday 29th October 12 – 3pm Venue to be Advised
Thursday 15th December 12 – 3pm Grand Jury Room, Town Hall

Colchester Association Local Councils Meeting Dates

TBC

Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting Dates

Thursday 12th November 6pm-8pm Gt Tey Village Hall

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