

Wakes Colne Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2009 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, D DWYER
CLERK: MRS V BURROWS.
ALSO PRESENT WARD CLLR P CHILLINGWORTH & SIX MEMBERS OF THE
 PUBLIC.

3RD DECEMBER 2009.

09/179: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr Jim Taylor welcomed those present to the meeting.

09/180: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies. Cllr P Chillingworth advised that he maybe late.

09/181: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 09/17 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH OCTOBER 2009 IS ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

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

09/182: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 09/18 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2009 IS ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR STRATFORD. ABSENT: 4 FOR: 2.

09/183: 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 S Hounslow 'personal and prejudicial' interest Item 09/189 1

Cllr Taylor closed the meeting to allow Sgt Mike Lee from Copford Police Station to speak.

09/184: SGT MIKE LEE ATTENDING RE: VANDALISM IN THE VILLAGE.

Sgt Mike Lee stated that the rubble could now be removed from the A1124 following and investigation by the police and forensics. Mike Lee went on to explain the nature of his enquiries with regards to the incident. Two members of the public volunteered some information as did Cllr Stratford. Sgt Lee agreed to act on this information and report back. It was discussed that a group of people can be seen walking over the fields from Mount Bures towards Wakes Colne it was agreed this information would be looked into. Sgt Mike Lee reported that generally the Wakes Colne & Chappel area was relatively low in Crime and we should not worry about the increase in recent months. Sgt Mike Lee closed asking all the residents to be vigilant and report anything that was untoward. It was suggested that we try to attend the NAP meeting as frequently as possible to help with any difficult issues. It was discussed that the dates of the Mobile Police Van should be put on the website, the notice board and the Village Reporter.

Cllr Taylor re-opened the meeting.

09/185: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all its hard work in respect of Planning Application No: 091363 both last month when submitting comments and this month with the extra input due to more correspondence being received from the applicant. It was also mentioned about the footbridge that had just been repaired, it was indeed very nice albeit a little over the top with the signage while the path was closed.

At this point Cllr Taylor moved forward Agenda Item 09/198 Applications for new Councillor as Cllr Chillingworth had advised he would be late.

09/198: Applications for new Councillor.

Cllr Taylor asked Mr Allan Hannington to present himself to the Council. Following an excellent presentation the Council took a vote which was unanimous and Mr Allan Hannington was co-opted onto the Council. It was agreed that Mr Hanningtons in depth planning knowledge would be invaluable to the Council.

RESOLUTION 09/19 THAT MR ALLAN HANNINGTON BE CO-OPTED ONTO THE COUNCIL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

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

09/187: 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:

- ❖ Clerk advised that the 2010 NAP meeting dates had been received and the next meeting is on the 5th January 2010 in the Village Hall in Wakes Colne. The Clerk agreed to check that the Hall had been booked and available.
- ❖ The Clerk advised that she had contacted CBC and requested that the Electoral Role be e-mailed to the Parish Office.
- ❖ The Clerk advised that the notice board at Inworth Lane had "lost a door" so it was agreed that we would arrange for the whole notice board to be scrapped.

09/188: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See payment schedule). It was noted that when all the cheques had been cashed the Current Account would be overdrawn by £1230. It was agreed that the Clerk should transfer enough money to allow all cheques to go through. It was a concern to all that we were now having to draw on the reserve account to pay current invoice and even more of a concern that no more further funds were due to be received in this financial year which ends on March 31st 2010.
- 2) Budget Statement for November & December 2009. The statement was discussed in full and the Clerk explained what the money had been spent on. The precept was then discussed drawing the council's attention to the fact that in 2009 – 2010 we had under budgeted due to Vernons Road. It was agreed that Vernons Road had been a financial drain on the Council and it was set to continue next year as the Clerk had reported a possible new application in the New Year. The precept was discussed in full and the following points agreed:
 - ❖ Miscellaneous on the current financial statement would now be called the Emergency Fund and would be increased to £350.
 - ❖ The Clerks Remuneration was increase to £8500 as per the predicted to the end of the current year.
 - ❖ Donations would be reduced to £700 as per the predicted to the end of the current year.

The Clerk advised that she had been assured through the Clerks Forum that the Parish Support which forms part of the precept would remain the same this year and based on last years figures it should be £1,996. This would mean the total precept requested from CBC would be £11,574 and increase of £3,070 on last year. In total the precept and parish support would amount to £13,570.

RESOLUTION 09/20 THAT THE FULL PRECEPT AND PARISH SUPPORT OF £13,570 BE APPROVED AND SUBMITTED TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IN EARLY JANUARY 2010.

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

09/186: EX AGENDA

Cllr Chillingworth arrived late due to the Council Cabinet Meeting at the Town Hall. Unfortunately good news did not result from that meeting. It was reported that the Council had voted not to hand over a piece of land that was crucial to the £130 Million School improvement scheme in Colchester. Cllr Chillingworth also spoke about the Long Acre planning application that had already been covered earlier in the meeting and also he advised to get in touch with the small works team who may remove the remains from the elderly seat incident.

09/189: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS

- 1) **Application No: 091476.** Braeside, Station Road, Wake Colne, CO6 2DS. Erection of brick wall with 8 Brick and half piers and timber fence panels. The planning application was discussed at length and the Council had no further comments.

RESOLUTION 09/21 THAT THE COUNCIL HAD NO FURTHER COMMENTS BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICATION.

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

09/190: HIGHWAYS ISSUES.

- 1) **Station Road Sign & Greene King Contract.** The Clerk reported that the contract had been received from Greene King and it had to be signed and returned. In due course Greene King would return a copy once they had signed it. Once the signed copy had been received the Clerk was instructed to contact George Ward and get the sign design moving again.

09/191: Vernons Road – Possible New Application.

The Clerk advised that an e-mail had been received indicating that a new application may be received early in the New Year applying for permission for 3 pitches on Vernons Road. It was agreed that the Council would work towards a positive outcome again if this application was submitted. It was discussed that a lot of hard work had already been done and this would stand the Council in a good position if the occasion arose.

09/192: White Colne Meeting 25th November.

Cllr Taylor expressed his disappointment at the number of Councillors attending this meeting from Wakes Colne & Chappel. He went on to say that no apologies had been received except for one and some people had gone to a lot of effort to provide food and drink for the occasion. Cllr Taylor said that a lot of important issues had come out from the meeting including ideas about fund raising, involving the people from the Village, a pavement issue, community speed watch, the use of flyers etc. It had been agreed that White Colne would extend a further invite in approximately 6 months time.

09/193: Footpaths in Wakes Colne.

Cllr Stratford reported that one of the footpaths that is in regular use had not been reinstated as promised. It was agreed that Cllr Martin would get in touch with PROW Officer and report back at the January meeting.

09/194: Clerks Contract & Job Description.

Following last months meeting and not having a quorum it was requested that this again be an agenda item for the contract to be signed off this month. Cllr Taylor asked if anybody had any comments on the contract. No Comments were received.

RESOLUTION 09/22 THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE CLERKS CONTRACT AS A WORKING DOCUMENT AS FROM NOW.

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

09/195: BT Phone Box A1124.

Following the fire this was again on the agenda to have the box repaired. It was agreed that the Council would 'Adopt the box' and maintain it. It was suggested that the Clerk put a note in the Village Reporter asking for volunteers and suggestions as to what to do with it.

09/196: Budget 2010 / 2011.

This was discussed and agreed earlier under Agenda Item 09/188 item 2.

09/197: Grass area near to Village Shop.

It was agreed that yes this area needed tidying up as it looked a bit of an eye sore for passing traffic. It was agreed that all Cllr's would have a think over Christmas and bring ideas back to the January meeting.

09/198: Application for New Councillor.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

09/199: Vandalism in the Village.

This was covered earlier in the meeting under Agenda item 09/184 Sgt Mike Lee.

09/200: Next Agenda Items.

Chappel Bridge – Road Closure.

Highways – Malcolm Dade.

Phone Box – A1124 ideas for upkeep.

Grass Area – Near Village Shop ideas.

Reports from:

Cllr Martin Footpaths

Cllr Dwyer NAP Meeting

Cllr Hounslow CALC Meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 6th January 2010 at 7.15pm at Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our Chairperson Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Signed.....
Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 6th January 2010

