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Minutes of the monthly Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 7th January at 7.15pm in the Wakes Colne Village Hall,
Colchester Road, Wakes Colne.

8th January 2009

09/01 RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chairperson Cllr K Martin, Cllr J Glen-Martin, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr J Taylor & Cllr P Chillingworth
Two members of the public - Mr A Myers & Mrs S Chamley who arrived about 7.25pm

09/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Chairperson Cllr H Cresswell & Cllr S Hounslow

09/03 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

09/04 PUBLIC FORUM.

No questions were raised in the public forum, however it was agreed that if Mrs S Chamley arrived we would go back to the public forum for any questions that might be raised.

09/05 Ex-AGENDA

The meeting was closed for Cllr Chillingworth to deliver his report

Cllr Chillingworth advised that he had been sent a letter to confirm that the money in respect of S106 for the Cricket Club's Drainage Project had been paid. Cllr Chillingworth said "he was very pleased that the system works".

Cllr Chillingworth also spoke about the recycling issues and the national and international problems due to the current climate. He advised that a 33 acres site had been allocated for plastic recyclable material to be stored until the situation gets better.

09/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2008 were approved and signed as a true record with the following amendment. Agenda item 08/127 – 3 should read his 'politics' into his work on the Parish Council and not his 'policies'.

The Meeting was closed so we could return to the Public Forum for Sue Chamley to speak.

Sue Chamley asked if we could jointly call a meeting of the Village Hall representatives and both Councils. It was agreed that the meeting would go ahead on the 28th January 2009 at the Village Hall in Chappel & Wakes Colne subject to the Village Hall being in agreement.

Sue Chamley also asked if Wakes Colne Parish Council would consider donating money towards new bark for the play area. It was agreed that both these items would be put on next months agenda for discussion.

09/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Clerks Report:-The clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting and all Councillors had read it. The Clerk updated the Council on a couple of issues which had come through after, the Clerks Report had been sent out. George Ward had e-mailed through a first draft copy of the proposed sign for the top of Station Road. Cllr Taylor asked if the sign would be fluorescent at night and also if the sign would have a light over the top. It was agreed that the Clerk would write back to George Ward and ask the questions then report back at the February meeting.

The Clerk updated the council on the news from Essex County Council in respect of the raised level entry kerbs for the Bus Stop on Colchester Road. She was advised that all the official bus stops in Wakes Colne had had the kerbs raised, it was suggested that where the cottages were and the kerbs had not been raised was perhaps not 'official Bus Stops'. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Cllr Cresswell and ask just where the 'bus stop' without raised kerbs are and take it from there.

09/08 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments all approved for payment and signed. Cllr Stratford asked if the Clerk could have a look for an account that Wakes Colne Parish Council could use with a higher interest rate as the Barclays Higher Interest Accounts was paying less than 1% interest.
- 2) Financial Summary for January 2009: This was signed as a true record.
- 3) Precept 2009 / 2010. The Clerk applied all the changes as per the last meeting and the budget was signed off. Cllr Glen-Martin proposed the budget; it was seconded by Cllr Stratford and then carried unanimously. The Clerk advised that she has contacted Jonathan Hills from Colchester Borough Council about the precept and grant and subject to confirmation the grant was going to stay the same as the previous 2 years at £1996. This would then make the amount requested on the precept to be £8504.
- 4) Letter received from Audit Commission Re: drawing a line under lost years. It was agreed that this item had been advertised as per the instructions and the Clerk could now go ahead and send a copy of the newsletter. All Councillors had previously had a copy of the report and had read it prior to the meeting. No members of the public attended and requested that the report be read out.

09/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS

- 1) **Application No: 081828** Maynhoods, Inworth Lane, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BG. Single Storey rear extension. Notice of Planning Decision – **Permission Granted**

09/10 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- 1) **Rural Speed Restrictions & "Welcome to Wakes Colne" Sign on Station Road.** This item was discussed under agenda item 09/07

09/11 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) **Emergency Planning Meeting 1st December 2008.** The Clerk advised that she had had several e-mails from Paul Walker from Colchester Borough Council (the contact for the emergency planning meeting) during January. She confirmed that he now had the Council's details and going forward we should be included in all the correspondence. It was agreed that this must be on the Agenda for the February meeting and also it was agreed that we must look at Wakes Colne and Chappel's Emergency Plan and make sure it is up to date. Cllr Stratford advised that she had a copy and would give the Clerk a copy. It was also agreed that the Clerk would photocopy the plan and distribute to all the Councillors before the next meeting so everyone was aware of the details the plan contained.
- 2) **EARM Public Footpath Issue.** This was not discussed as Cllr Hounslow was not at the meeting. Cllr Hounslow requested that this be put back on the agenda for the February meeting.
- 3) **Village Hall Meeting- Chappel Parish Council.** This item was discussed when the meeting was closed for the Public Forum and Mrs Sue Chamley was able to speak.

- 4) **Money towards bark for Play Equipment- Chappel Parish Council.** Again this was discussed when the meeting was closed for the Public Forum and Mrs Sue Chamley. It was agreed we could put this on the Agenda for next month to discuss how much we could afford to contribute.
- 5) **Dates for 2009 for Halstead and District M.C.C.** Cllr Stratford had already given the dates to the Cricket Club. Cllr Martin thanked Cllr Stratford for this and agreed also to put it on the notice board at the Station. Cllr Glen-Martin said she had noticed that something that resembled a 2 storey building had appeared where the races take place and asked if planning permission had been sorted. It was agreed Cllr Glen-Martin would investigate and report back at the next meeting.
- 6) **Notice of Vacancy – Co-opt a new member:** The Clerk advised that the required period had elapsed for an election and that we could now go ahead and co-opt a new member onto the Council. It was discussed that last time we co-opted a new member it probably wasn't done in a very professional way. It was agreed this time, we would approach possible candidates and if they were happy to be a member we would ask them to contact the Clerk with the relevant details and then put it on the Agenda for next month. Ruth Eyre-Pugh, Maggie Bowden & Dean Dwyer were considered candidates and it was agreed that some or all these people would be contacted and then report back to the Clerk before the next meeting.

09/12 REPORTS.

None

09/13 NEXT AGENDA ITEMS.

EARM – Public Footpath issue
 Village Hall
 Website Update
 Hole in pavement on the A1124
 Annual Parish Meeting – Date and Format
 NAP Meeting

09/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 4th February 2009 at 7.15pm at Wake Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the clerk by 5pm on 27th January 2008. Our Vice Chairperson Cllr Martin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed.....
Chairman/Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council

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