

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AT 7.15PM IN THE WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL,  
COLCHESTER ROAD, WAKES COLNE.

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5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009

**09/72: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & MEMBERS PRESENT.**

Cllr Jim Taylor welcomed everybody to the meeting. Member present -Chairperson Cllr J Taylor, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr H Cresswell, Cllr D Dwyer, Cllr S Hounslow & Cllr P Chillingworth & one member of the public.

**09/73: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr K Martin had sent his apologies due to work commitments

**09/74: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were approved and signed by Cllr Taylor as a true record.

**09/75: 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)

None

**09/76: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.**

No questions were asked at this time, however it was noted that Mr Alan Myers had made the 2000<sup>th</sup> hit on the website.

**09/77: EX AGENDA**

Councillor Chillingworth - Monthly Report. Cllr Chillingworth reported that it was a busy time at the Town Hall with the elections being upon us. Cllr Chillingworth asked if we had received a planning policy document in respect of the Vernons Road Planning application. It was noted that we had and Cllr Chillingworth briefly discussed its contents. He explained that the policy document was from the Government Office from the East of England and largely it referred to policy which although has not

yet been approved, is imminent for approval. It was noted that Mark Russell the planning officer for the application would take this document into account when making his recommendations to the Committee. At this time it was discussed that a rumour in the Village was that some land near to the Vernons Road site had also been sold to the travellers. Cllr Taylor asked the Clerk to have a look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.

#### **09/78: CLERKS REPORT**

On matters arising from the last meeting. This report will be circulated prior to the meeting for all Councillors to read. A brief progress report was delivered by the Clerk at the meeting, this was on the matters arising from the previous month's minutes that arrived after the Clerks Report had been circulated. The following updates were available:

- ❖ Action points from CBC Planning Meeting: The Clerk advised that she had now received comments back in respect of the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May with CBC Planning Department. The Clerk reported that she circulated a copy of the document to all Cllr's for them to read
- ❖ Telephone apology from Peter Martin EARM & Blur Concert: The Clerk reported that this item would be covered later in the meeting.
- ❖ Planning Comments: It was noted in the Clerks Report that after the May meeting comments were sent to CBC Planning Dept for three of the four planning application that were on the Agenda. It was also noted that by the 26<sup>th</sup> May these comments had still not been posted under the relevant application numbers and that Sally Harrington was looking into the issue. In an e-mail it was suggested that it was a system fault and they were looking into it further and would report back in due course. The Clerk agreed to keep a note of all the errors and once an explanation had been given she would report it in the Clerk Report.

#### **09/79: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE**

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See June payment schedule): All payments were agreed
- 2) Financial Summary for May 2009: The clerk explained the summary so far and it was noted that if Vernons road continued costing at the current rate the council within a few months would not have any money in the pot. It was discussed that at present we should use the high interest account to cover the costs but the Clerk should look into finding funding from else where. The meeting was closed to ask Cllr Chillingworth if he thought it was worth asking the Borough for funding. It was suggested that we could write to Jonathon Hills to ask the question. The meeting was re-opened.
- 3) Insurance Payment: The Clerk reported that the Speed Gun and the Sign had been added on to the policy and that the 15% discount for being members of the EALC had now been applied. The new cost was £451.86
- 4) Audit for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009: This was not available to be signed as the previous years audit although had been approved had not arrived back with the Clerk
- 5) Funding Requests for the Village Hall & Football Club: It was discussed that due to the added expenditure at the present time the council would write to both the Football Club and the Village Hall and explain the situation and ask them to send a formal request in September for 2010 /2011.

#### **09/80: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS**

- 1) Application No: 090559 Orchard Place – Vernons Road: Comments to be submitted: Following agenda item 09/82 item 1 being discussed it was agreed that all Cllr's would read the Planning Policy document that the Clerk had circulated and any other related information and together with comments already prepared would e-mail or telephone with any comments to be added or taken away from the document that the Clerk had already prepared in respect of this agenda item. It was agreed that if anything needed to be addressed in the month with regards to the invalidated application this could be done and then report back at the next meeting. It was discussed that due to the timings now of this application, it may be possible

that we may have to have a meeting in August. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the July meeting and a date formally agreed.

#### **09/81: HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- 1) Station Road Sign & Greene King. It was noted that this item needed chasing and the Clerk would report back next month.

#### **09/82: NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) Vernons Road – Meeting with Vincent Pearce – This item was moved and discussed prior to agenda item 09/80 -1 as it was felt that a lot of information discussed at the meeting with CBC planning department would be relevant to the comments submitted under planning application no: 090559. The clerk had delivered a comprehensive statement within the Clerks Report with regards to the meeting with Vincent Pearce. At the start of the meeting it became apparent that all was not well with the application and it was noted that Protecting Rural Chappel & Wakes Colne’s (PRCWC) Solicitor had written to the planning department re: an incomplete certificate. It was also noted that the drawings submitted with the planning application were not to scale. The meeting lasted approximately 2 hours and the Councillors from both Parish Councils questioned CBC Planning Department on all aspects of the application. An action point list was created and CBC agreed to e-mail this information through to the Clerks of both Councils. It was noted that this information had been discussed under the updates on the Clerks Report Agenda Item. The next day the application was then invalidated due to the certificate issue and the plans not being to scale. So effectively the “clock has stopped ticking until further notice”. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June a document was received by the Clerk with more information on planning policy from CBC Planning Dept. This document had been circulated to all Cllrs and it was agreed it would be discussed under Agenda item 09/80 item 1. Cllr J Taylor then returned to this item for further debate.
- 2) Community Speed Watch: Cllr Taylor informed the Council that the speed gun was now back and ready for use. It was noted that Cllr Taylor and Dwyer would be out on the roads on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- 3) EARM & Blur Concert – More information: The Clerk advised that she had an apology over the phone from Peter Martin following a letter of complaint that was written in respect of the lack of information received about the Blur Concert. Cllr Hounslow requested that the Clerk telephone the EARM and request that the road cones are placed on Station Road.
- 4) No: 2 Lower Green – Shed width of back garden: Cllr Taylor reported that he had caught a glimpse of the shed while passing and agreed that it did indeed cover the whole length of the back garden. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the enforcement officer Cheryl Headford at CBC to ask how far a shed should be located from the back of a property and if then appropriate ask her to visit to check it out.
- 5) Neighbourhood Watch – Re-instate: It was discussed that in the past Wakes Colne had had a very effective Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and that in light of the current situation it would be a good idea to have it re-instated. It was agreed that the Clerk would put a note in the Village Reporter asking for volunteers and also Cllr Dwyer would have a look and see how much was involved and then report back.
- 6) N Percival & Ditch Clearance: It was reported that the Clerk had had a letter from N Percival re the ditches. A map of Wakes Colne had been enclosed with land owned by Mr Percival outlined. The letter also stated that he had informed Mr P Fairs that the ditch at the top of Station Road was blocked and asked for it to be sorted out. It was agreed that Cllr Hounslow would inform Mr Scillitoe who had brought the problem to the attention of the Council that something was being done.

**09/83: REPORTS.**

Stella Village Hall AGM 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Cllr Hounslow reported that she had not attended the meeting due to an oversight but had sent her apologies the day after the meeting.

**09/84: NEXT AGENDA ITEMS.**

Salt Bins  
Vernons Road  
Neighbourhood Watch & NAP meetings

**09/85: DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 at 7.15pm at Wake Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne  
Our Chairperson Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed.....  
Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date.....