

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Minutes of the monthly Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Wakes Colne Village Hall,  
Colchester Road, Wakes Colne.

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11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

## **09/58 RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Cllr J Taylor, Vice Chairperson Cllr K Martin, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr H Cresswell, Cllr S Hounslow & Cllr P Chillingworth & six members of the public.

## **09/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr D Dwyer

## **09/60 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr K Martin            09/68 - 6 EARM & Blur Concert            Personal

## **09/61 PUBLIC FORUM. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

No questions were asked

## **09/62 Ex-AGENDA Cllr Chillingworth's Report**

Cllr Chillingworth had very little to report. Following the road closure at Spring Gardens Road and Crepping Hall Road it was advised that the improvements had been made.

Question asked Cllr Chillingworth were as follows:

- ❖ When was litter picking taking place. The Council were advised that this had already happening in March and was unlikely to happen again until next year
- ❖ Where can the council get specialist planning advice in respect of current applications. It was advised that CBC Planning Department could supply free advice other than that the Parish Council would need to consult and pay for a service privately.

## **09/63 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 were approved and signed by Cllr Taylor as a true record.

## 09/64 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- ❖ **Clerks Report:** - The clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting and all Councillors had read it. The Clerk asked if anybody needed any further information. Training was discussed and it was noted that Cllr Dwyer had requested to attend the Councillor training Day 1 at the EALC, Cllr Martin also requested the same training. In addition Cllr Hounslow requested training on the 7<sup>th</sup> July (Councillor Training 2) and Cllr Taylor requested training in September for the Chairman's Day. The Clerk also requested that she attend the Freedom of information & Data Protection Course. Finally the Clerk advised that most of the updates were in respect of agenda items and would be covered in due course.

## 09/65 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments were all approved for payment and signed.
- 2) Financial Summary for April 2009: This was signed as a true record
- 3) Insurance Payment. It was discussed that several items needed to be added onto the insurance premium and the Clerk was asked to sort it out and report back at the next meeting.

## 09/66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS

- 1) **Application No: 090552 Bures Water Tower:** It was agreed the comments would reflect previous correspondence made in respect of this application.
- 2) **Application No: 090570 Norton Hall Farm:** It was agreed that the requested purpose made grain store was extremely large, however the Council did not object.
- 3) **Application No: 090546 Land at Hammonds Farm:** It was agreed that our previous comments would remain and Cllr Martin would contact the Public Rights Way Officer and advise in due course.
- 4) **Application No: 090559 Orchard Place – Vernons Road:** It was agreed to defer making comments in respect of this application until the Clerk had reported on Agenda item 09/68 item 1

## 09/67 HIGHWAYS ISSUE

- 1) **Station Road Sign & Greene King:** As per the Clerks Report it was advised that Greene King wanted to charge the Parish Council a one off fee of £50 for the privilege of siting the new road sign on a little bit of their land. At this point the meeting was closed so Cllr Chillingworth could introduce Cllr Anne Brown (standing for County Councillor in the forth coming election) who suggested that we contact George Ward with regards the issue and copy in Cllr Clover and herself to try and take the issue forward. The meeting was re-opened.

## 09/68 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) **Vernons Road – Caravans – Meeting with Vincent Pearce - Update.** The Clerk advised of the difficulties she had had getting hold of Mr Vincent Pearce to confirm details in advance of the meeting tonight. Eventually the Clerk had had a response and updated the council. *A copy of the e-mail correspondence is appendix 1 in the minute folder.* **The meeting was closed** so Cllr Chillingworth could advise that CBC planning department received over two thousand planning application each year and we were very lucky to have Vincent Pearce working on our behalf. While the meeting was closed the Clerk asked Cllr Chillingworth if he wanted to attend the meeting with Vincent Pearce on the 20<sup>th</sup> May it was noted that he did not. **The meeting was re-opened.** It was agreed that the Council should have an informal meeting to discuss the application in further detail in advance of the meeting that had been requested by Chappel & Wakes Colne Parish Councils with Vincent Pearce CBC Senior Planning Manager. This meeting was arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> May @7.30pm, all councillors were asked to read the application in depth before attending. It was advised also that the Residents Forum 'Protect Rural Chappel & Wakes Colne' had organised a public meeting and this was going to take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Chappel & Wakes Colne Village @ 7.45pm. It was reported that the Clerk had formally invited Mr Pearce and/or a member of his department to this meeting but the invite had been declined. It was agreed that all Councillors would try

and attend the meeting as it was important to take the application further. It was also agreed that Councillors could attend Chappel's meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> if it was appropriate after the public meeting. It was discussed and agreed that the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 with Vincent Pearce would be attended by the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman from Wakes Colne, Matt Thorn from the Residents Forum plus one other, and then Chappel will confirm attendee's in due course after next weeks monthly meeting. It was discussed that all residents, Parish Councils and local organisations were duty bound to write to the council to voice their views in respect of this application, it was noted that Wakes Colne Parish Council had secured an extension to comment by due to the slow response of CBC Planning Department shortly after it had been received into their office. The Clerk re-iterate that it would help if the planning application had been read in full in advance of our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009. At this point Cllr Hounslow gave her apologies for the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

- 2) **Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Taylor advised that the speed gun had had to be sent to Billericay as it needed to be re-calibrated. Cllr Taylor was advised that it would be back within the next week, an he would contact the volunteers and arrange times to be operational.
- 3) **1<sup>st</sup> Response Unit – funding:** All Councillors had received the information from the 1<sup>st</sup> Response Unit and the request for funding was agreed. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Rees to advise of the outcome.
- 4) **Application for new councillor – discussion:** An application had been received via the Clerk for the vacant post of Councillor. The application made by Emma Wilkins was discussed but on this occasion it was decided that the applicant would need to be able to devote more time to Council business as it was extremely busy with the Vernons Road issue. The Clerk was asked to contact the applicant with the outcome.
- 5) **New Councillor training day – Information:** The Clerk had advised within the Clerks Report item that Councillor Dwyer had requested to attend the New Councillor Training Day at the EALC. See Agenda item 09/64 for a more details on the training of the Councillors
- 6) **EARM & Blur Concert.-** This issue raised by a resident, is concerned about the forthcoming Blur Concert and the lack of information that has been issued to the local community with regards the details of the event. It was discussed that the event was being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Blur are apparently bringing their own security and it was only going to be a small event and proceeds were being donated to the EARM and Aldham Village Hall. It was requested that the Clerk find out more details and report back at the next meeting.
- 7) **Village Hall AGM 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009:** It was noted that Cllr Cresswell was the Parish Representative for the Village Hall, however in the event that she is not well enough to attend Cllr Hounslow had agreed to attend in her place.
- 8) **Annual Parish Assembly:** It was discussed how successful the evening was, and how both parishes had worked hard to make it a pleasant evening. The provisional date for next year is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- 9) **No: 2 Lower Green – Shed width of back garden:** It was discussed that a shed had been erected at No: 2 Lower Green and it was the whole width of the back garden. It was agreed that we should have a look and then contact the enforcement officer at CBC with regards the outcome.

#### **09/69 REPORTS.**

**None**

**09/70 NEXT AGENDA ITEMS.**

Number 2 Lower Green – Shed the width of the back garden

Grit Bins

Vernon's Road

EARM & the Blur Concert

Standing Orders

**09/71 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at 7.15pm in Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our new Chairperson Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.44pm

**Signed.....**

**Chairperson of the Parish Council**

**Date.....**