

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.15PM IN THE WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL.

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IN THE CHAIR:                    CLLR. J TAYLOR  
PRESENT:                         S STRATFORD  
CLERK:                            MRS V BURROWS.  
ALSO PRESENT                 WARD CLLR P CHILLINGWORTH & SIX MEMBERS OF THE  
                                          PUBLIC.

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5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

**09/162: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr Jim Taylor welcomed those present to the meeting.

**09/163: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr D Dwyer, Cllr Hounslow, Cllr Cresswell, Cllr Martin

**09/164: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Due to not have a quorum these minutes could not be signed off and Cllr Taylor asked that this be an agenda item next month.

**09/165: 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.

**09/166: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.**

Five members of the public attended the meeting to draw the Councils attention to Planning Application No: 091363. A local resident and architect spoke about the size, design and location of the proposed property and asked for the Council to reflect these when submitting their comments to CBC's Planning Department. Comments were also made from local neighbours with regards to the application and they also asked for these to be reflected in the Councils comments. It was also brought to the Councils attention that an extra entrance seems to have been made exiting onto the A1124 in a very dangerous spot it was requested that the Clerk follow this up with the Planning Officer Jane Seeley. Letters of correspondence from

all the attendee's can be found in the planning application file. Questions were also raised on the state of the white lines on the roads of Wakes Colne and also the very dangerous state of Tyburn Hill. Again it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Malcolm Dade and organise a trip around the village.

#### **09/167: EX AGENDA**

Cllr Chillingworth reassured the public that he would look into Planning Application No: 091363. He agreed to visit them and discuss the application in more depth and proposed that he would 'call in' the application if CBC's Planning Department proposed recommendation. It was also spoken about that the A1124 Colchester Road was still flooding but it was agreed that it was still early days. The Local Development Framework and the Site Allocation Documents were mentioned as was the consultation that will be begin on the Waste & Recycling System in Colchester. Cllr Chillingworth explained that information would come out in the Courier as to what to do etc.

#### **09/168: 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:

- ❖ BT Phone box at Lower Green. The Clerk had been in touch with Louise Henshaw at BT and eventually had had an e-mail confirming that the phone would be removed in due course.
- ❖ Barclays Deposit Account. The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Barclays advising that the name of the Deposit Account would change in the next few weeks. No other changes had occurred.
- ❖ SLCC Membership – this would now be shared with Chappel as the Clerk had been appointed Clerk to Chappel Parish Council as well. The Clerk was asked to look into this to see how it would work.

#### **09/169: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE**

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See payment schedule). It was noted that a transfer of £1860 had taken place last month to put the lights money in the Deposit Account until such times as the invoice from A & J Lighting was received and need to be paid.
- 2) Budget Statement September 2009. The October statement was discussed in and the Clerk explained what the money had been spent on. It was noted that the Financial Statements now being sent out with the Agenda etc was a good thing.
- 3) Precept & Budget for 2010 – 2011. The Clerk and Chairman had looked at the precept figures prior to the meeting, however due to their not being a quorum present the precept could not be voted on so the Chairman asked for this to be put on the Agenda for December. It was noted that a clerical error in the calculation had occurred on the November sheet and it was requested that the Clerk amend it and re-send it out as soon after the meeting as possible so the Councillors who could not attend the meeting could have a look prior to more information that would follow next month.

#### **09/170: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS**

- 1) **Application No: 091363.** Long Acre Bungalow, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne, CO6 2BY. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling, detached garage and additional crossover. Cllr Taylor had made a site visit prior to the meeting so was fully briefed about the application. Cllr

Stratford had visited Cllr Cresswell also prior to the meeting, they had looked over the application with a fine toothcomb and the following was noted:

- ❖ The house was inappropriate for the area
- ❖ The size of the house was far to large for the plot
- ❖ A new exit had been put in and as far as the Parish Council are concerned without planning consent
- ❖ The proposed building is to close to neighbouring properties
- ❖ The proposed building is far to high and would tower above neighbouring properties

It was agreed that the Clerk first write to planning to clarify the new exit and when planning permission was applied for and then once that was sorted send comments to strongly object to the application.

#### **09/71: HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Dips in the Road at Tyburn Hill**

The Clerk had hoped that she would have an update from Cllr Anne Brown who took this issue away from the October meeting, however up to 6pm on the day of the meeting nothing had come through. It was noted and agreed that the road was very dangerous and was an accident waiting to happen. It was suggested the Clerk get in touch with Malcolm and arrange for him to come out to the Village and have a trip around the roads.

#### **09/172: Vernons Road & the Committee Meeting.**

The Clerk advised that nothing further had happened with Vernons Road other than submitting comments in respect of Orchard Place and the LDF Site Allocations document (see Clerks Report). The Clerk also advised that the Application was still being worked on by Mark Russell it would not go to the Planning Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> November as originally discussed. The 19<sup>th</sup> November had been spoken about but as yet nothing had been confirmed.

#### **09/173: White Colne Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Following acceptance of all 7 Cllrs from White Colne it was agreed that the organisation should be shared by both Wakes Colne and Chappel Parish Councils. The Clerk had agreed to supply the 'Winter Warmer' drink some alcoholic and some non alcoholic, it was agreed that we would hire the glasses from Sainsbury's for no cost (only pay for breakages). The Clerk said she would e-mail everybody and ask what they would like to do with regards to food and other soft drinks.

#### **09/174: CIF Funding & CBC**

The Clerk advised that the information had been received for the CIF Funding Scheme. It was discussed that the Village Hall could benefit from such a scheme and that the information should be passed to the Chairman Mandy Sexton for them to apply. The Parish Council would write a letter of support and forward it to Mandy Sexton in due course. The Clerk was also instructed to post the hard copy application to Mandy Sexton ASAP.

#### **09/175: Clerks Contract & Job Description**

Again due to not having a quorum at the meeting it was requested that this be put back on the Agenda for December. It was also stated that the Standing Orders would now not be completed before January as some of the contents of the Clerks Contract and Job Description would need to be written in.

#### **09/176: BT Phone Box A1124**

The Clerk advised that she had received some information via Colchester Borough Council and BT about the adoption of the remaining BT phone box on the A1124. It

was agreed that this phone box should remain due to several reason but the main one being emergency use and especially following the bad accident that happened on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the crossroads just lower down than the phone box.

**09/177: Planning Training**

It was agreed that the training was very helpful by all who attended.

**09/178: Next Agenda Items**

Salt Bins  
Greene King  
Highways A1124 Tyburn Hill  
Footpaths  
Emergency Meeting Dates

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 at 7.15pm at Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our Chairperson Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

**Signed.....**  
**Chairperson of the Parish Council**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**