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Minutes of the monthly Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 1st October 2008 at 7.15pm in the Wakes Colne Village Hall,
Colchester Road, Wakes Colne.

2nd October 2008

08/86 RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Cllr W Goodchild, Cllr J Glen-Martin, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr S Hounslow, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr H Cresswell, Cllr K Martin & Cllr P Chillingworth
Clerk Mrs V Burrows & one member of the public - Mr A Myers

08/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

08/88 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

08/89 PUBLIC FORUM.

No Questions

08/90 Ex-AGENDA

The meeting was closed for Cllr Chillingworth to deliver his report

- ❖ Cllr Chillingworth spoke briefly about the S106 Agreements in respect to securing funding for the Cricket Club. It was mentioned that Bob Penny from Colchester Borough Council had had quite an in depth conversation with the Clerk to clarify a couple of issues. Cllr Chillingworth brought up one issue that the Clerk and Bob Penny had raised and that was how the money is to be used. The two agreements that could release funds to the Cricket Club under Section 106 refer to "*the provision and/or improvement and/or maintenance of public open spaces in the vicinity of the site*". We were unsure of the status of the cricket club but if this is on publicly accessible open space, the drainage would be eligible as an improvement. The Clerk agreed to contact the Cricket Club and ask the question. The Clerk asked Cllr Chillingworth if it would be a problem to 'borrow' Mount Bures contribution in case the other property in Wakes Colne did not come to fruition? Cllr Chillingworth advised that it was not a problem and that we could apply for the full 6.5K that is held against Section 106 at present.

- ❖ It was advised that Roger Hughes had employed a private security firm to patrol his land as people had been caught trespassing, it was suggested that some very expensive Carp fish may have been stolen.
- ❖ Cllr Chillingworth suggested that we might like to speak to Mount Bures in respect of the planning application for Hammonds Farm, he thought it might be a good idea to have a joint approach.
- ❖ Cllr Chillingworth also advised that the Major had recently died and that Margaret Crow would take over for the rest of the term.
- ❖ Cllr Glen-Martin asked Cllr Chillingworth about Freechooks Farm. Cllr Glen-Martin wanted clarification on the 10yr & 4yr ruling for change of use. Cllr Chillingworth advised that if the property has been changed in anyway and no enforcement notice has been served within 4yrs, then nothing can be done. Cllr Chillingworth advised that it might be beneficial to ask if we could see a copy of the certificate. Cllr Goodchild suggested that Cllr Glen-Martin draft a letter and send it to the Clerk and this would then be forwarded on to the relevant authorities.

Cllr Goodchild re- opened the meeting to advise that Emma Rayment from the Police was attending for Agenda Item 08/96 – 6 and the meeting was again closed so she could speak.

Emma spoke about her responsibilities locally and the fact that she has 16 Parishes to look after. She advised that the website http://www.essex.police.uk/yourarea/y_np_col.php?nptld=54 was updated regularly with information about the local area and it was agreed that the clerk would e-mail the link to Cllr Martin for the Website. Emma advised of metal thefts & burglaries that had occurred in the local area and she spoke briefly about the letter that we had received from the police. Emma also mentioned about a ringing tree – this is when an incident takes place and then people start to ring round to inform everybody of what has happened.

08/91 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2008 were approved and signed as a true record with the following amendment Mr Myers requested that under Minute Ref 08/75 between a and to the word should read "commendation" not recommendation.

08/92 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Clerks Report:-The clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting and all Councillors had read it. One issue that was raised and that was if we should have a joint meeting with Mount Bures.

08/93 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments all approved for payment and signed.
- 2) Financial Summary for September 2008: This was signed as a true record.
- 3) Lubbock Fine & Audited Accounts for 2004 /2005, 2005 / 2006 & 2006 / 2007. Briefly the Clerk advised that she had spoken to Lubbock Fine and as yet had not received the legal letter.
- 4) Draft Accounts for the audit Commission 2007 /2008: This item was not dealt with as no paperwork had been received from Lubbock Fine.

08/94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS

- 1) **Application No: 081569** Land at Hammonds Farm, Hemps Green, Fordham, Colchester, CO6 3LS: Change of use of agricultural building into stables to include opening up of footpath route and provision of hard standing. **This application was discussed at great length and it was decided that the clerk would send a letter of objection from the Council. This planning application has caused a lot of controversy so Cllr Hounslow agreed to e-mail some information about the footpaths and the Wildlife and Countryside Act. See letter attached to minutes**
- 2) **Application No: 083199** Timberlands Farm, Spring Garden Road, Chappel, Colchester, Essex: General purpose farm building. **The Clerk advised that this item seems to have been**

approved but as yet she had not received anything through the post. It was agreed that the Clerk would mention this whilst writing a letter about application No: 081569

- 3) **Application No: 081338** Norton Hall Farm, Boarded Barn Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2AU: Conversion of existing barn and outbuildings for residential use. **Permission Refused**
- 4) **Application No: 072480** 1 Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BN – Gateway on the dangerous corner – Not on planning decision. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to planning and ask what is happening with the gateway.

08/95 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- 1) **Rural Speed Restrictions - 30 mph Roundels & Signs moved northwards up Station Road:** Cllr Goodchild spoke about this issue advising that the Clerk and himself had attended a meeting with George Ward to discuss the possibilities of moving the speed restrictions further up the road. Following the meeting the clerk had not had in writing George Ward's findings so it was agreed the Clerk would e-mail and chase before the next meeting.
- 2) **"Welcome to Wakes Colne" Sign on Station Road:** This agenda item is now all linked in with item No:1 under Highways. Moving forward and on next months agenda this will all be spoken about under agenda item 08/95 –1
- 3) **Ditch clearance & Landowners:** Following our meeting in September with Alan Blyth it was agreed that the Clerk would get copies of Wakes Colne Boundary Map, so we could establish who the landowners are and which ditches they are responsible for. It was then agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to be sent to all the landowners asking if they could clear out their ditches. It was suggested in the first instance that Nicholas Percival should receive the letter as he was a very large landowner in Wakes Colne. The meeting was closed so Cllr Chillingworth could advise who the landowner is in Vernons Road. Mr Gosage from Suffolk. Cllr Goodchild re-opened the meeting.

08/96 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) **CSW Programme –Rota & Availability:** As per the Clerks Report it was agreed that the Clerk should send the Rota out that had been devised with any amendments and try and get people out on the road again.
- 2) **Affordable Housing & Questionnaires:** The Clerk advised that only 4 Questionnaires had been returned to Anne Bishop. It was agreed that the Clerk would put a note in the Village Reporter to remind people to fill in the form.
- 3) **NAP Meetings:** Cllr Glen-Martin spoke at great length about the last NAP meeting and how badly organised it is. It was agreed that Cllr Glen-Martin would be on hand for the next NAP meeting which is at Wakes Colne to help organise. It was also spoken about that an e-mail had been sent to Kirsten the organiser and Cllr Glen-Martin was waiting for a reply. Cllr Goodchild closed the meeting to allow Cllr Chillingworth to speak. He agreed that if the NAP panels don't get organised for Rural West then it may all collapse, the main problem is that we don't have enough crime locally to warrant the public coming along to support the meetings.
- 4) **Action Following the Core Strategy Examination – Copies of village envelopes for discussion:** Cllr Cresswell and myself attended a meeting at Rowan House in Colchester to clarify what information they are looking for from the Parish Councils in respect of this agenda item. The Borough Council require information on expanding/reducing the Village envelope, extending conservation area's within the village & requesting that areas of the Village be recognised as open spaces. It was agreed that the Clerk would e-mail James Firth to ask for an extended deadline as the Cllrs wanted more time to look at all the possibilities. Put this on the Agenda for next month.
- 5) **A Consultation – The making & enforcement of bylaws:** This information was given to Cllr Stratford. Cllr Stratford would read this information and then report back at the next meeting.
- 6) **Police Attendance at Parish Council Meetings:** This item was moved forward .

08/97 REPORTS.

Cllr Glen-Martin

NAP Meeting Update: Cllr Glen-Martin gave us an update but most of the information was covered in agenda item 08/96 - 3

Cllr Goodchild

Monthly Update: Cllr Goodchild gave us a brief overview for the month although most of it had been covered during the meeting.

08/98 NEXT AGENDA ITEMS.

Village Hall

Bus Stop – Colchester Road

Budget

A Consultation – The making & enforcement of bylaws

Action Following the Core Strategy Examination

08/99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 5th November 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 22nd October 2008.

Cllr Goodchild thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.26pm

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.....