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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 7.15PM IN THE WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL.

IN THE CHAIR: CLLR. J TAYLOR
PRESENT: CLLRS. S HOUNSLOW, S STRATFORD, K MARTIN & H
 CRESSWELL
CLERK: MRS V BURROWS.
ALSO PRESENT WARD CLLR P CHILLINGWORTH & TWO MEMBERS OF THE
 PUBLIC.

3RD SEPTEMBER 2009

09/119: CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr Jim Taylor welcomed those present to the meeting.

09/120: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Dwyer

09/121: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Draft minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 09/01 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH AUGUST BE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR CRESSWELL. FOR: 2 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 3
(ABSENT FROM THE MEETING IN AUGUST)

09/122: 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)

Cllr Hounslow declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 09/127 (3) Planning Application No: 091087. This prejudicial interest was declared when we arrived at the agenda item

09/123: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

Mr Scillitoe registered that although the ditch next to his property on Station Road had been cleared out it had not been done far enough up the hill to stop the flooding.

It had been cleared up to the oak tree, however it would seem that the problem still exists and he requested that we contact the land owner again before the winter sets in and ask if it can be done further up. The Clerk agreed to contact N Percival again with regards to this matter.

09/124: Ex AGENDA

Cllr Chillingworth advised he had several updates on issues that were actually on the agenda and he asked if we would like them to be covered now or when the Agenda item was reached. Cllr Taylor asked if would speak about them under the item. Apart from that Cllr Chillingworth advised that the next NAP meeting was taking place on the 3rd September 2009.

09/125: CLERKS REPORT

All items in the Clerks Report and on the agenda were spoken about under the Agenda Items. Cllr Hounslow asked for clarification on the Letter from Little Horkesley Parish Council.

RESOLUTION 09/02 THAT THE DRAFT CLERKS REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE DOCUMENT CONTAINING RELEVANT INFORMATION

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR CRESSWELL. FOR: 2 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 3 (ABSENT FROM THE MEETING IN AUGUST)

09/126: FINANCE & EXPENDITURE

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments to be approved for payment and signed (See payment schedule). It was noted that the balance on the account was getting low due to high costs over the last few months on Vernons Road and Donations. It was agreed that £1000 be transferred from the High Interest Account ASAP to cover the 2 cheques on the payment schedule.

RESOLUTION 09/03 THAT THE 2 CHEQUES ON THE ATTACHED PAYMENT SCHEDULE BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT AND ALSO £1000 BE TRANSFERRED ASAP TO COVER THE CHEQUES

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR MARTIN. FOR: ALL IN FAVOUR

- 2) Budget Statement August 2009. The August statement was discussed in some length and the Clerk explained what the money had been spent on. It was noted that the second half of the precept should be received in the month of September.

09/127: PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS

- 1) **Application No: 090756.** Land at Mount Bures Road, Wakes Colne. Use of land for grazing horses, erection of building for four loose boxes, construction of hard standing & new driveway. **Comments to be submitted.** It was noted that this land is arable land and is not fenced and due to the history of problems with the unauthorized road development it was agreed to send objection comments. The meeting was closed to allow Cllr Chillingworth to speak, it was stated that given the past history of the surrounding land it would be beneficial for the Council to 'call it in' under planning law.

RESOLUTION 09/04 THAT THE CLERK SEND VALID OBJECTION COMMENTS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION NO: 090756 AND THAT CLLR CHILLINGWORTH "CALL IT IN" UNDER PLANNING LAW.

PROPOSED: CLLR STRATFORD. SECONDED: CLLR HOUNSLOW. FOR: ALL IN FAVOUR

The meeting was re-opened

- 2) **Application No: 090824.** Norton Hall Farm, Boarded Barn Road, Wakes Colne. Conversion of existing listed barn & outbuildings for residential use –

resubmission of Application No: 081338. **Comments to be submitted.** It was noted that generally the revised plans had been very well presented and that the applicant had address any issues which had been raised previously.

RESOLUTION 09/05 THAT THE CLERK SEND VALID COMMENTS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION No: 090824 TO CBC PLANNING DEPARTMENT A.S.A.P.

PROPOSED: CLLR HOUNSLOW. SECONDED: CLLR TAYLOR. FOR: FOUR APPROVED THE APPLICATION & ONE ABSTAINED

- 3) **Application No: 091087.** Albecq, Station Road, Wakes Colne. Proposed first floor bedroom forming new roof. Ground floor rear extension and conservatory. **Comments to be submitted.** Cllr Hounslow declared a prejudicial interest at this time. It was agreed that the Council had no objections to this planning application, although one member expressed concern that most of the houses on Station Road seemed to be having extensions or some sort of work carried out and it was changing the appearance of the village.

RESOLUTION 09/06 THAT THE CLERK SEND VALID COMMENTS IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION No: 091087 TO CBC PLANNING DEPARTMENT A.S.A.P.

PROPOSED: CLLR CRESSWELL, SECONDED: CLLR TAYLOR, FOR: THREE APPROVED THE APPLICATION, ONE OBJECTED & ONE ABSTAINED

09/128: HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- 1) It was reported that the Clerk had been in touch with George Ward who had asked if Greene King had approved the decision to go ahead with the sign. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Greene King and get the wheels in motion and report back at the October meeting.

09/129: Replacement Light Fittings

It was agreed that the Clerk send the invoice that had been raised in respect of this item and then contact A & J Lighting once the money had been received. The Clerk advised that this could take anything up to a couple of months but the Council would be kept fully informed.

09/130: Timberlands Farm – Buildings not used for purpose.

Cllr Taylor asked for confirmation that this item was not in Wakes Colne's Parish. The meeting was closed and Cllr Chamley from Chappel Parish Council confirmed that Timberlands Farm was indeed in the Parish of Chappel. It was agreed that this item would come off our agenda and Chappel would continue with getting the problem sorted out. Whilst the meeting was closed Cllr Chillingworth advised that he had visited the site and could only see the one barn which seemed to have open sides. The meeting was re-opened.

09/131: Neighbourhood Watch & NAP Meetings

Cllr Taylor reported that Cllr Dwyer had temporarily relinquished this project as his wife was unwell and time was of an issue. It was agreed that we would just sit on this project for the time being, however if anybody wanted to take any leaflets from the box they were more than welcome.

09/132: Revise Standing Orders

It was agreed that a current set of standing orders needed to be adopted with the new code of conduct section 12(2). It was noted that all Cllrs had a copy of the standing orders previously adopted and they were asked to read and

bring them to the next meeting. It was also agreed that the Clerk would try and locate a copy of the minutes where the current set of standing orders were adopted.

RESOLUTION 09/07 THAT A NEW SET OF STANDING ORDERS BE ADOPTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RELECT THE CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL AND ITS TRANSACTIONS OF BUSINESS.

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR HOUNSLOW. FOR: ALL IN FAVOUR

09/133: Emergency Plan for Wakes Colne & Chappel Parish Councils

Following receipt last month of a CD from Colchester Borough Council it was agreed that the Clerk along with the Chairman from Chappel Parish Council would look into the current plan and try and get it updated. The Clerk advised that a template from CBC had been received and that she would fill it in and submit as soon as possible.

09/134: Planning Training – update

The Clerk advised that she had completed the form to request planning training and to date had heard nothing. It was thought that if we could get enough Councillors and Clerks locally the planning department in Colchester were highly likely to come out to the Village and do the training. This would negate the need to travel to Colchester in the evening and hopefully make the training a little easier and more enjoyable.

09/135: Bures Hamlet Parish Council

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bures Hamlet for more information as it was considered not very environmentally friendly to ask people to drive to the next village to use the railway station. It was also requested that they keep us up to date on the situation.

09/136: Travellers & Vernons Road - update

Cllr Stratford congratulated the Chairman and the Clerk on the professional objection letter submitted to CBC planning department in respect of Application No: 090891 Vernons Road. The meeting was closed to allow Cllr Chamley to update the Council on the building regulations issue. Following an e-mail too Vincent Pearce about the utility buildings and building regulations, we have received an e-mail identifying the issue of the non compliance. The proposed utility buildings are very close to the threshold but appear to be just below the requirement for building regulations approval based on floor area. A slight increase in floor area would mean non – compliance. Also the proposed buildings are not of the correct design due to their proposed location and as they are at present would not be permitted under current building regulations. While the meeting was closed Cllr Chillingworth advised of the procedure of the Committee Meeting on the 17th September. The planning committee will be required to make a site visit and this will happen on the afternoon of the meeting. Also it was noted that due to this application being highly controversial 3 speakers would be allowed to speak for 3 minutes on both sides. It was noted that the Clerks from both Councils will receive a copy of the report a week prior to the meeting with the planning department's recommendation. The meeting was re-opened and it was discussed that the Chairman from Chappel should speak for 4½ minutes on behalf of both Councils and Matt Thorn should speak for the remaining 4½ minutes on behalf of PRC&WC and himself. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Taylor would get Wakes Colne's comments down on paper and then the

Clerk would meet with Cllr Chamley before the 17th September to finalise the speech.

RESOLUTION 09/08 THAT THE CLERK & CHAIRMAN COLLATE COMMENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE HEARING AND SUBMIT TO CLLR CHAMLEY FROM CHAPPEL BEFORE THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2009

PROPOSED: CLLR TAYLOR. SECONDED: CLLR STRATFORD. FOR: ALL IN FAVOUR

09/137: Next Agenda Items

NAP

Vernons Road & the Committee Meeting

White Colne November meeting

Footpaths Report

CALC Meeting Report

REPORTS.

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is on the 7th October 2009 at 7.15pm at Wakes Colne Village Hall, Wakes Colne. Our Chairperson Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....
Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 7th October 2009

