

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Minutes of the monthly Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Wakes Colne Village Hall, Colchester  
Road, Wakes Colne.

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## **08/16 RECORD OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr W Goodchild, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr J Glen-Martin, Cllr H Cresswell, Cllr K Martin & Cllr J Taylor. Clerk Mrs V Burrows. Cllr P Chillingworth & One member of the Public

## **08/17 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**

None

## **08/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr S Stratford	08/24	3	Cricket Ground hedge cutting
Cllr W Goodchild	08/24	3	Cricket Ground hedge cutting
Cllr K Martin	08/21	3	Installation of VAS Sign in Station Road
Cllr S Hounslow	08/21	3	Installation of VAS Sign in Station Road
Cllr J Taylor	08/21	4	Lower Green

The meeting was adjourned so Cllr Chillingworth could report on the following items  
The Freight Skip will be in Swan Grove on the following dates 26<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> August from between 8am & 9.30am. Recycling leaflets had been distributed to all household by Colchester Borough Council, Cllr Chillingworth advised that new bags would be delivered to all household in April/May for plastic recycling and now more plastics could be recycled.  
Cllr Chillingworth also spoke in detail about a planning issue with regards to Hammonds. He explained about the withdrawal of the appeal on solicitor's advice due to all the original criteria now not viable to go to appeal. He suggested that going forward we need to be vigilant on what was happening in the vicinity.

Marks Tey was spoken about with regards to the proposal of 10,000 new homes. Cllr Chillingworth reported that it was not the view of the council to build 10,000 new homes in Marks Tey. Cllr S Hounslow asked if we could quote Cllr Chillingworth and he said yes.

### **08/19 PUBLIC FORUM.**

No questions were raised

### **08/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed as a true record,

### **08/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

**Clerks Report** :-The clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting, all Cllrs had read it and had no issues. The Clerk spoke briefly on Agenda Item 1 Parish Council Meetings / Parish Calendar: - The Clerk reported that according to the Standing Orders the AGM and the monthly Parish Council Meeting should be held on the same night but the Annual Parish meeting can be held anytime in the month of May. Cllr Goodchild was going to check with Chappel Parish Council if the end of May would be good for a joint meeting. Cllr Taylor spoke at length on Agenda Item 2 the information that we had received from Joy at EALC. He clarified the issues of 'Prejudicial Interests' If a member of the council has a prejudicial interest they have the same rights as the public therefore they can speak on the issue and then they must leave the room. If the meeting is closed to allow the public to speak when the agenda item comes up the council member is allowed to speak but again must leave the room and not participate in the discussion or the decision. If a council member just has a personal interest then the above does not apply. Cllr Taylor also reported that the new layout of the agenda i.e. the public forum being part of the meeting was brought about because of the above issues.

### **08/22 FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE**

- 1) Cheques/BACS payments all approved for payment and signed.
- 2) Financial Summary for March 2008: This was signed as a true record

### **08/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & RESULTS**

- 1) Application No: 080452 Old Gables, Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BJ: To remove inappropriate tiling from old roof and extend existing thatch during rethatching operation. Old tiled roof has been confirmed as having appropriate pitch roofing and will ensure current property is in keeping with the longer existing thatched section. **No Comment**
- 2) Application No: 080415: Land Adj to, Sturgeons Farm, Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BN. – Change of use of land to outdoor horse schooling ménage. **No Comment**
- 3) Application No: 080147 Delfan, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BX – Erection of single storey extension & alterations to porch. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

### **08/24 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- 1) Signage on Station Road. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Tony Hodgson from Greene King and he was looking into the issue of the land and would report back in due course although he thought it would take some time.
- 2) Surface water on the Bures Road near the bridge: Cllr Goodchild reported that he had been out and cleared the grips on the side of the road and the standing water on the road had been reduced. He also advised that he had met with Malcolm Dade from Highways and had been asked to supply Highways with a list of minor repairs that a small gang could repair and sort out e.g. fly tipping, litter picking, small pot holes in the road, minor repairs to pavements, hedge cutting on a small scale etc.

- 3) Cricket Ground hedge cutting: Following last months meeting the hedge had been cut but the cricket club were still taking to the electricity board with regards to the top of the trees still

### **08/25 FOOTPATHS**

No Issues

### **08/26 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

- 1) Affordable Housing: The Clerk read out an e-mail received in the middle of the month in reply to the questions that were asked at the last meeting. Anne Bishop reported that the approx size of the site would be between 20 /30 houses if a new village hall was requested. It was agreed that Cllr Goodchild would attend the Village Hall AGM before we progressed this agenda item further. See copy of e-mail attached to clerks report.
- 2) Meeting Start time: - It was discussed and agreed that the new meeting time would be 7.15pm from next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Glen-Martin and seconded by Cllr Taylor
- 3) NAP Meeting before monthly parish meeting: Cllr Glen-Martin attended the NAP meeting and it was suggested that the NAP meetings are held before the parish meeting bi-monthly. This would mean that once a year the NAP meeting would be held in Wakes Colne Village Hall before our regular monthly meeting. Cllr Glen-Martin proposed it and Sue seconded it. Cllr Glen-Martin advised that at the last meeting it was very successful that the Police and all of the Cllrs from Marks Tey attended.

### **08/27 REPORTS.**

Cllr Martin Progress report on the website: Cllr Martin gave a brief overview on the Website and advised that as of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008 the website was up and running. A few Cllrs and the Clerk had sent a brief resume to go on the website as asked, however Cllr Martin asked for info from everybody who had not sent anything. He confirmed a few details but asked everybody to have a look and report back.

Cllr Glen-Martin This agenda item had been covered under General Correspondence to note item 3

Cllr Cresswell Appraisal Meeting. Cllr Cresswell advised that she had attended the meeting held in March and had been given a draft copy of a Village Design Statement. It was discussed that the draft copy of the Design Statement that had been circulated to all Cllrs was very patronising and poorly written. It was discussed that the recommendation were not put forward by the parishioners but by the steering group. Cllr Glen-Martin suggested that Cllr S Hounslow was in a compromising position due to her position on the council. Cllr S Hounslow stated that she was not involved and she was merely there to take the minutes and had no interest in what was going on. As the discussion progressed Cllr S Hounslow refused to comment stating that the comments made in the draft proposal were not the steering group comments but the comments of the parishioners 2 years ago, however it was stated that in the draft proposal a report should be looked at from 2007 which was not published 2 years ago!!. It was suggested that Cllr Cresswell should contact the steering group to advise that we need more time as a council to send back any comments. Comments received by the council members were as follows:

Cllr S Hounslow: No comment

Cllr J Taylor, Cllr K Martin, Cllr S Stratford, Cllr Goodchild requested that the design statement be written professionally and include comments from the parishioners and not comments that were misleading and threatening.

Cllr Glen-Martin asked if the Steering group had sought advice on disbanding as they had been given a grant to do the work,

Cllr S Stratford & Cllr J Taylor requested that the Draft Village Design Statement was not published as it was as it was not a true reflection of the questionnaires results it was a member of the steering group's views which were incorrect

**08/28 NEXT AGENDA ITEMS.**

Information exchange / next agenda items only:- It was discussed that this item would in future be called "Next Agenda Items"

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**08/29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting is on the 7<sup>th</sup> May AGM and Monthly Meeting 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

**Signed.....**  
**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.....**