

**WE MEET AT
THE VILLAGE HALL,
COLCHESTER ROAD,
WAKES COLNE**

AT 7.15PM

ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Agenda for Meetings

are available on the Notice Board
situated near the Post Office on the A1124 and on
the Notice Board at the end of Inworth Road,
Lower Green

and our

Website - www.wakescolne.org

Please click on our Website
www.wakescolne.org
for up-to-date information

Contacts

The Councillors serving during the municipal year
2018/2019 were:

Chairman: Cllr. Allan Hannington
Vice Chairman: Cllr. Stephen Scrase

Cllr. M. Bowden, Cllr. K. Brown,
and Cllr M. Taylor

Contact can be made with any
Parish Councillor through the Parish Clerk.

Clerk to Wakes Colne Parish Council
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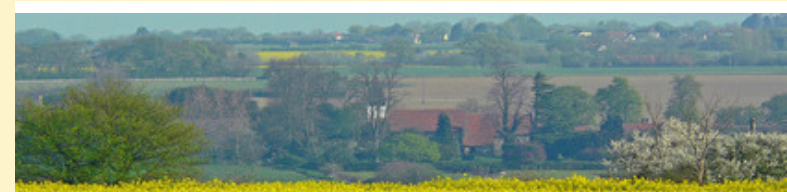
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WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Council
Working for Your Parish

ANNUAL REPORT



Municipal Year
2018 - 2019



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 21st MAY 2019

This report covers the period from April 2018 to March 2019 for Wakes Colne Parish Council.

I was elected Chairman at the May 2019 Meeting, having been Vice-Chairman for a couple of years. My successor, as Vice-Chairman is Councillor Kathy Brown, who has served as a Councillor for a number of years. Both of us are supported by Councillor Maggie Bowden and Councillor Monica Taylor.

A new Chairman was required following the sudden death of Allan Hannington before Christmas. Allan had served the Council for about nine years and I pay tribute to his unstinting service on behalf of Wakes Colne village.

Whilst paying tribute, I also wish to honour our Parish Clerk, Diane Jacob, who carries out the role in a most professional manner and helps to advise the Council on a number of varied subjects.

Diane, along with Councillor Kathy Brown, has spent a considerable period of time working to achieve the Quality Gold Award, The top for local councils. We are one of a very few small councils to achieve this award. Our certificate, which was presented to us at the Mayor's Parlour in January, with The Mayor and Mayoress in attendance, is displayed in the Village Hall.

Over the years we have controlled the budget and made savings on a number of items, which include LED street lighting, auditor's fees and insurance. Nevertheless, this year, we have raised the precept by 3%, the first rise since 2015, but this pales into insignificance when compared with both District and County Councils.

Following favourable reports from people using the station, especially regarding safety, we have extended the solar-powered pedestrian lighting in Station Approach and have had a laminated sign made which informs the public about our involvement with the lighting. Other undertakings include:

- helping to subsidise the WW1 centenary lunch at the village hall;
- organising two litter picks;
- planting a tree on the Millennium field to commemorate the ending of the WW1;
- a grant to the Village Reporter to cover insurance;
- a grant to Chappel Parish Council for maintenance of the children's play area;

- a grant to the Village Hall towards the improvement of the entrance;
- organising repairs to the handrail on Footpath 21;
- sharing costs with Chappel Parish Council to take over the defibrillator;
- keeping in touch with Howard Walkden, the local Broadband Champion, regarding the County Broadband scheme;
- trying to progress a Station Road traffic calming scheme;
- organising the erection of a village sign near the Water Tower;
- continuing to maintain and run the Telephone Book Exchange at two locations;
- presenting the annual Wakes Colne Award to an outstanding village supporter.

As a Council we will endeavour to improve life within the village for the benefit of our parishioners, but it must be emphasised that we do need to increase the number of Councillors from four to seven to spread the load. Therefore, I appeal to anyone who wants to take a pride in our village by helping to run Wakes Colne Parish Council to contact our Parish Clerk for more information and an application form.

Other responsibilities are:

Public Footpaths Working Group

Members - Kathy Brown, Maggie Bowden, Stephen Scrase, Monica Taylor and 1 member of the public, David Green.

The LHP Working Group

Members - Monica Taylor and 1 member of the public, Aaron Dixey.

Planning and Liaison

Member - Stephen Scrase

Superfast Broadband Working Group

Member - Kathy Brown, one member of the public, Wakes Colne Broadband Champion, Howard Walkden.

Wakes Colne Award for 2018

Presentation to Chris Eaton by Cllr. S. Scrase for the Wakes Colne Award 2018, for outstanding work in supporting Parishioners of Wakes Colne and adjacent Villages.



Bank Reconciliation - Pro Forma

Wakes Colne Parish Council Financial Year ending 31 March 2019

Prepared by Diane Jacob Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Opening Bank Balances as at 1st April 2019		
Current (net of un-presented cheques)		£8,790.39
Deposit at Barclays		£15,785.80
		£24,576.19
Petty cash float (if applicable)		N/A
Add total Receipts during year		£14,024.03
Less total Payments during year		£12,871.64
Closing Balances as at 31st March 2019		£25,728.58
Represented by:		
	Current Account	£10,015.74
	Plus prepayments/ late cash receipts	-
	LESS un-presented cheques	
D. Jacob (Expenses for March)	101103	£73.93
Colne Stour Countryside Association	101104	£10.00
Colchester Borough Council	101105	£20.54
		£104.47
Net balance of current account		£9,911.27
Deposit A/c at Barclays		£15,817.31
TOTAL NET FUNDS HELD at 31st March 2019		£25,728.58
Closing balance per cash book (receipts and payments) book as at 31 March 2019 (must equal net balances above Box 8)		