

**Minutes of the monthly Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday February 6th 2013 at 7.15pm in the Wakes Colne Village Hall.**

In the Chair: Cllr. S. Hounslow
 Present: Cllrs: Cllr. A. Hannington, Cllr. H. Cresswell, Cllr. S. Scrase
 Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob
 Also Present: Four members of the public

ITEM	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
13/23	CHAIRMAN	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies received from Cllr. M. Taylor, Cllr. M. Bowden, Cllr. K. Brown
13/24	CHAIRMAN	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. No declarations were made.
13/25	CHAIRMAN	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST. A member of the public reported several dangerous safety incidents regarding water coming off the fields and onto the main road near the village hall. A member of the public inquired as to why the Strimmer Course was so expensive, the explanation was it is a Health & Safety requirement. It was confirmed that there will be no increase in the Precept this year.
13/26	CHAIRMAN	WARD AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT. Cllr P. Chillingworth reported a Locality Budget had been awarded for £412.68, not the full amount requested, as this was all he had left to issue. Meadow Green Farm planning application appeal had been upheld, in their favour. Cllr P. Chillingworth reported he had been in discussion with the EARM regarding increase in traffic in Station Road, that the EARM have no money in their budget regarding the provision to make improvements to this road. It was suggested that the Parish Council and the EARM should hold regular meetings to discuss such issues. It was also reported that Colchester High Street, will have a trial period from the 17 th March to make it pedestrian friendly.
13/27	CHAIRMAN	TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2013 It was proposed by Cllr. A. Hannington and seconded by Cllr H. Cresswell, all in favour that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9 th January 2013 to be approved, as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
13/28	CLERK	CLERKS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Rural Community Council of Essex regarding sociable housing has been in contact and they would like to attend the March parish council meeting. ❖ It was confirmed that a locality budget has been awarded for £416.28. ❖ Received two quotes to install new parish council notice boards one for £286.00 and one for £238.00 ❖ A report has been received from the Highways Agency regarding outstanding issues, all of which are still in progress and none have yet been completed. ❖ A letter has been received from the EARM stating that once they have completed the purchase of fields from Greene King they are quite willing to enter into negotiations with representatives from the parish council regarding a possible sale of a strip of land. ❖ A letter has been received from a parishioner requesting the parish council write to the local authority departments regarding infrastructure and safety issues in Station Road. ❖ Cllr Stephen Scrase presented a cheque for £100.00 to the Clerk for part payment regarding the Brush cutter and Trimmers Course at Writtle College he will be attending in May.
13/29	ALL MEMBERS	LOCALITY BUDGET To be referred to March under the title Notice Boards
13/30	CLLR. S. SCRASE	HIGH SPEED BROADBAND Reported the working party held a meeting on 23 January, revisiting various options from County Broadband and that Option 3 would be the best option to take up, however, funding is currently being sought for this project. All were in favour and the Chairman Closed the meeting. It was agreed to seek further information relating to this project. The meeting was reopened.

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Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date:.....

13/31	ALL MEMBERS	RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CLEARING FOOTPATHS It was decided that Wakes Colne should adopt this Risk Assessment. Thanks were extended to Cllr Kathy Brown for her work on the assessment. Proposal for adoption by Cllr S. Hounslow, seconded by Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour. Chairman signed and dated the document to be adopted.																								
13/32		FINANCIAL MATTERS: Resolved.. PROPOSED BY CLLR S. HOUNSLOW SECONDED BY CLLR. A. HANNINGTON AND ALL IN FAVOUR - The following cheques were approved for payment: <table border="1" data-bbox="379 309 1249 674"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>CHEQUE No.</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>T-MOBILE</td> <td>DD</td> <td>12.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A & J LIGHTING (JAN-MARCH)</td> <td>DD</td> <td>55.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WEBFUSION(123-REG) DOMIAN RENEWAL FOR WEBSITE</td> <td>DD</td> <td>26.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WRITTLE COLLEGE (STRIMMER TRAINING)</td> <td>100749</td> <td>385.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC (RAISE THE PROFILE TRAINING)</td> <td>100750</td> <td>33.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIANE JACOB (SALARY OF JANUARY)</td> <td>100751</td> <td>370.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIANE JACOB (EXPENSES FOR JANUARY)</td> <td>100752</td> <td>15.11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENT		CHEQUE No.	TOTAL	T-MOBILE	DD	12.10	A & J LIGHTING (JAN-MARCH)	DD	55.66	WEBFUSION(123-REG) DOMIAN RENEWAL FOR WEBSITE	DD	26.38	WRITTLE COLLEGE (STRIMMER TRAINING)	100749	385.00	EALC (RAISE THE PROFILE TRAINING)	100750	33.00	DIANE JACOB (SALARY OF JANUARY)	100751	370.28	DIANE JACOB (EXPENSES FOR JANUARY)	100752	15.11
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13/33	ALL MEMBERS	PLANNING MATTERS REF: 130056 "FREEHOOKS" Lane Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BP Retention of external cladding to existing mobile home and associated structures. It was discussed at great length that this work had been carried out prior to planning permission and that the mobile home in 1998 had a restriction and should cease to even be on site as a house has now been built. Objection made by Cllr. A. Hannington and Cllr H. Creswell It was proposed by Cllr S. Hounslow and seconded by Cllr. A. Hannington, all in favour that an objection should be sent to the Planning Department. To investigate further if a certificate of lawfulness has been issued to the resident.																								
13/34	CHAIRMAN	EALC COURSE – RAISE THE PROFILE Cllr. S. Hounslow proposed that she would like to attend this course, seconded by Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour.																								
13/35	CHAIRMAN	APPROVAL OF LETTER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPARTMENTS A draft letter regarding safety issues in Station Road, was proposed by Cllr S. Hounslow and seconded by Cllr H. Cresswell, all in favour to send the letter to local authority departments.																								
13/36	ALL MEMBERS	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2013 MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15PM																								