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# Wakes Colne Parish Council

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOUR PARISH

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April 2024 at 7.15pm in Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall

Present: Cllrs W. Sunnucks (Chair), P. Chillingworth, D. Laws and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).

There were also 9 members of the public present. A list of attendees was obtained and if requested can be obtained from the Clerk.

**051/2024 Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**052/2024 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr T. Rowe

**053/2024 Declaration of Members interests**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda  
**None Declared**

**054/2024 Co-Option**

**Councillors are requested to receive written applications for the office of Parish councillor and to co-opt a candidate/s to fill the existing vacancies**

The candidate/s having completed a short application form and confirmed their eligibility for the position of Councillor within the statutory rules (Local Government Act 1972 s79)

Cllr P. Chillingworth proposed Barry Walsh to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr D. Laws seconded.

**All Agreed.** Cllr B. Walsh then signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office, E-Consent form and was handed the Register of Interest form for him to complete and return to the Clerk within 28 days.

Cllr B. Walsh then took his seat as a Parish Councillor.

**055/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of Wakes Colne Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the WCPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup>. March 2024. **All Agreed**

**056/2024 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest (Maximum 15 minutes)**

"Men's Shed" documents and pictures were circulated to Councillors and spoke about the construction of the planter on the station platform. Thanked WCPC for the grant the Council donated to purchase the plants.

A resident spoke at length about the planning application at Hemps Green Barn.

Call for sites was mentioned but no further update information has been supplied. 30 houses in the last local plan have still not been developed.

VAS system on A1124 – Solar panels were not working but with the better weather coming the solar panels are now working. However, the data cannot be retrieved. This will take some time to reactivate.

**057/2024 Ward and County Councillors report**

Cllr D. Laws spoke about his role as a CCC

- Garden waste bins roll out has been successful
- Budget setting – a number of savings could be addressed
- Chairman of CCC Scrutiny committee
- Multi million pound regeneration schemes taking place in the centre of Colchester
- Big issues with botched pot-hole repair

## **058/2024 Planning Applications**

**240468** - Hems Green Barn Mount Bures Road Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2AP Change of use to a dog training facility and erection of a menage cover.

**RESOLVED:** Wakes Colne Parish Council Objects to this planning application

1. The Parish Council, notes the land is already being used for this purpose. A resident attended our meeting and complained of existing light and noise pollution.
2. The proposed building is very large, 48mx20m by 8.2m to ridge. This activity does sometimes take place, in the countryside, but not have to. It is more usually takes place in the open.
3. The proposed building will be visible from a great distance and due to its height in particular cannot be screened. The colour of the roof and side cladding is not stated on the application.
4. In the Parish Councils view, this application fails Local Plan Policy ENV1, which protects the character of the countryside from unnecessary developments. This application proposes a very large framed building, which would be widely visible, required for an activity that does not necessarily need a rural location. It is likely to cause increased vehicle movements on a narrow country lane; increased noise, light pollution and loss of tranquillity, all of which would affect the neighbours amenity.
5. The Parish Council wish to object to this application.

**240594** - Lavender Cottage, Lower Green, Wakes Colne Essex CO6 2AZ  
Replacement porch. **RESOLVED:** No comment

## **059/2024 Planning Decisions made by CCC affecting Wakes Colne**

**240089** – Spring Gardens Road Chappel

Outline Application with all Matters reserved except Access – **Refuse**

**232839** - Loveney's, Middle Green, Wakes Colne, Essex, CO6 2BJ

Relocation of existing barn with Planning Consent (231780) - **Approve with Conditions**

**240200** - Wood Cottage, Bures Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2DS

Conversion and extension of existing carport and store to Airbnb - **Refuse**

## **060/2024 Finance**

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2024

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

c) To approve payments for April 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial Requirements. **All Agreed**

d) Internet Banking to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr W. Sunnucks proposed and Cllr P. Chillingworth seconded.

**All Agreed**

## **061/2024 s106 Funding**

Colchester City Council have received financial contributions We have received Planning application PA232839 - Loveney's, Middle Green, Wakes Colne Essex CO6 2BJ and if approved can create a community contribution of £2665.68. The nearest community facility is the Chappel and Wakes Colne village hall. This money is for community projects and Grant funding applications were discussed

## **062/2024 Matters arising from previous minutes**

a) **Converting .org email over to .gov.uk email and website address** – Update from the Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that Central Government is insisting on all Councils move to a .gov.uk domain name for emails and website. The cost for WCPC is £301.00p with yearly ongoing cost of £120.

Cllr W. Sunnucks proposed moving WCPC to .gov.uk addresses. Cllr P. Chillingworth seconded. **All Agreed**

## **063/2024 Bus Shelter light**

Solar light outside the bus shelter: the Clerk had contacted the contractor and he is going to take a look at the SD card and hopefully get it working again. Currently awaiting an update.

## **064/2024 Annual Parish Assembly 2024**

The date for the Wakes Colne Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly 2024 is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. May 2024 at 7pm followed by WCPC AGM

**065/2024 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, representatives on village committees and Parish Council working groups.** No meetings have been attended

**066/2024 Items for next agenda**

**067/2024** To confirm date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. May 2024 following the Annual Parish Assembly

**Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates 05.06.24: 03.07.24: 04.09.24: 02.10.24: 06.11.24: 04.12.24**

**068/2024** Closure of the meeting

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*WSunnucks*

1<sup>st</sup>. May 2024

**Willam Sunnucks  
Chairman**