



Parish Clerk  
Kevin B. Money  
7 Roach Vale  
Colchester  
Essex CO4 3YN  
Tel: 07810781509  
clerk@wakescolne-pc.gov.uk  
[www.e-voice.org.uk/wakescolne](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/wakescolne)

# Wakes Colne Parish Council

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOUR PARISH

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. July 2024 at 7.15pm in Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall

Present: Cllrs W. Sunnucks (Chair), P. Chillingworth, B. Walsh and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).  
There was also 1 member of the public present.

#### **105/2024 Apologies for Absence**

#### **106/2024 Declaration of Members interests**

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

#### **107/2024 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 5<sup>th</sup>. June 2024. **All Agreed**

#### **108/2024 Public Participation Session**

A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed for public question time, and it is requested each member of the public speak for a maximum of 3 minutes.

No questions were asked

#### **109/2024 Update on Station Road Action Group / traffic issues – Cllr W. Sunnucks**

Communications has been extensive with the working group. Action group cannot solve all highway problems – Safety not speed. Not to pre-script about what to do. The police report is still not at hand possibly going to Coroners' court. Numerous speed signs have been erected to try to slow traffic down. Essex Highways has responded by saying that nothing can be done as it does not fit ECC criteria.

Jon Simmons an Essex Highways officer is attending a meeting with the residents and members of the Parish Council is on 7<sup>th</sup>. August. The Chair thanked all residents in their continued support and participation

#### **110/2024 Call for sites – update from Cllr W. Sunnucks and Cllr P. Chillingworth**

Cllrs W. Sunnucks and P. Chillingworth has met with 2 senior planning officers from CCC walking around the village and by car for over 3 hours. Most of Wakes Colne is farmland with very few places for building houses. Villages should grow organically but with sustainability.

#### **111/2024 Defibrillator – update on supplies**

D. Stocker to undertake the defibrillator supplies and maintenance which the Parish Council is gratefully appreciated. Any maintenance expenditure will be covered by the Parish Council funds.

#### **112/2024 Planning Applications**

**241437** - Wakes Hall Business Centre, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne Essex CO6 2DY

Erect new business units (Class B2, B8 and E) and associated parking. Revision to permission 191070.

**RESOLVED:** No objection to this planning application

#### **113/2024 Planning Decisions made by CCC affecting Wakes Colne. None made**

No planning decisions have been made by CCC affecting Wakes Colne village

#### **114/2024 Finance**

- a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2024  
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2024
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025  
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025
- c) To approve payments for July and August 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**
- d) Update on Internet Banking with Unity Trust Bank
- e) Grant applications – update on any applications received. **None received**

#### **115/2024 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, representatives on village committees and Parish Council working groups**

##### **Wish list of VH requirements**

The committee have been preparing a 'wish list' detailing short, medium and long term requirements, along with quotes. It will be an evolving document which will allow to respond quickly to grant and S106 funding opportunities. This is still being worked on and is on the VH committee meeting Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> August.

##### **Tree maintenance**

The committee will be considering quotes received for urgent maintenance to the Large chestnut tree and other less urgent maintenance requirements. This will be self-funding by the VH.

##### **Bookings**

Ad-hoc bookings continue to tick-over for parties/events. We have a new regular monthly booking for Pilates The Common Ground Theatre Group have booked the Hall for a play in November. The Abbeygate Concert Band have booked the Hall for a performance in October. The VH committee a considering another Autumn Craft fair similar to that held earlier in the Spring.

##### **Funding / Grants**

Thanks to Kevin and William for forwarding on details of the platinum jubilee grant scheme. The VH committee now have the details. We will also be looking to see if we might be able to tap into Lewis Barber's County Council Locality Fund this year and/or County Local Community Fund. Which he has recently announced is available.

**The next committee meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**

Cllr B. Walsh undertook 2-day Councillor course.

Cllr P. Chillingworth informed the meeting that 4 flood signs have been obtained.

#### **116/2024 Items for next agenda**

Advertise for New Councillors: Facebook for the Parish Council:

**117/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. September 2024 at 7.15pm  
Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates 02.10.24: 06.11.24: 04.12.24**

#### **118/2024 Closure of the meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*WSunnucks*  
**Willam Sunnucks**  
Chair

4<sup>th</sup>. September 2024