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Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th. November 2024 at 7.30pm 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 members of the public present.

150/2024 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs T. Rowe and D. Laws

151/2024 Declaration of Members interests

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

152/2024 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 4th. September 2024 and 2nd. October 2024
All Agreed

153/2024 Co-Option

Councillors are requested to receive written application for the office of Parish Councillor and co-opt candidate to fill the vacancy. To receive written applications for the office of Parish Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

Cllr P. Chillingworth proposed that Mrs Denise Stocker be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr B. Walsh seconded. **All Agreed**

Cllr D. Stocker then signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, E Consent form and was given the Register of Interest form to be completed and returned to the Clerk within 28 days.

154/2024 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

155/2024 WCPC bi-monthly meetings. Councillors to discuss changing the meeting dates to bi-monthly
A trial period of 6 months to hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis was agreed, starting in January 2025. An additional meeting could be scheduled at 5 days notice if required to consider a controversial planning application, and that non-controversial responses could be agreed by e-mail. This significant change in the operation of the Parish Council should be communicated to the public via Facebook and the Parish Notice Boards

156/2024 Wakes Colne bus stop planters – update from Cllr B. Walsh

Cllr B. Walsh informed the meeting that the plants that are in the planters are looking dead. New plants and compost is required to brighten up the planters.

Cllr W. Sunnucks proposed spending up to £100 on plants and compost. Cllr P. Chillingworth seconded.
All Agreed

157/2024 Planning Applications

For information only as this is a Mount Bures application

242223 - Barn north of Burnt House Farm Jankes Green Road Wakes Colne CO6 2AT

Application for prior approval for the conversion of agricultural steel barn into one five bedroom dwelling.
Demolition of associated building along the east elevation. Councillors noted this application

158/2024 Planning Decisions made by CCC affecting Wakes Colne

241609 - Loveney's, Middle Green, Wakes Colne Essex CO6 2BJ

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 232839. **Approve Conditional**

241543 - Hushwing Farm Mount Bures Road Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2AP

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 222261. **Approve Conditional**

159/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31st. October 2024

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. October 2024

Councillors also noted that the bank balances totalled £18,184 including £2000 received in relation to the Station Road Speed Indicator Cameras. Also noted was that the Memories project budget could be reduced from £1777 to £777.

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 November 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

d) Grant applications – update on any applications received

No grant applications have been received for the 2024/2025 year

e) WCPC have received £2000 from Colchester City Council Locality fund for the SID and are expecting a further £2000 from ECC

160/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026

Councillors discussed the 2025/2026 budget which will be finalised at the December meeting

Councillors agreed to keep the increase in precept for 2025/2026 to as near zero as possible

161/2024 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, representatives on village committees and Parish Council working groups

Cllr P. Chillingworth reported that the overgrown hedge in Lower Green and that he would call and investigate whether anyone is living there.

162/2024 Items for next agenda

Village notice board: Nominations for the Wakes Colne award

163/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 4th. December 2024 at 7.15pm

164/2024 Councillors to agree the 2025 meeting dates

15.01.25: 05.03.25: 07.05.25: 02.07.25: 03.09.25:

The above dates and any changes to be agreed at the December meeting

165/2024 Closure of the meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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Willam Sunnucks - Chair

4th. December 2024