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Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th. December 2024 at 7.30pm in Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall

Present: Cllrs W. Sunnucks (Chair), P. Chillingworth, D. Stocker, B. Walsh and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).
There was also 2 members of the public present.

166/2024 Apologies for Absence No apologies were received

167/2024 Declaration of Members interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda
Cllr D. Stocker declared an interest in anything relating to the village hall

168/2024 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 6th. November 2024. **All Agreed**

169/2024 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

A resident spoke about the planning application at Rowneys Farm. The resident lives adjacent to the application property the lane is protected and many horses use the lane. Also, ramblers use the lane. Changing a barn to a house requires a major rebuild and will be overlooked to the neighbours. It is a dark sky area.

Is Station Road being looked at following a fatal accident. There has been no report sent to residents or the Parish Council from Essex Police. Improvement to the road is held off by Essex County Council until the report is published.

A consultation for having "remote meetings" conducted by the Government. Cllr P. Chillingworth proposed sending in a response from the Parish Council. **All Agreed**

170/2024 WCPC to stay with monthly meetings?

Following the discussion at the November meeting it is now proposed by Cllr W. Sunnucks to maintain the meeting on a monthly basis. Cllr P. Chillingworth seconded **All Agreed**. The next WCPC meeting is as published on 5th. February 2025 at 7.15pm.

171/2024 Wakes Colne bus stop planters – update from Cllr B. Walsh

No further update but Cllr B. Walsh has spoken to a professional gardener who will advise what plants will be best to place in the planters

172/2024 Wakes Colne Award Scheme – update from Cllr D. Stocker

Cllr D. Stocker complained that the website is not telling residents the full ways to apply for this scheme

173/2024 Planning Applications

241791 - Springfield, Station Road Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2DS

Application for variation of conditions 1 (drawings) and 2 (materials) following grant of planning permission 231702

This application has been approved

242289 - Farm View Lower Green Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2AZ

Demolish existing side single storey extensions, conservatory and porch. New front, side and rear extensions

RESOLVED: No Comment

242298 - Rowneys Farm Crepping Hall Road Wakes Colne

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultura Buildings to 1 x 3 bed and 2 x 4 bed dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.

RESOLVED:

Light pollution affecting the observatory

242359 - Crepping Hall, Crepping Hall Road, Wakes Colne CO6 2AL

Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed agricultural storage building.

RESOLVED:

Agricultural building sited in middle of equine livery business

Not for agricultural use but requires a full planning application

242414 - Broughton Colchester Road Wakes Colne CO6 2BY

Erection of double carport with office over and adjoining store and Gym with WC.

RESOLVED: No objection but neighbours comments should be taken into consideration

174/2024 Planning Decisions made by CCC affecting Wakes Colne

241791 - Springfield, Station Road Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2DS

Application for variation of conditions 1 (drawings) and 2 (materials) following grant of planning permission 231702. **Application Approve Conditional**

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

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

Application Approve Conditional

175/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30th. November 2024

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30th. November 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 December 2024 and January 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

d) Grant applications – update on any applications received

i. Chappel Parish Council requesting £500 for maintenance of the Play Equipment for 2025-2026

Councillors noted the above grant application for 2025-2026

176/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026

Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2025-2026. This item will be finalised when CCC produces the Tax Base figure for 2025-2026

177/2024 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, representatives on village committees and Parish Council working groups

Cllr P. Chillingworth received a complaint from a neighbour about an overgrowing hedge. Cllr Chillingworth called on the occupiers with no response. A neighbour was spoken to when no action in the house was seen. The police were informed but refused to attend. The couple are safe and sound but the problem with the hedge still exists. Are the Parish Council going to take action regarding the hedge with Essex Highways?

The Clerk to report this problem on ECC website.

Cllr B. Walsh spoke about a quotation received for £3323.08p +VAT to remove soil and vegetation from footpath running from Wakes Colne business park to the village hall. This also includes traffic management. Cllr D. Stocker requested that the Council obtains 2 further quotes.

Cllr W. Sunnucks reported as CCC Councillor. Lewis Barber is standing down in May 2025. A lot of talk about devolution with 1 elected Mayor based above Essex County Council. Colchester will be joined with Tendring and Braintree. This will happen before Christmas 2024. The number of Colchester Councillors will be reduced. Colchester budget is underway for 2025-2026. Their accounts have not been signed off for 4 years. The Local Plan review is being undertaken and the "Call for sites" project is being looked at in great detail.

178/2024 Job list – Website: Face book: Notice boards: Events in village: SID:

The Clerk is the Clerk / RFO role: SID – Denise & Paul Stocker: Face book – Cllr B. Walsh

Notice Boards – The Clerk: Website – The Clerk:

179/2024 Items for next agenda

Bus shelters: Entrance signs to the village:

180/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 5th. February 2025 at 7.15pm

181/2024 Councillors to agree the 2025 meeting dates

05.03.25: 02.04.25: 07.05.25: 04.06.25: 02.07.25: 03.09.25: 01.10.25: 05.11.25: 03.12.25

182/2024 Closure of the meeting: To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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Willam Sunnucks - Chair

15th. January 2025