

WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

OF WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM

AT CHAPPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present: Cllr. A. Hannington, Cllr. M. Bowden, Cllr. M. Taylor
Apologies: Cllr. K. Brown, Cllr. P. Cope and Cllr. S. Scrase
Also Present: Twenty one members of public present and invited guest speakers

17/0001	CHAIRMAN	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 23 RD MAY 2016, ALREADY CONFIRMED AND APPROVED/SIGNED/PUBLISHED ON 1 ST JUNE 2016.	INFORMATION
17/0002	CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR WAKES COLNE 2016 Cllr. A. Hannington read out the Chairman's report - see attached Chairman's Report.	INFORMATION
17/0003	HILDA CRESSWELL	PRESENTATION TO HILDA CRESSWELL See attached report, read by Cllr. M. Bowden.	INFORMATION
17/0004	ALL MEMBERS	GUEST SPEAKERS County Councillor, Cllr. A. Brown. Chappel and Wakes Colne Cricket Club Chappel and Wakes Colne Primary School EARM Chappel Millennium Green Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall Committee WI First Responders Community Agents Casualty Reduction Manager for Essex Police, in support of Speed Watch. Speed Watch C.A.U.S.E This was a very informal meeting, and reports were read out by Guest Speakers/Representatives of the above organisations, outlining their activities, and events throughout the year.	INFORMATION
17/0005	ALL MEMBERS	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION	INFORMATION
17/0006	ALL MEMBERS	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY To take place in April/May or June 2018 – This to be confirmed and arranged by Wakes Colne Parish Council. The meeting closed at 9.28pm.	INFORMATION

Signed:.....
Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 7th June 2017



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016/2017

This has been a very quiet year in respect of projects completed. However, several projects have been investigated during this time, but, for various reasons, have either had to be abandoned or events have overtaken them.

For example, following a notification from a resident that lighting to the westbound bus stop/shelter had ceased to function, the Parish Council looked into repairing/replacing the light. Wakes Colne Parish council were successful in obtaining the supply of a new solar light free of charge from Essex County Council. It has also been suggested that the Parish Council look into obtaining another solar light for the other bus shelter; this is currently on the Local Highway Panel list for their consideration.

We were offered a free bus shelter by Essex County Council, but the only other bus route through the parish is the 83 service, from Mount Bures to Colchester. This service does not operate on a bus stop sign type arrangement, the bus simply stops when flagged down, usually outside the passenger's house. So where do you put a new shelter? (We have no need for one).

Another project currently under consideration is the lighting of Station Approach. Parishioners often complain about the lack of adequate lighting in this area (particularly during the long winter nights) after using the later running train service. For this project, we have been asked for a sizeable donation. This is currently being investigated further.

We have also been making various attempts to bring about a review of speed limits from the Mount Bures boundary to the junction with the A1124.

We must congratulate the Bures Road Footpath Scheme for seeing through to physical completion and Public Right of Way status, the recently opened footpath between Station Approach and Spring Gardens Road. This was a project started many years ago by the Parish Council when the land required was in the ownership of Greene King. Due to the expiry dates of several grant opportunities falling during a period of protracted negotiation with the new landowners, the East Anglian Railway

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Museum, this had to be abandoned because the total costs involved would have been beyond sustainable Parish Council funds.

During the year, there have been a few changes within the Parish Council. We have lost Hilda Cresswell to retirement, and will miss her, not only because of her apparently inexhaustible supply of local knowledge, but also for her friendship, humour and help to new councillors. We also lost the services of our Chairperson, Stella Hounslow, due to a deteriorating hearing problem. Stella had led us in recent years with inspirational guidance, for which we can only say, simply and sincerely, many thanks.

Recently joining the Parish Council is Peter Cope, whom we are pleased to welcome in the hope that he enjoys his time with us. We currently have one vacancy available. Please contact our clerk if anyone is interested.

Should you have any questions you wish to direct to Wakes Colne Parish Council then please do come along to one of our monthly public meetings.

The Parish Council will continue to work for Wakes Colne parish to the best of its ability. The Parish Council website contains much information, ranging from profiles of Councillors to council documents and policies, planning applications, minutes of meetings and agendas and much more. Information can be accessed via www.wakescolne.org

Cllr. Allan Hannington - Chairman of Wakes Colne Parish Council

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Item 17/003

Report read by Cllr. M. Bowden on behalf of Hilda Cresswell.

To all, I would like to give a big thank you to each and every one of you for my surprise retirement gift. I am sorry I am not here in person but have been falling about a bit lately. So, it is Diane to the rescue yet again. I came to Wakes Colne in March 1958. I joined the many clubs, etc, that were here at the time. Unfortunately, they have all slowly moved on. Hence my putting my name forward for election. Somehow, I was successful and have been ever since. I have enjoyed my time here trying to help all and sundry. I do hope there is someone out there willing to take the challenge. Once again, many thanks to all. I would just like to say, during the war when I was a little girl I had a thick cardboard plaque on my bedroom wall by Patience Strong which said: 'I shall pass this way but once, if there is any good to be done let me do it now, for I will not pass this way again.' A very good thought.

Thank you again, Hilda.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

- County Councillor, Cllr. A. Brown.
- Chappel and Wakes Colne Cricket Club
- Chappel and Wakes Colne Primary School
- EARM
- Chappel Millennium Green
- Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall Committee
- WI
- First Responders
- Community Agents
- Casualty Reduction Manager for Essex Police, in support of Speed Watch.
- Speed Watch
- C.A.U.S.E

Item 17/005

Various questions were asked throughout item 17/004.

Item 17/006

Next meeting to be arranged.

Meeting Closed at 9.28pm

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