

# WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

### OF WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM

AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL

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**Present:** Cllr. S. Scrase, Cllr. M. Bowden, Cllr. M. Taylor,  
Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr. K. Brown

**Also Present:** Twenty-Two members of public present and invited guest speakers

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19/0001	CHAIRMAN	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2018, ALREADY CONFIRMED AND APPROVED/SIGNED/PUBLISHED ON 23RD MAY 2018.
19/0002	CHAIRMAN	<b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR WAKES COLNE 2018/2019</b> Cllr. S. Scrase read out the Chairman's report - see attached Chairman's Report.
19/0003	CHRIS EATON	<b>PRESENTATION TO CHRIS EATON.</b> Wakes Colne Parish Council Award for 2018, certificate and wine presented to Chris Eaton by Cllr. S. Scrase
19/0004	ALL MEMBERS	<b>GUEST SPEAKERS</b> Chappel Parish Council EARM Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall Committee WI The Church (Representing both Churches) Speed Watch Royal British Legion Broadband  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.
19/0005	ALL MEMBERS	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ QUESTION &amp; ANSWER SESSION</b> Various questions were asked throughout item 19/0005.
19/0006	ALL MEMBERS	Date of next meeting. To take place from 1st March to 1st June 2020 inclusive – This to be confirmed and arranged by Wakes Colne Parish Council. The meeting closed at 7.40pm

### Item 19/002

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019

This report covers the period from April 2018 to March 2019 for Wakes Colne Parish Council.

I was elected Chairman at the May 2019 Meeting having been Vice Chairman for a couple of years. My replacement as Vice Chairman is Councillor Kathy Brown, who has served as a Councillor for a number of years. Both of us have been supported by Councillor Maggie Bowden and Councillor Monica Taylor.

The need for a new Chairman was required following the sudden death of Allan

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

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Hannington before Christmas. Allan had served the Council for about nine years and I pay tribute to his unstinting service on behalf of Wakes Colne Village.

Whilst paying tribute, I also wish to honour our Parish Clerk, Diane Jacob, who carries out the role in a most professional manner and helps to advise the Council on a whole number of varied subjects. Diane, along with Councillor Kathy Brown, has spent a considerable period of time working to achieve the Quality Gold Award, a top benchmark for local Councils. We are one of a very few small Councils to achieve this award. Our certificate is displayed in the Village Hall having been presented to us at the Mayors Parlour in January with The Mayor and Mayoress in attendance.

Overall we have tried to run a tight ship in relation to budget control and by stealth have obtained over the years savings on a number of items, which includes LED street lighting, auditor's fees and insurance. Nevertheless, we have raised the precept by 3%, the first rise since 2015, but this pales into insignificance when compared with both District and County Councils.

Following favourable reports from people using the station, especially regarding safety, we have extended the solar powered pedestrian lighting in Station Approach and have had a laminated sign made which informs the public about our involvement with the lighting. Other undertakings include:

- Helping to subsidise the WW1 100 year centenary lunch at the Village Hall.
- Organising two litter picks.
- Planting a tree on the Millennium field to commemorate the ending of the WW1.
- A grant to the Village Reporter to cover insurance.
- A grant to Chappel Parish Council for maintenance of the children's play area.
- A grant to the Village Hall towards the improvement of the entrance.
- Organising repairs to the handrail on Footpath 21.
- Sharing costs with Chappel Parish Council to take over the defibrillator.
- Keeping in touch with Howard Walkden the local Broadband Champion regarding the County Broadband scheme.
- Trying to progress a Station Road traffic calming scheme.
- Organising the erection of a village sign near the Water Tower.
- Continuing to maintain and run the Telephone Book Exchange at two locations.
- Presenting the annual Wakes Colne Award to an outstanding Village supporter.

As a Council we will endeavour to improve life within the village for the benefit of our parishioners but it must be emphasised that we do need to increase the number of Councillors from four to seven to spread the load. Therefore, I appeal to anyone who wants to take a pride in helping to run Wakes Colne Parish Council to contact our Parish Clerk for more information and an application form.

### **Item 19/003**

Presentation to Chris Eaton by Cllr. S. Scrase for the Wakes Colne Award 2018. For outstanding work in supporting Parishioners of Wakes Colne and adjacent Villages.

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**Item 19/004**

This was a very informal meeting, and reports were read out by Representatives of the following organisations, outlining their activities, and events throughout the year.

**GUEST SPEAKERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Chappel Parish Council
- EARM
- Chappel and Wakes Colne Village Hall Committee
- WI
- The Church (Representing both Churches)
- Speed Watch
- Royal British Legion
- Broadband

**Item 19/005**

Various questions were asked throughout item 19/004.

**Item 19/006**

Next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

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Chairperson of the Parish Council

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