

**Minutes of the Wakes Colne Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on
Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.15pm**

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND GOVERNMENT ADVICE THIS VIRTUAL MEETING WAS BE HELD BY **MICROSOFT TEAMS**

In the Chair: Cllr. S. Scrase
 Present: Cllrs: Cllr. J. Fisher, Cllr. T. Hardy-Stotz, Cllr. A. Scrase, Cllr. M. Taylor, Cllr. H. Wastaney
 Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob
 Cllr. P. Chillingworth and one member of the public.

	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
20/124	All Members	Welcome & Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone and confirmed the resignation of Kathy Brown. Thanks, were expressed to Kathy Brown for all her previous commitment to the Parish Council.
20/125	All Members	Vice-Chairman. Cllr. M. Taylor was elected as Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. H. Wastaney, seconded by Cllr. T. Hardy-Stotz, all in favour, resolution passed.
20/126	All Members	Declaration of Interests. None.
20/127	All Members	Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. A member of the public spoke regarding planning application Ref: 201363 Parkhurst Green Farm, Parkhurst Green Lane, Wakes Colne: Conversion of existing Nissen hut to private residential dwelling with access, parking and ancillaries. A group of immediate residents strongly object to this planning application. The development is outside the village envelope and not in-keeping with the rural area. They will send their grounds for objection direct to Colchester Borough Council .
20/128	All Members	Ward and County Councillors to address the members if present. A report was received in advance of the online meeting from Cllr Chillingworth as follows: The Governance Committee at Colchester Borough Council have been asked to consider how successful the virtual meetings have been recently and whether there is a case for adopting the system for some meetings to continue virtually on a permanent basis. There are pros and cons and some money could be saved; members could spend fewer evenings out at meetings during inclement weather in the winter; but at the expense of meeting colleagues on a regular basis with better social interaction. Records show relatively good virtual attendance by the public at the Planning Committee (over 400 for one dealing with a major development in West Mersea) and Full Council (over 300) via the YouTube platform. The government are suggesting local authorities consider merging to create larger unitary authorities. Essex County Council are discussing with other council leaders what this might mean for Essex. From the week commencing 17th August, the temporary increase in black bag collection will cease and will revert to the normal collection of up to 3 bags per household. The green bin collection is currently under review. Following on from the Local Plan Inspector’s letter earlier in July that proposed modifications to remove West Tey and the garden community west of Braintree from the Plan, with the alternative that the whole plan was withdrawn, the Local Plan Committee decided to accept his modifications and put these out to public consultation. The deferred Wakes Colne Mill application returned to the Planning Committee on 9th July. A member of the public and myself provided additional written representations, although were not allowed to speak as this was a deferment and not a new application. Despite our best efforts, the Committee approved the 2 new dwellings by 1 vote to include a privately run meadow. I watched the debate via YouTube and noticed that 16 others also watched. I have not changed my view that this will significantly affect the setting of the heritage asset.
20/129	All Members	Minutes. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 st July 2020. Proposed by Cllr. M. Taylor, seconded by Cllr. H. Wastaney, all in favour, resolution passed.
20/130	All Members	Planning Matters. Ref: 201363

		<p>Parkhurst Green Farm, Parkhurst Green Lane, Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2BL Conversion of existing Nissen hut to private residential dwelling with access, parking and ancillaries. Objection The development is outside the Village envelope. Increased traffic flow onto narrow country lanes. The bat and bird survey is out of date and has the wrong address on it. The plan submitted with the application is incorrect and misleading, it does not show the newly formed entrance drive off Parkhurst Lane but includes a dangerous blind entrance on the corner of Parkhurst Lane and Middle Green which should have been blocked up and landscaped as a condition under a previous planning application. The design of the property is not in-keeping with the rural area. May constitute change of use and there was insufficient detail about the design and fire safety precautions Proposed by Cllr. A. Scrase, seconded by Cllr. M. Taylor, Cllr. S. Scrase, Cllr. J. Fisher and Cllr. H. Wastaney in favour, Cllr. T. Hardy-Stotz abstained, resolution passed. Cllr Chillingworth to call this application into Colchester Borough Council planning committee. Ref: 201509 Old Railway Tavern, Station Road, Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2DS Two storey and single storey rear extension and replacement single storey side extension Objection Over development of the site. The proposed design may not be in-keeping with the rural area. An application should be made for Heritage status. Proposed by Cllr. S. Scrase, seconded by Cllr. J. Fisher, Cllr. H. Wastaney, Cllr. A. Scrase in favour, Cllr. T. Hardy-Stotz and Cllr. M. Taylor abstained, resolution passed. Ref: 201454 Virley Cottage, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2BY Application to discharge condition 4 of planning permission 192680 This was for information only.</p>
20/131	All Members	<p>Public Footpath Officer. Cllr. June Fisher elected as the Wakes Colne Public Footpath Officer. Proposed by Cllr. M. Taylor, seconded by Cllr. H. Wastaney, all in favour, resolution passed.</p>
20/132	All Members	<p>Date of Next Meeting. Parish Council virtual meeting 2nd September at 7.15pm, held by Microsoft Teams. Meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p>