

**WE MEET AT
THE VILLAGE HALL,
COLCHESTER ROAD,
WAKES COLNE**

AT 7.15PM

ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Agenda for Meetings

are available on the Notice Boards
situated near the Post Office on the A1124

and

on
the Notice Board at the end of Inworth Road, Lower
Green

and

Website - www.wakescolne.org

Please click on our Website
www.wakescolne.org
for up-to-date information

Contacts

The Councillors serving during the municipal year

2016/2017 were:

Chairman: Cllr. Allan Hannington

Vice Chairman: Cllr. Stephen Scrase

Cllr. M. Bowden, Cllr. K. Brown, Cllr. Peter Cope,
and Cllr M. Taylor

Contact can be made with any
Parish Councillor through the Parish Clerk

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WAKES COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Working for Your Parish

ANNUAL REPORT



Municipal Year
2016 - 2017



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 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

Other responsibilities are:

Public Footpaths Working Group Members:- Maggie Bowden, Kathy Brown, Stephen Scrase, Monica Taylor and 1 member of the public, David Green

The LHP Working Group Members: - Allan Hannington, Monica Taylor and 1 member of the public, Aaron Dixey

Planning and Liaison Member: – Allan Hannington

Personnel Committee Members: – Maggie Bowden, Allan Hannington, Monica Taylor

Village Hall Representative: - Stephen Scrase

Millennium Green Representative: - Monica Taylor

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2017

Wakes Colne Parish Council

Financial Year ending 31 March 2017

Prepared by Diane Jacob Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Opening Bank Balances as at 1st April 2016	
Current (net of un-presented cheques)	£7,607.73
Deposit at Barclays	£15,769.25
TOTAL	£23,376.98
Petty Cash float (if applicable)	N/A
Add total Receipts during year	£14,212.67
Less total Payments during year	£12,450.04
Closing Balances as at 31st March 2017	£25,139.61
Represented by:	
Current Account	£9,364.45
Plus prepayments/ late cash receipts	-
LESS un-presented cheques	
Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall	101016 £78.00
Mow & Mend	101017 £50.00
D. Jacob (expenses for March)	101018 £75.85
Richard Edwards Group LLP	101018 £55.80
Colchester Borough Council	101020 £60.34
	£319.00
Net balance of current account	£9,364.45
Deposit A/C at Barclays	£15,775.16
TOTAL NET FUNDS HELD at 31st March 2017	£25,139.61
Closing balance per cash book (Receipts and payment) book as at 31 March 2017 (must equal net balances - Box 8)	

Chairperson.....Date 17th May 2017

Responsible Financial Officer.....Date 17th May 2017

(Subject to external audit)