

**Minutes of the Wakes Colne Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.15pm in Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall**

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Taylor
 Present: Cllrs: Cllr. K. Brown, Cllr. S. Scrase
 Clerk: Mrs D. Jacob
 1 member of the public

	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
19/021	All Members	Welcome & apologies for absence. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. M. Bowden (due to family commitments). Chairman. Cllr. M. Taylor was elected Chairman for the February meeting. Proposed by Cllr. K. Brown, seconded by Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour, resolution passed.
19/022	All Members	Chairman's Declaration of Office – Cllr. M. Taylor signed declaration of office.
19/023	All Members	Vice-Chairman. Cllr. S. Scrase was elected Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. K. Brown, seconded by Cllr. M. Taylor, all in favour, resolution passed.
19/024	Vice-Chairman	Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Office – Cllr. S. Scrase signed declaration of office.
19/025	All Members	Declaration of Interests. None.
19/026	All Members	Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. Council members expressed thanks to the Mayor of Colchester for allowing the Quality Gold Award presentation to take place at the Town Hall.
19/027	All Members	Ward and County Councillors to address the members if present. Cllr Chillingworth reported that the budget for Colchester Borough Council (CBC) will soon approve a rise of 2.97% in council tax, which will equate to £190.62 for a Band D property. CBC are keen to build more Council houses on Council land. The signs around Colchester will change to read Britain's First City referencing Roman Times, to encourage tourism. Timberlands, previously granted agricultural building consent, have now applied for change of use to commercial; planning enforcement have been in contact. In view of only four out of seven councillors on WCPC and the difficulty in filling posts, Cllr Chillingworth raised the question as to whether Wakes Colne Parish Council would consider a possible merger with Chappel Parish Council, if no one else comes forward to stand for election in May. The Chairman asked the Clerk to find out the current position from Colchester Borough Council and asked for this item to be on the March agenda for discussion. In response to a question from Cllr S. Scrase about unpaid Council rent, Cllr Chillingworth confirmed that there was always about 5% of unpaid rent; help is available from Colchester Borough Council to help residents with their budgets, etc.
19/028	All Members	To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 th January 2019. Proposed by Cllr. K. Brown, seconded by Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour, resolution passed.
19/029	All Members	Planning Matters. Ref: 183097 and 183098 Wakes Green House, Lower Green, Wakes Colne (This was an error on the agenda). Barn East Of Old House Farm, Bures Road, Wakes Colne Colchester CO6 2DR A new WC and shower and WC within existing tractor shed, new disabled access ramp within existing walk-through space. Weatherboarding over existing window in tractor shed. This application follows on from approvals 181753 and 181754. No Objection Proposed by Cllr. S. Scrase, seconded by Cllr. K. Brown, all in favour, resolution passed.
19/030	All Members	Highways. Item 1. To discuss traffic calming along A1124 – There is already a proposal into Highways regarding the A1124. Highway officers have suggested looking at relocating some of the existing signing /repeaters as some of the signs are worn or are hidden

		<p>within vegetation and can no longer be seen. It has also been recommended installing 30mph carriageway roundels next to each of the repeaters to highlight the speed limit.</p> <p>Item 2. Station Road – It is now six years since our original proposal, it is increasingly dangerous for pedestrians using Station Road, Cllr. M. Taylor to write to Kevin Bentley to update on Station Road, and try to arrange a site meeting. To be on the next agenda.</p>																											
19/031	All Members	<p>Parish Public Footpaths Working Group.</p> <p>Item 1. Footpath at Tyburn Hill. It was noted that the footpath at Tyburn Hill has been included and approved in the planning application. This would link up our footpath network.</p> <p>Item 2. General update. An email is to be sent to the Footpath Working Group to ask if they can highlight any signage that requires attention when they undertake their footpath walks in the Spring.</p>																											
19/032	All Members	<p>Broadband.</p> <p>The promotional posters, leaflets, etc, have now gone out from County Broadband, still awaiting further uptake to the offer from residents.</p>																											
19/033	All Members	<p>Lights at the EARM.</p> <p>Clerk to report to Greater Anglia that the lights on the slope not working.</p> <p>Further information required from the EARM regarding the 'up-lighter' to be placed near the sign pointing to the station entrance.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. K. Brown, seconded by Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour, resolution passed.</p>																											
19/034	All Members	<p>Financial Matters.</p> <p>1) Financial Statement for January/ February (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="517 792 1377 1128"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>CHEQUE No.</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>T Mobile (For January) Inv. No. V01579004111</td> <td>DD</td> <td>13.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Jacob (Salary for January)</td> <td>SO</td> <td>460.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adjustment for D. Jacob (Salary for January)</td> <td>200052</td> <td>21.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essex Pension Fund (For January)</td> <td>SO</td> <td>106.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adjustment for Essex Pension Fund (January)</td> <td>200053</td> <td>17.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Jacob (Expenses for January)</td> <td>200054</td> <td>59.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A & J Lighting (Inv. No. 32543)</td> <td>DD</td> <td>46.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall Inv. No.0119 (Hall Hire for January)</td> <td>200055</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2) MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENT. Received and noted.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. M. Taylor, Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour, resolution passed.</p>		CHEQUE No.	TOTAL	T Mobile (For January) Inv. No. V01579004111	DD	13.06	D. Jacob (Salary for January)	SO	460.00	Adjustment for D. Jacob (Salary for January)	200052	21.91	Essex Pension Fund (For January)	SO	106.77	Adjustment for Essex Pension Fund (January)	200053	17.44	D. Jacob (Expenses for January)	200054	59.17	A & J Lighting (Inv. No. 32543)	DD	46.80	Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall Inv. No.0119 (Hall Hire for January)	200055	25.00
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19/035	Clerk	<p>Training.</p> <p>Item 1. Agreed to the Clerk attending a Pension Workshop Course at the Town Hall, Colchester in February organised by Essex County Council. (Free of Charge.)</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. K. Brown, Cllr. S. Scrase, all in favour, resolution passed.</p> <p>Item 2. Agreed to the Clerk attending a Risk Assessment Course at the EALC in June 2019. (cost £110.00; invoice possibly to be split between the 3 Parish Councils for which the Clerk works).</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. S. Scrase, Cllr. M. Taylor, all in favour, resolution passed.</p>																											
19/036	Clerk	<p>Clerk's Report.</p> <p>Received and noted.</p>																											
19/037	All Members	<p>Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th March 2019 (7.15pm)</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.25pm.</p>																											