

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.
Present: Cllrs. Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. C. Cordingley,
Mr. N. Ingram, Mr. T. Langley & Mr. P. Neubauer.
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also Present Cllr. Peter Chillingworth and three members of the public.

08/36 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Ingram was not present at the start of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed those present and commented on the good weather. The Chairman informed the meeting that she had spoken with Cllr. Ingram who was delayed by work, but hoped to arrive soon.

The formal Council meeting was suspended to allow:

08/37 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr. T. Crozier expressed disappointment that Chappel Parish Council had not been better represented at meetings of the Village Appraisal Group. Cllr. Neubauer reminded the meeting that a Village Appraisal Group should be independent of Councils and should produce a report to help inform future decisions of Councils.

08/38 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR AND POLICE REPORTS:

CBC Councillor Peter Chillingworth addressed the meeting on four issues:

- The caravan that caused concern in Vernons Road had now been removed, but Councillors were urged to remain vigilant in case it returned.
- Cllr. Chillingworth sought confirmation that the Clerk had received details of times re the Freighter Scheme.
- The recycling scheme had been extended to cover all plastic waste.
- New Planning Regulations have come into force and new applicants will be required to complete a form called 1APPS.

Arising from discussion Cllr. Chamley raised the matter of an on-going water leak in Vernons Road.

The formal Council meeting restarted at 7.41 p.m..

08/39 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

08/40 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13TH 2008.

Council considered the draft minutes as circulated.

***RESOLUTION 12/08. THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2008 BE ACCEPTED, WITHOUT***

AMENDMENT, AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Belcham. For: All

08/41 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING HELD MARCH 12TH 2008.

Council considered the draft minutes as circulated.

Cllr. Ingram arrived at the meeting at 7.48 p.m.

RESOLUTION 13/08. THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2008 BE ACCEPTED, WITHOUT AMENDMENT, AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Chamley. For: 4. Abstentions: 2 (Cllrs. Belcham and Langley, both being absent from the previous meeting.)

08/42 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING.

- Cllr. Chamley reminded the meeting that any call for an election to fill the vacant position of Councillor would need to be Registered with Colchester Borough Council by 25th April.
- Cllr. Chamley informed the meeting that she had received notice of resignation from Mrs. Wilson, the Village Ranger. Cllr. Chamley said that Mrs. Wilson (and Mr. Wilson) would be greatly missed, having served the Village for some thirteen years. It was agreed that the Vacancy be advertised on the Web-site, the Village Notice Board and if possible, in the Post Office.
- A letter from Mr. Wilson was read to the meeting, and it was also to be passed to the Editor of the Village Magazine for publication.
- The new hand-rail on the footpath bridge near Observatory Cottage was noted.
- A request for grant funding for new goal posts had been made, and was being processed.
- A NAP meeting was to be held in Chappel immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting on 11th June.
- Mention was made of an opportunity to receive training to become a “first-responder”.

08/43 CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence received by the Clerk was available for inspection. A letter regarding dog fouling in Spring Gardens Road was the subject of a question – the Clerk confirmed that the matter had been referred to Colchester Borough Council for investigation.

08/44 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Two accounts were presented for approval:

Mrs E Wilson – Village Rangers pay – 15 hours at the new rate

G&J Barron – re handrail, £78 + VAT = £91 . 65.

RESOLUTION. 14/08. THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

Proposed: Cllr. Langley Seconded: Cllr. Ingram For: All.

The Clerk confirmed that the recently submitted claim for the repayment of VAT in the sum of £3,421.65 had been received in full.

No further financial comments were available from the Clerk.

08/45 PLANNING MATTERS.

Council considered application 080476 concerning a proposed means of enclosure at Viaduct Lodge, Colchester Road.

RESOLUTION: 15/08. THAT THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING REGARDING APPLICATION 080476 TO EXPRESS NO CONCERNS.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Belcham. For: All.

Council then considered applications 080582 and 080583 both at Homeleigh, The Street, concerning the proposed demolition of an existing front wall and erection of 2m. high wooden gates. Council decided that no objections be expressed subject to a satisfactory outcome from a site visit. It was agreed that the Clerk should forewarn the occupier of the property of the site visit.

RESOLUTION 16/08: THAT THE CLERK, SUBJECT TO A SATISFACTORY SITE VISIT, BE INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING REGARDING APPLICATIONS 080582 AND 080583 TO EXPRESS NO CONCERNS.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Chamley For: All.

08/33 MEMBERS QUESTIONS.

Cllr. Langley asked "Arising from last months Public Questions could the Village Appraisal Group be requested to supply Council with a statement of progress and plans?"

During discussion it became apparent that a document, being a report of the Village Appraisal Group, was in circulation.

RESOLUTION: 17/08: THAT THE CHAIRMAN TRY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY VAG DOCUMENT CURRENTLY BEING CIRCULATED, AND THAT IT BE FURTHER CIRCULATED TO ALL COUNCILLORS.

Proposed: Cllr. Chamley Seconded: Cllr. Neubauer For: All.

08/34 TO AGREE MEETINGS DIARY FOR YEAR APRIL 2008 – MARCH 2009.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners be held on 30th April, with Wakes Colne Parish Council being invited to attend

It was further agreed that the AGM of Chappel Parish Council be held at 7.30 p.m. on May 14th with the usual monthly Council meeting immediately following.

It was further agreed that the future meetings be held on the second Wednesday of every month, with the exception of August when there would be no meeting.

08/35 TO AGREE DETAIL REGARDING "NO PARKING" SIGNAGE ON VG113.

The placing of temporary signage to help deter parking on VG113 was discussed.

RESOLUTION. 18/08: THAT TEMPORARY “NO PARKING” SIGNS BE ERECTED, AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS, TO HELP DETER PARKING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

Proposed: Cllr. Langley Seconded: Cllr. Cordingley For: All.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.46 P.M.
DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14TH MAY 2008.**

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE