

# CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2009  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

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In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.  
Present: Mr. C. Cordingley, Mr. N. Ingram, Mr. T. Langley,  
Mrs. H. Leftley & Mr. P. Neubauer.  
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.  
Also Present Colchester Borough Councillor Peter Chillingworth, and  
two members of the Public.

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## **09/101 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Belcham who was unable to attend owing to work commitments.

The formal Council meeting was suspended at 7.32 p.m. to allow:

## **09/102 PUBLIC FORUM.**

Mr. Crozier asked a question relating to the proposed replacement of the bridge in The Street. The Clerk supplied information supplied by Mouchel. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact ECC Cllr. Anne Brown to see if there was any possibility of getting an environmental weight restriction applied to the bridge.

## **09/103 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR.**

CBC Councillor Peter Chillingworth addressed the meeting about waste recycling and the options available to Colchester Borough Council to encourage improved recycling rates.

The formal Council meeting continued at 7.44 p.m.

## **09/104 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr. Ingram declared in interest in Finance item 09/109 (Receiving payment).  
Cllr. Cordingley declared interests in items 09/113 and 09/117 (immediate neighbour in both matters).

## **09/105 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –MEETING HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

***RESOLUTION 09/42 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE***

## ***RECORD OF THE MEETING.***

Proposed Cllr Chamley      Seconded Cllr Langley      For 5. Abstention. 1.

### **09/106      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –MEETING HELD 12THAUGUST.**

#### ***RESOLUTION 09/43 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup>AUGUST 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.***

Proposed Cllr. Neubauer      Seconded Cllr. Ingram      For 6.

### **09/107      CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING.**

Cllr. Chamley addressed the meeting, commenting on various issues:

- The play safety bark had been delivered and installed on 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- The footbridge on the footpath between Viaduct Farm and the Mill was being repaired and repainted. Councillors were urged to view the “Welfare Pod” supplied for the comfort of the workers.
- Malcolm Dayd and Alan Blythe had inspected the ditch outside Cllr. Leftley’s home (house name??)
- Concern had been expressed over an overgrown hedge in Spring Gardens Road, owned by N. Percival.
- The Footpath alongside the main road (A1085??) was to be resurfaced between “Shambles” and the Viaduct.
- Anglian Water had supplied a quotation for £1604 to connect the allotments water system to the mains. Arising, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact AW to instruct that the works commence as soon as possible.

### **09/108      CORRESPONDENCE.**

All mail received by the Clerk was on Public display. The Clerk brought the Auditors Report to the attention of Council. It was agreed that the documents would be made available for Public viewing at Bacons Farm.

### **09/109      FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

The Clerk informed Council that three payments had been received:

- £4600 from Essex County Council, being the balance of the Allotments CIF Grant.
- £1631.85 from the Essex Environmental Trust –being part of the Allotments Project Grant
- £500 from Wakes Colne Parish Council being a contribution towards the upkeep of the play equipment.

The Clerk presented three invoices for consideration:

- Audit Commission – External Audit fee - £135 + VAT
- Mr. N. Ingram – Safety surfacing material (payment on delivery only) £900 + VAT
- Village Ranger- 17 hours at usual rate.

***RESOLUTION 09/44 THAT THE THREE ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.***

Proposed Cllr. Leftley Seconded Cllr. Chamley For 5. Abstention. 1. (declared interest)

**09/110 PLANNING MATTERS:**

No recent decisions or new applications had been received.

**09/111 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS.**

No questions had been received.

**09/117 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATION IN VERNONS ROAD, AND RELATED MATTERS.**

This item was dealt with out of Agenda order.

The matter of the Planning Application was to be heard in the Moot Hall with an Officers recommendation to refuse the application. It had been decided that each “side” in the application should be allowed a total of nine minutes to make representation. As representatives from Wakes Colne PC were not available it was suggested that the time might best be split into two parts with Matt thorn and Cllr. Chamley, although this could not be a certainty as time was allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

**09/112 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING SPEED CAMERA TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT.**

There were four people who had offered to be trained but this was insufficient to warrant a training session. It was agreed that a further appeal for volunteers would be made in “The Reporter”.

**09/113 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING, AND TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENTS AT, TIMBERLANDS FARM .**

Arising from expressed concerns that an unauthorised build was taking place at Timberlands Farm Council were informed that it was a slow build, that awaited completion, and was, in fact, authorized.

**09/114 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING, AND TO CONSIDER REVISING, THE EMERGENCY PLAN FOR CHAPPEL AND WAKES COLNE**

Cllr. Chamley and the Wakes Colne Clerk have been working towards producing a joint Chappel and Wakes Colne Plan to be presented to both Councils when complete.

**09/115 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING , AND TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLNE STOUR ASSOCIATION.**

***RESOLUTION 09/45 THAT CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COLNE STOUR ASSOCIATION AT ANNUAL COST OF £5.***

Proposed Cllr. Cordingley Seconded Cllr. Neubauer For 6.

**09/116 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING , AND TO CONSIDER PLANNING TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS.**

Of those present six Councillors expressed an interest in attending training on Planning matters. The Clerk considered that at least three Councillors at Mount Bures would also be interested. It was informally agreed that an attempt be made to organise a session of training for Councillors from various local Councils.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

The next meeting of Chappel Parish Council will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Signed ..... Dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009.