

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2009 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. A. Langley, Mrs. H. Leftley and Mr. P. Neubauer.
Clerk: Mrs. V. Burrows.
Also Present: Cllr. Peter Chillingworth and seven members of the public.

09/148: Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

The formal Council Meeting was suspended to allow:

09/149: Public Forum.

Members of the public asked the following questions:

- ❖ **Would a weight restriction be put on the new bridge that was being proposed on The Street?** Cllr. Chamley advised that Wakes Colne had a Councillor who had just recently joined the Parish Council and he had advised that Essex County Council do not put weight restrictions on new bridges anymore as they are built to withstand the largest and heaviest of lorries. Wakes Colne's new Councillor Mr Allan Hannington works for a contractor who in turn works for Essex County Council. Cllr. Chamley advised that Cllr. Hannington had offered to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th April 2010 to present the project. It was also noted that a member of the public was not happy that a separate footbridge was being proposed as at present the pedestrians apparently slow the traffic down. Cllr. Chillingworth suggested that if more information was requested the member of the public could attend Wakes Colne's meeting in January 2010.
- ❖ **Why are the 1st eleven football team not playing on the football field?** Cllr. Chamley advised that she did not know but would endeavour to find out and report back at the next meeting.
- ❖ **Planning application No: 091466.** Several members of the public had concerns over this application and mainly about Turners listed building status. It was noted that the property was in a bad state of repair and something needed to be done. The plans for the proposed new dwelling have no provision for a garage area and had a very small limited area for parking and / or turning. It was noted that the proposed new dwelling would be within the village envelope but the garden would not, therefore causing some confusion. It was also noted that a previous application had been turned down but it was not know when. It was agreed that the Council would submit comments reflecting all the issues that arose.
- ❖ **What was happening about the speeding traffic on Swan Street and the white lines?** Cllr. Chamley advised that a meeting had been set up with Malcolm Dade from the Highways Department at Essex County Council to address some of these concerns.

09/150: Colchester Borough Council Councillor.

Cllr. Peter Chillingworth spoke briefly on the following issues:

- ❖ Waste & Recycling. Cllr. Chillingworth was concerned following the parish meeting in Great Tey that the Courier had not been received and therefore people had not had the opportunity to comment on the Waste & Recycling Consultation.
- ❖ R.C.C.E 2020 Vision for Rural Essex. It was noted that this was a very interesting document and would be useful to the Council. It was agreed the Clerk would call the R.C.C.E. and obtain a copy.

The formal Council Meeting continued at 8.00 p.m.

09/151: Declarations of Interests.

Cllrs. S. Chamley and P. Neubauer declared a 'Personal & Prejudicial' interest in agenda item 09/156 Planning Application No: 091466.

09/152: Confirmation of Minutes – meeting held 11th November 2009.

Resolution 09/052. That the draft minutes that had been circulated prior to the meeting be approved as being a true record of the meeting held on 11th November 2009.

Proposed: Cllr. R Belcham. Seconded: Cllr. C Cordingley. For: 5. Abstentions 2.

09/153: Chairman's Briefing.

The Chairman opened by advising that due to it being December and also having a look at the budget the Chairman's Briefing had been sent out prior to the meeting. See attached sheet. Some points contained in the report were touched on briefly and the following was agreed:

- ❖ The Clerk would get in touch with the insurance company about the sheltered seat for the elderly to see if they could remove the debris via the insurance route.
- ❖ Cllr. Belcham & Cllr. Chamley would attend the free trees give away in January.
- ❖ Suggested guest speakers for 2010 were the Police, footpath representatives and the RCCE.

Finally Cllr. Chamley advised that attached to the briefing was next year's meeting dates and a list of abbreviations of organisations we use frequently.

Diary Dates:

14 th December CALC Meeting at Dedham	Sue Chamley to attend
15 th December Clerks Forum	Valerie Burrows to attend
5 th January NAP meeting at Chappel & Wakes Village Hall	Sue Chamley to attend
15 th January Emergency Planning Meeting Update	Sue Chamley to attend

09/154: Correspondence.

All mail received was on public display.

09/155: Financial Matters.

The Clerk spoke briefly about the finances advising of the account balances. She confirmed that no monies had been received this month and five invoices were for consideration:

V Burrows: Clerk salary at the agreed rate and monthly expenses.

Village Ranger: for 17 hours worked in November at the usual rate.

CBC Electricity: £385.66
A & J Lighting: £4,330.90
SLCC Membership: £48.75 (Money paid to Wakes Colne 10 mths pro rota subs.).

Resolution 09/053. That the five invoices as detailed be approved for immediate payment.

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

The Clerk went on to speak about the financial statement for December which had been produced to clarify the situation with the budget.

The Council then went on to discuss the budget in full and it was agreed that this would be on the Agenda again in January. Several Council members requested further information on the current financial situation. The Clerk was instructed to collate the information and send out ASAP.

09/156: Planning Matters.

The Clerk had received two Planning Application for consideration:

091402: Fairfield, Chappel Hill, Chappel, Colchester, CO6 2DT. Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension. It was agreed that in its current state this dwelling was not liveable in by modern standards. The Clerk was asked to submit comments saying that the Council expressed no concerns beyond wishing to be satisfied that any neighbour was also content with the proposal.

091466: Turners, Swan Street, Chappel, Colchester, CO6 2EA. Erection of a detached 1½ storey cottage style dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access. Comments the Council wish to be taken into consideration are as follows:

- ❖ The grade 2 listed building status of Turners.
- ❖ Sympathetic dwelling to be in-keeping with the listed building and the surrounding area.
- ❖ The garden of the new property not being in the village envelope.
- ❖ The outbuildings in the garden area have not been mentioned.
- ❖ No plans for a garage within the application.
- ❖ Increase in traffic on Swan Street and Bacons Lane.

09/157: Member's Questions.

No questions were received.

To receive the following Reports from Councillors/Clerk:

09/158: Clerk's Contract to Chappel Parish Council.

All members had received a copy of the amended contract and it was agreed the contract could be signed.

Resolution 09/054 that the amended Clerk's Contract be signed.

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

09/159: CIF Grant Application.

Cllr. Chamley advised she had attended a meeting with John Leftley last week Re: purchasing the land the play equipment is on. At present the Council is waiting for a letter giving full details of the proposal. The cost of the land has been valued at £7,500.

09/160: Sheltered Seat for the Elderly Update.

It was discussed that once this issue was sorted out Wakes Colne Parish Council should be approached and asked for this to be insured on their policy, as it was actually in Wakes Colne. It was suggested that the Clerk get in touch with the insurance company and try and get things moving. It was also noted that the Small Works Team at CBC had been contacted and at present we were awaiting confirmation that they could remove the debris and provide us with a quote.

The meeting closed at 9.27 p.m.
Date of next meeting – 13th January 2010.

Signed Chairman:

Date: 13th January 2010.