

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 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.
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also Present Cllr. Peter Chillingworth and two members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Police Neighbourhood Action Panel, the Parish Council Meeting began at 7.35 p.m..

08/052 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Chairman welcomed those present. Cllr. Neubauer had been delayed in London and sent his apologies should he not be able to attend.

The formal meeting was suspended to allow:

08/053 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions had been received by the Clerk.

08/054 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR

Colchester Borough Council Councillor Peter Chillingworth addressed Council regarding BT's plans to remove the telephone kiosk in Wakes Colne, and possible ways of deterring heavy traffic from using the "rat run" between the A120 and Bures.

The formal meeting recommenced at 7.42.

08/055 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No declarations were made.

08/056 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MAY14TH.

The Draft Minutes were considered and three minor amendments made.

RESOLUTION 28/08 . THAT THE AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS TRUE RECORD OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MAY 2008.

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

08/057 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING.

The Chairman addressed the meeting on several themes:

The future of the Wakes Colne Telephone kiosk.

The success of the recent Annual Meeting of Parishioners in both Villages.

The Community SpeedWatch scheme and the need for more volunteers – it was agreed that advertisements would be put in local publications and on the Council Website.

The condition of the grass verge between Broome House and Allen Cottages.

The winding-up of the Village Appraisal Group.

The need to have the Village Field “topped”. Cllr. Chamley announced an Interest in this item as her husband usually undertook the task for payment. It was informally agreed the established practice continue. Cllr Chamley informed the meeting that the estimated charge would be £90 + VAT.

Both the Village Barn Dance and the Open Gardens events had been successful.

Cllr. Chamley had attended a meeting regarding “First Responders”. It was agreed that a notice inviting volunteers to join the scheme should be placed on the Council website.

08/058 CORRESPONDENCE.

Mail received by the clerk was on display with the exception of Agenda related items. Two items were brought to the attention of Council:

A letter regarding the maintenance of Village lights from Colchester Borough Council.

A consultation document referring to a proposed footpath improvement by the Safer Journeys to School scheme.

08/059 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk presented eight invoices for approval:

A&J Lighting Solutions - new light - £298 + VAT

A .M. Forrest – Footpath maintenance £150 + VAT

C&WC Village Hall – Hire charges £50

Guildhall Services- grass cutting - £125 + VAT

Mrs EC Wilson, Village Ranger duties 5 hours at usual rate.

Mr. S. Hodge, Village Ranger duties 18.67 hours at usual rate.

Mr. K. Butcher, Clerk First quarter at usual rate.

Mr. K. Butcher, Clerk expenses, first quarter £58.61.

RESOLUTION 29/08 . THAT THE INVOICES, AS DETAILED, BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Village walkabout and risk assessment had been completed by the Clerk and Chair.

08/060 PLANNING MATTERS:

Subsequent to the Agenda being published two Planning items had been received:

Application 080476 – Proposed means of enclosure at Viaduct Lodge, Colchester Road had been granted consent with one condition.

Application 081082 – New rear access provision of disabled toilet, bi-folding doors for sliding doors to restaurant at the Swan Inn, The Street. It was agreed that the plans would be inspected at the end of the meeting and any concerns relayed to the Clerk.

