# **CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 IN CHAPPEL AND WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 P.M.

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In the Chair: Cllr. S. Chamley

Present: Cllrs. A. Cox, P. Dent, N. Ingram, A. Langley, P. Neubauer

Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook

20/001	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE				
	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the January Parish Council meeting.				
	Cllr Knights had sent his apologies due to family commitments.				
20/002	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
	Cllrs declared an interest in the budget/precept and asked the Clerk for a dispensation. The Clerk granted a				
	dispensation in order for Cllrs to discuss and decide a budget/precept for 2020/21.  Cllr Dent declared an interest in Planning Application 193069 due to already objecting to the application. He				
	agreed to leave the meeting at the point of deliberation as advised by EALC.				
20/003	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL				
	Interest				
	The following points were raised by residents:				
	When would Direct Meats planning conditions be reviewed? The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Planning Officer and he had agreed to review the file.				
	Flooding on Oak Road and into Brook Hall - sand bags blocking the culvert drain. Cllr Brown agreed to				
	take this up with Essex Highways.				
20/004	WARD & COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT				
	WARD COUNCILLOR PETER CHILLINGWORTH / COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNE BROWN				
	WARD COUNCILLOR FETER CHILLINGWORTH / COUNCILLOR ANNE BROWN				
	Cllr Anne Brown spoke briefly regarding:				
	Hoping for more funding from the Government especially with regards to Highways.				
	❖ Waiting for the Inspector to decide on the Garden Communities before any decision will be made on				
	improvements to A120 or A12.  No update on the requested VAS for the A1124. Lots of projects for Colchester in the Local Highways				
	Panel system, everyone has to wait their turn.				
	Cllr Peter Chillingworth spoke briefly regarding:				
	Planning Application 193069. Confirming that this application has been called in.				
20/005	Locality Budget money could help to fund the footpath. Funding would open in May.				
20,003	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES				
20001	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 were a true record of the				
	meeting.				
	Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer. Seconded: Cllr. Langley. For: 5 Abstain: 1 (Cllr Ingram was not present)				
20/006					
	PLANNING APPLICATIONS:				
	1) PLANNING APPLICATION: 193049. TIMBERLANDS FARM, SPRING GARDENS ROAD, CHAPPEL,				
	COLCHESTER. CHANGE OF USE TO A MIXED USE COMPRISING AGRICULTURE (WITH ASSOCIATED REPAIR				
	AND MAINTENANCE OF FARM EQUIPMENT) INCLUDING ANCILLARY FARM OFFICE AND STORAGE AND B2				
	IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPLICANTS ELECTROMAGNET BUSINESS (WITH ASSOCIATED REPAIRS AND				

RECONDITIONING) ALSO INCLUDING ANCILLARY OFFICE AND STORAGE.

#### 20002

### **RESOLVED to object to Planning Application 193049 with the following comments:**

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

Chappel Parish Council at its January meeting resolved to object to application 193049. Chappel Parish Council have been asking Enforcement to investigate the use of this site going back to April 2012 and have been continually told that Colchester Borough Council Officers cannot gain access to the barn or get any response from the owner. The Parish Council would therefore question the change of use being dated as 2017.

We would ask that the Planning Officer fully investigate this site including liaising with Enforcement and look into the following:

- The barn currently has permission for purely agricultural use and is now seeking for mixed use. However the applicant states that the B2 use started in April 2017 the Parish Council would therefore question whether this should be a retrospective planning application?
- The Parish Council would ask why A.2 (5) Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 does not apply. Mixed use is not the same as agricultural use – A.2 (5) Part 6 states:

"(5) Where development consists of works for the erection, significant extension or significant alteration of a building and—

(a) the use of the building or extension for the purposes of agriculture within the unit permanently ceases within 10 years from the date on which the development was substantially completed; and

(b)planning permission has not been granted on an application, or has not been deemed to be granted under Part 3 of the Act, for development for purposes other than agriculture, within 3 years from the date on which the use of the building or extension for the purposes of agriculture within the unit permanently ceased,

then, unless the local planning authority have otherwise agreed in writing, the building or, in the case of development consisting of an extension, the extension, must be removed from the land and the land must, so far as is practicable, be restored to its condition before the development took place, or to such condition as may have been agreed in writing between the local planning authority and the developer."

- In application 191812 it states "Currently on site the owner uses the building for storage of materials and occasional plant with a small 2 person maximum office located within the building." There is no mention of agricultural use.
- Please note that the Parish Council are of the understanding that the land around the building has not been used for arable but for pastoral use for many years.
- The Parish Council would also ask why the redlined area includes a strip along the road frontage why is this necessary to seek a change of use?
- The Parish Council would ask Colchester Borough Council is this the right place to allow industry in the Countryside, especially due to the restricted size of the road and we would ask that if this application is granted that vehicle movements and hours of work are clearly stipulated and adhered and enforced by CBC.
- 2) PLANNING APPLICATION: 193071. THE OLD POST OFFICE, COLCHESTER ROAD, CHAPPEL,

**COLCHESTER.** TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSIONS.

#### 20003

**RESOLVED to support Planning Application 193071.** 

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

8.15pm Cllr Dent leaves the meeting

3) Planning Application: 193069. Land to rear of Goodwins Farm, Crepping Hall Road, Wakes Colne, CO6 2AP. Ten mobile homes pitches for travellers.

RESOLVED to object to Planning Application 193069 with the following comments:

#### 20004

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

Chappel Parish Council would like to raise the following issues to the Planning Officer:

- There is no current need for a site of this nature as per the Colchester Borough Council Emerging Local Plan.
- The Local Plan states that "Sites should be located within reasonable proximity to existing sustainable settlements, and with access to shops, schools and other community facilities."
- The application does not contain enough information.
- Entrance to the site is along a protected lane and the over development of the site would hugely increase traffic along this stretch of road.
- Highways have objected to the application.
- This would be a change of use from agricultural land.
- Goodwins Farm is a listed building and the site including a play area would be detrimental to the neighbouring property.

We would ask that our comments along with residents' concerns are taken into account when considering this application and that CBC reject this application.

 $8.25 pm\ Cllr\ Dent\ returns\ to\ the\ meeting.$ 

# 20/007

## **UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

1) Planning Application: 192439. 7 Pontisbright Cottages, Spring Gardens Road, Chappel, Colchester, CO6 2DN.

The Clerk confirmed that no decision had yet been made.

2) ENFORCEMENT APPEAL APPLICATION: APP/A1530/C/19/3239514. TIMBERLANDS FARM, SPRING GARDENS ROAD, CHAPPEL, COLCHESTER, CO6 2DW.

The Clerk confirmed that the appeal was currently waiting to be looked at by the Planning Inspector.

3) Planning Application 183046. Land to the North of Mill Buildings, Wakes Colne Mills, Colchester Road, Wakes Colne, Colchester, CO6 2BY.

The Clerk confirmed that Colchester Borough Council were waiting for further information. It was likely to go to Planning Committee on the  $6^{th}$  February.

# 20/008

# STRENGTHENING POLICE POWERS TO TACKLE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS CONSULTATION

Cllrs agreed to complete the form as a Parish Council. Cllr Chamley agreed to amalgamate Cllrs responses.

20/009	<u>Highway</u>				
	1) Speed Watch				
	Cllr Dent confirmed that he had circulated his report. No questions were raised.				
	2) White Colne Parish Council proposal regarding the speed on the A1124.				
	The Clerk confirmed that she had chased White Colne PC for an update. White Colne PC was waiting to hear back from Eight Ash Green Parish Council before proceeding.				
20/010	FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS				
	The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a funding application for £500 through EALC a decision should be reached by the next meeting.				
20005	RESOLVED to go ahead with the footpath at a cost of £1,800.00.				
	Proposed: Cllr. Ingram. Seconded: Cllr. Chamley. For: All.				
20/011	Brambles on Footbridge				
20006	RESOLVED to write to the landowner and ask for the brambles to be cut back at the roots in order to keep the footbridge clear for users.				
	Proposed: Cllr. Langley. Seconded: Cllr. Chamley. For: All.				
20/012	<u>VE75</u>				
	Cllr Langley confirmed that the school were keen to participate. Cllr Langley & Chamley agreed to follow this up further with the school and report back.				
20/013	MILLENNIUM GREEN				
	Cllr Langley confirmed that different members had agreed to take on roles. Mr Neubauer would be Chairman, Mr Knights would be Secretary, Mr Ingram would be Treasurer, Mr Langley would be Operations Manager. A vacancy was available to join the committee.				
20/014	PLAY AREA				
	1) Trees next to the viaduct.				
	The Clerk confirmed that Network Rail were due to respond in two day's time due to the Clerk chasing this matter.				
	2) Regular delivery of Bark Chippings				
20007	RESOLVED to purchase on a more regular basis 10 cubic metres of bark at a cost of £100.  Proposed: Cllr. Ingram. Seconded: Cllr. Cox. For: All.				
20/015	PARISH FIELD & ALLOTMENTS				
	1) Land Registry to be updated				
20008	RESOLVED to update the land registry documents to the Clerk's Office address.  Proposed: Cllr. Chamley. Seconded: Cllr. Langley. For: All.  2) To discuss Parish Field access				
	Deferred to the February meeting.				
20/016	WAR MEMORIAL				
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	Cllr Chamley	agreed to follow up disc	cussions with the Ch	urch and br	ing the item b	ack to the Feb	ruary meeting	
20/017	POSTS ROUND THE OAK TREE MARKING THE QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE							
	Deferred to the February meeting.							
20/018	<u>I.T</u>							
	Deferred to the February meeting.							
20/019	FINANCIAL MATTERS							
	1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.							
	The eight invoices including the Clerks' Salary and Pension were passed around for Councillors present to ve and agree.							
	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total	
		Telephone	Goldstar Networks Ltd		10.00	2.00	12.00	
		Clerk's Salary	H Cook		422.47	0.00	422.47	
		Clerk's Pension	Essex Pension Fund		123.36	0.00	123.36	
	701678	Expenses	H Cook		4.14	0.00	4.14	
	701679	Parish Field - Maintenance	J Cordingley		130.00	0.00	130.00	
	701680	Parish Field - Maintenance	G & J Barron Farm	S	280.00	56.00	336.00	
		Lighting, qtr maintenance	A & J Lighting Solutions		77.27	15.45	92.72	
	701681	Tree Maintenance	Richard Fordham Tree Surgeons Ltd		450.00	90.00	540.00	
			Total		1,497.24	163.45	1,660.69	
20009	RESOLVED that after further consideration the eight payments detailed on the schedule be authorised for payment.  Proposed: Cllr. Dent. Seconded: Cllr. Cox. For: All.							
	2) MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION No items were raised.							
	3) GRANT 2020/21							
20010	RESOLVED that after further consideration a grant of £175 would be made to the Village Hall and a grant of £700 would be put aside for the Church if indeed legislation changed and this was able to be granted. Proposed: Cllr. Dent. Seconded: Cllr. Cox. For: All.							
20011	1) BUDGET 2020/21 RESOLVED that the Parish Council would require a budget of £19,525.00 for the financial year 2020/21. Proposed: Cllr. Chamley. Seconded: Cllr. Ingram. For: All.							
20012	2) PRECEPT 2020/21 RESOLVED that the Parish Council would use £722.00 from its reserves and therefore not increase its Precept. The Precept required for 2020/21 would be £17,034.00. The Clerk was asked to submit this to Colchester Borough Council.							
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20/020	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED				
	The Clerk confirmed that all correspondences had been circulated.				
20/021	CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S REPORT				
	No items were reported.				
20/022	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS				
	Speed Watch				
	School Footpath Update				
	White Colne Parish Council – A1124				
	VE75				
	Triangle Posts				
	Parish Field				
	Cllr Emails				
	Cllr Chamley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.19pm. The next meeting would be				
	held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm.				
	Signed:				
	Chairperson of the Parish Council	Date: 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.			

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