CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2022 AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 p.m.

In the Chair: Cllr. S. Chamley

Present: Clirs. A. Cox, P. Dent, A. Langley, N. Ingram

Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook

22/127	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE				
	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Cllr Neubauer had sent his apologies due to family commitments. Cllr Cox would be late to the meeting. Cllrs Sunnucks had sent his apologies.				
22/128	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
	No declarations were made.				
22/129	<u>COUNCILLOR VACANCY</u>				
	It was confirmed that Bruce Knights had resigned and that an advert had been placed by Colchester Borough Council. CBC had now confirmed that the Parish Council could co-opt. An advert would be place on the noticeboard, website, Facebook page with a deadline for application prior to the October meeting.				
22/130	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUT				
	<u>INTEREST</u>				
	A member of the public raised the profile of a local energy scheme to help parishes and community grou help install solar PV and battery storage across homes, farms and businesses.				
	Cllrs agreed to look into this further and try to arrange a public meeting in the Autumn. They would also contact Wakes Colne Parish Council and White Colne Parish Council to see if they were interested in holding this jointly.				
22/131	WARD & COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT WARD COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SUNNUCKS / COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS BARBER				
	No Councillors were present. Cllr Sunnucks had sent an update on the Local Plan, proposed Pylons, possible grant opportunities and digital training.				
22/132	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES				
22068	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 th June 2022 were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.				
22/133	PLANNING APPLICATIONS:				
	1) PLANNING APPLICATION 221554. 49 SWAN GROVE, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DU. PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO FRONT PORCH.				
22069	RESOLVED to support planning application 221554 providing that any neighbouring comments are taken int consideration. We would also ask that a brick finish is used for the rear extension to be more in-keeping.				
	2) PLANNING APPLICATION 221292. WAKES COLNE MILLS, COLCHESTER ROAD, WAKES COLNE, CO6 2BY. APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 2 (DRAWINGS) FOLLOWING GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 183046.				
22070	RESOLVED to object to planning application 221292 supporting resident objections.				
	3) Planning Application 221440. 3 Chappel Hill, Chappel, CO6 2DX. Proposed single storey rear/part side				

	EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS.
22074	RESOLVED to support planning application 221440 providing that any neighbouring comments are taken into
22071	consideration.
22/134	UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
	PLANNING APPLICATION 221010. 2 FAIRVIEW, VERNONS ROAD, CHAPPEL, COLCHESTER, CO6 2DL. Cllr Chamley confirmed
	that conditional approval had been granted.
22/135	REPLACEMENT CAT'S EYES AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE STATION
	Cllrs discussed the request from Wakes Colne Parish Council for £399.50 to assist with purchasing replacement cat's eyes.
22072	RESOLVED to suggest that Wakes Colne Parish Council sign up to the Devolution Scheme and use funding from this to purchase the replacement cat's eyes.
22/136	<u>VAS Signs</u>
	The Clerk confirmed that a very helpful meeting was held with Essex Highways identifying suitable sites. She was waiting to hear back from Swarco on whether these sites were also suitable for their equipment. She suggested that a Cllrs Zoom meeting be held to identify the preferred sites in preparation for further discussions and decisions at the next meeting
22/137	SPEED WATCH
	Cllr Cox arrives 8.01pm.
22073	Cllr Dent had circulated a report. No questions were raised.
	RESOLVED to write to Essex Police requesting that the bottom of Chappel Hill be given approval as a Speed Watch site, following a request from a resident.
22/138	PARISH FIELD
	The area still remained dry with no leak onto the A1124. This item would now be removed from the agenda.
22/139	DRAINS ON THE HIGHWAY
	Two quotes had been received and were discussed. Both quotes were more than the Devolution Grant. It was viewed that this was something that was too expensive for the Parish Council to undertake, especially as it would not be a one off expense. The item would be removed from the agenda and details put in the next Village Reporter.
22/140	PLAY AREA
	The fence post was waiting to be fitted, this would be brought back to the September meeting.
22074	RESOLVED to purchase four post caps for the play area at a cost of £39.92 from Proludic.
	The quote for repairs was discussed, Cllrs would like to see the breakdown of the play area repairs vs the bench repairs.
22075	RESOLVED to go ahead with the play area repairs, but to review the bench repairs at the September meeting.
	The Clerk would find out if Cllr Sunnucks would support a new bench purchase using the Locality Budget.
22/141	ASSETS
22076	RESOLVED that the Assets have all been checked for the yearly inspection.
22/142	<u>FENCING</u>
	The fencing near the river would be looked at by Cllrs and repaired. Cllr Ingram & Chamley agreed to look at this.
	Cllr Chamley would speak to the Public House regarding the boundary between the pub and the play area before any formal letter is sent.
22/143	ALLOTMENTS
	Clirs discussed hiring a skip in order to clear away the final amount of dumped rubbish. The Clerk would obtain some guetes.
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had been paid for.

3) The Clerk confirmed that she had sought advice from EALC, SLCC and the Internal Auditor, all confirmed that the Parish Council does not need to charge VAT on the allotment plots.

22/144 S106 WISH LIST

Cllrs discussed further details that CBC required in order to put the suggested ideas forward if any S106 money became available. Cllr Chamley agreed to have some exploratory conversations with the relevant land owners and bring the item back to September.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS 2022/23

1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The twelve invoices including the Clerks' Salary and Pension were circulated to all Councillors to vet and agree.

Supplier	Description	Total
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	£35.00
H Cook	Salary	£419.80
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£136.12
H Cook	Expenses	£44.94
Stour Valley Tree Services Ltd	Hedge Cutting	£250.00
Dove Support	IT	£288.60
N Ingram	Reimbursement – wheelbarrow	£245.00
JPB Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£372.27
Goldstar Networks Ltd	Telephone	£12.42
A & J Lighting Solutions	Lighting qtr maintenance	£92.72
H Cook	Salary	£419.80
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£136.12

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RESOLVED that after further consideration the twelve payments detailed on the schedule be authorised for payment.

2) MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION

No items were raised.

3) On-Line Banking

The Clerk confirmed that the trial of paying the expenses on-line had gone through, payments would be made where possible on-line.

4) CHANGE OF SIGNATORY

Cllr Cox would consider becoming a signatory on the account, this item would be brought back to the September meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that she had been contacted by a resident concerned about the dead branches of the tree opposite Swan Grove. She confirmed that the landowner had been contacted and would assess the tree.

The Clerk confirmed that CBC Homes had been contacted regarding the condition of the grass cutting round Swan Grove, following a resident's complaint.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

VAS

Speed Watch	
Fencing near the river	
Allotments – Skip Hire	
New Bench	
Cllr Chamley thanked everyone for attending and closed the held on the Monday 12 th September at 7.30pm in the Vill August.	
Signed:	
Chairman of the Parish Council	Date: 12th Sentember 2022

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