

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. P. Neubauer
Present: Cllrs. P. Dent, N. Ingram, A. Langley
Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook
Also Present Three members of the public, Cllrs Sunnucks & Barber

23/021	<u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Cllrs Chamley & Cox had sent their apologies due to family commitments.
23/022	<u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> Cllr Langley declared a non-pecuniary interest on 23/037 due to renting an allotment plot from the Parish Council. It was agreed that he would not vote on this item.
23/023 23019	<u>CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR</u> RESOLVED that as no applications had been received and the start of the Election process started in March. Chappel Parish Council would not co-opt until after the May Election.
23/024	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST</u> Two members of the public spoke about the proposed site of the VAS on Swan Street and raised the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Whether the VAS would act as a distraction to drivers especially with no pavements for pedestrians. ❖ Whether opposite Direct Meats on the verge would be a better location. ❖ Speed of vehicles going down the hill. ❖ The changes to the speed of the road from the A120. ❖ Not being able to walk into the village due to no pavements.
23/025	<u>WARD & COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT</u> <i>WARD COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SUNNUCKS / COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS BARBER</i> Cllr Sunnucks apologised for not being able to attend previous Parish Council meeting since his Election in May 2022. He confirmed that he had been actively involved in the Local Planning Committee along with Finance. He confirmed that some digital access training was taking place to help residents and he hoped that this would be rolled out for others to be assisted in this area. He continued to engage with the proposed pylon project and pursued an off shore approach.
23/026 23020	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u> RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 th January were a true record of the meeting. Cllr Ingram abstained due to not being present at the meeting. The Vice-Chairman signed the minutes.
23/027 23021	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u> PLANNING APPLICATION 230081. OAKLANDS, OAK ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2EJ. PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF 4 BEDROOM DETACHED PRIVATE DWELLING IN THE SAME FOOTPRINT. RESOLVED that no comment be made on application 230081 other than neighbours comments being considered.
23/028	<u>UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u> 1) PLANNING APPLICATION 223012. GOODTHOUGHT, 14 COLCHESTER ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DE. CONDITIONAL

Chairman's Signature

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	<p>APPROVAL.</p> <p>2) PLANNING APPLICATION 223039. 6 ALLEN COTTAGES, COLCHESTER ROAD, CHAPPEL, COLCHESTER, CO6 2AE. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL.</p> <p>3) PLANNING APPLICATION 223085. OBSERVATORY COTTAGE, OAK ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2EH. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL.</p> <p>4) PLANNING APPLICATION 223117. 3 PONTISBRIGHT COTTAGES, SPRING GARDENS ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DN. REFUSED.</p> <p>5) PLANNING APPLICATION 223124. KILLEARN, 2 CHAPPEL HILL, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DX. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL.</p> <p>6) PLANNING APPLICATION 222909. KNIGHTS FARM, DIRECT MEATS, SWAN STREET, CHAPPEL, CO6 2EE. CONDITIONAL APPROVAL.</p> <p>7) PLANNING APPEAL APP/A1530/C/22/3306915. GREENACRES FARM, VERNONS ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DL. NO DECISION.</p>
23/029	<p>Cllr Barber arrived at 7.48pm.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to write back to Essex County Council confirming that the Parish Council has no issues on the proposed diversion of footpath 21 at this informal consultation stage.</p>
23/030	<p><u>VAS SIGNS</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that seven residents had written to the Parish Council regarding comments on the proposed siting of a VAS sign on Swan Street. It was agreed to allow residents more time to respond and the item would be discussed at the March meeting.</p>
23/031	<p><u>SPEED WATCH UPDATE</u></p> <p>Cllr Dent had circulated an update to all Councillors. Weather and illness had stopped several Speed Watch sessions taking place.</p>
23/032	<p><u>A120 THROUGH TO MOUNT BURES SPEED LIMITS</u></p> <p>Cllr Lewis had put this forward as a priority scheme to the Local Highway Panel to look at and he hoped to have an update in March.</p>
23/033	<p><u>NOTICEBOARD</u></p> <p>RESOLVED share the cost or repainting the noticeboard with Wakes Colne Parish Council at a cost of £47.50.</p>
23/034	<p><u>ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to hold the event jointly with Wakes Colne Parish Council on the 26th April at 7.15pm.</p> <p>Any ideas of a speaker would be sent to the Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED to purchase the refreshments.</p> <p>The Clerk would circulate the invitation list prior to sending the invites.</p>
23/035	<p><u>BEEHIVES</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the advice received from Colchester City Council, Parish Council Insurance & Essex Beekeeper Association. The Clerk was waiting to hear back from the resident regarding their insurance and risk assessment. This item would be put back on the agenda once the resident had been in contact.</p>
23/036	<p><u>WHITE COLNE PUBLIC MEETING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to advertise the Community Energy Project meeting on the 22nd March on Facebook and on the Parish Council website.</p>
23/037	<p><u>ALLOTMENT SKIP HIRE</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to arrange a skip to be delivered to the allotment plots in late March at a cost of £165 for a 4 yard skip.</p>
23/038	<p><u>BENCHES</u></p> <p>It was agreed to obtain some quotes in order to install the two new benches and bring this back to the March meeting.</p>
23/039	<p><u>ASSET REGISTER</u></p>

23028	RESOLVED to sign the updated Asset Register.																														
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23/040	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.</p> <p>The eight invoices including the Clerks’ Salary and Pension were circulated to vet and agree</p> <table><tr><th>Supplier</th><th>Description</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Goldstar Networks Ltd</td><td>Telephone</td><td>£12.42</td></tr><tr><td>Colchester City Council</td><td>Electricity – Street Lights</td><td>£267.62</td></tr><tr><td>Colchester City Council</td><td>Electricity – Street Lights</td><td>£265.94</td></tr><tr><td>Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall</td><td>Room Hire</td><td>£29.00</td></tr><tr><td>Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall</td><td>Grant</td><td>£175.00</td></tr><tr><td>Employee</td><td>Expenses</td><td>£95.70</td></tr><tr><td>Employee</td><td>Salary</td><td>£505.42</td></tr><tr><td>Essex Pension Fund</td><td>Pension</td><td>£89.24</td></tr></table>	Supplier	Description	Total				Goldstar Networks Ltd	Telephone	£12.42	Colchester City Council	Electricity – Street Lights	£267.62	Colchester City Council	Electricity – Street Lights	£265.94	Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall	Room Hire	£29.00	Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall	Grant	£175.00	Employee	Expenses	£95.70	Employee	Salary	£505.42	Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£89.24
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23030	<p>RESOLVED that after further consideration the eight payments detailed on the schedule be authorised for payment.</p> <p>2) MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION</p> <p>No items were raised.</p>																														
23/041	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u></p> <p>All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p>																														
23/042	<p><u>CHAIRMAN & CLERK’S REPORT</u></p> <p>The sunken drain on the A1124, would be chased again by Cllr Barber.</p> <p>The broken light column on the corner of Swan Grove has now been removed. Cllr Barber will confirm if it will be replaced.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a resident had complained about overhanging hedges and runners on the pavement on the Colchester Road. This was reported to Essex Highway on the 20th December under reference number 2810401 and the work has now been completed.</p> <p>A new consultation will take place regarding the East Anglian Green Enablement (GREEN) project. Cllr Barber agreed to keep the Parish Council up to date with any new developments regarding the proposed pylon project.</p> <p>It was noted that a new booking system would be trialled at all Essex County Council run recycling centres from the 13th March. Residents would need to book a slot to visit the centre and this would be done on-line.</p> <p>The Clerk thanked Cllr Ingram for clearing two lots of trees on the Public Right of Way.</p>																														
23/043	<p><u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Collapsed Drain Swan Grove broken light Wilder Village VAS Speed Watch Benches</p> <p>Cllr Neubauer thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.33pm. The next meeting is due to be held on the Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>																														

	Signed:.....
Chairman of the Parish Council	Date: 13 th March 2023.

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