

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 P.M.

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

24/173	<p><u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies were accepted by Cllr Cox due to family commitments.</p>
24/174	<p><u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>All Cllrs declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 24/178 – planning application 240679. In the view of transparency it was noted that the applicant for planning application 240679 is known by all Parish Councillors due to carrying out work for the Parish Council such as tree clearance, hedge cutting and repairs to the track.</p>
24/175	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST</u></p> <p>A resident who is planning to develop the site East of Chappel Hill, South of Swan Grove thanked the Parish Council for offering to facilitate a future meeting with residents to explain the proposals. No date had been agreed.</p>
24/176	<p><u>WARD & COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT</u></p> <p><i>WARD COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SUNNUCKS / COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS BARBER</i></p> <p>Cllr Sunnucks spoke briefly on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pylon consultation - questions still not answered why off shore can't be considered. ❖ He confirmed that he would support the Parish Council in the completion of the consultation, despite Chappel not being directly affected. <p>Cllr Chamley confirmed that the Pylon Consultation would be on the agenda for the May meeting and the Parish Council would be reaching out to local Parish Council's offering support to local Parishes that would be affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Call for sites – Cllr Sunnucks asked if the Parish Council would keep him in the loop with regard to site visits by Colchester City Council.
24/177	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u></p> <p>24039 RESOLVED that the minutes from Monday 11th March 2024 were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.</p> <p>24040 RESOLVED that the minutes from Thursday 21st March 2024 were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.</p>
24/178	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u></p> <p>1) PLANNING APPLICATION: 240679. LAND NORTH OF OAK FARM, OAK ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2EJ. APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED BUILDING.</p> <p>24041 RESOLVED that the following comments be sent to the Planning Officer:</p>

Chairman's Signature

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	<p>Chappel Parish Council discussed the application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for a proposed building, application 240679 at the April meeting and would pass the following comments for the Planning Officer to research and consider when looking at this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it justified for this type of building in this location to be considered reasonably necessary due to the location of the main business and storage already available? 2. The building is large in scale, does this present a visual landscape issue? 3. Is Oak Road a protected lane? 4. Does the application meet the requirements of prior notification with regards to the unit as outlined in 'RED' in the application to be less than 5 hectares in area? <p>The Parish Council would also ask that the Planning Officer consider any comment submitted by residents.</p>
24/179	<p><u>UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) PLANNING APPLICATION: 240598. LAND NORTH OF OAK FARM, OAK ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2EJ. APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED BUILDING. – WITHDRAWN. 2) PLANNING APPLICATION: 240535. WORKS TO TREES IN CONSERVATION AREA. BRIDGEWICK HALL, THE STREET, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DD. (MARCH 2024) – NO DECISION. 3) PLANNING APPLICATION: 230986. PADDOCK ADJ TO ELM COTTAGE, SPRING GARDENS ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2DW. APPLICATION (JUNE 2023) - NO DECISION. 4) PLANNING APPEAL APP/A1530/C/22/3306915. GREENACRES FARM, VERNONS ROAD, CHAPPEL. APPLICATION (NOVEMBER 2022) - NO DECISION.
24/180	<p><u>SPEED WATCH UPDATE</u></p> <p>Cllr Dent gave an update to Cllrs. It was noted that three volunteers were now required to run a shift.</p>
24/181	<p><u>HIGHWAY BRIEFING</u></p> <p>Cllr Neubauer spoke briefly about the recent joint meeting held with local Parish Councils, Colchester City Councillors and the National Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Highways are listening to concerns regarding the impact of the major works on the A12. Diversion signs have been put in place. ❖ City Councillors most concerned regarding how quickly an incident can be dealt with so that the level of disruption is kept to a minimum. ❖ On-going meetings will be held every six weeks
24/182	<p><u>VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN</u></p> <p>The VAS was installed on the Thursday 4th April. The grant of £1,500 was approved, and was received on the 4th April. Insurance at no additional cost was taken out on 4th April – the increase to the premium in June will be around £10. The cables to connect to the VAS to extract the data should have been dropped off on the 4th, however this did not take place so another set will be sent to the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Dent alongside Mr Stocker volunteered to extract the data. The Clerk would prepare a Risk Assessment to bring back to the May meeting. Thanks were given.</p> <p>Chappel Parish Council thanked Cllr Barber and Cllr Sunnucks for the grants that were given in order to assist with the purchase of the equipment.</p>
24/183	<p><u>FOOTBALL FIELD</u></p> <p>Cllr Ingram met the grass contractor on site to discuss adding the recently cut bramble areas to the grass cutting schedule, no quote had been received. This will be chased by the Clerk.</p>
24/184	<p><u>BINS</u></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a quote, however other options would be brought to the May meeting.</p>
24/185	<p><u>ALLOTMENT</u></p>

	Cllr Neubauer had corresponded with the resident neighbouring the allotment plot boundary regarding the ivy growth. The item would be brought back to the May meeting when a quote had been received regarding severing the ivy roots.
24/186 24042	<u>BIODIVERSITY POLICY</u> RESOLVED to adopt and sign the Biodiversity Policy. Cllr Chamley confirmed that she had met Ms Wing on the Parish Field and ribbons were going to be tied to the trees in order to identify the types of trees, mulch would also be added to the fruit trees. An additional cut path was discussed, this would be brought back to the May meeting.
24/187 24043 24044	<u>ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING SPEAKERS</u> RESOLVED to invite Ben Plummer from Colchester City Council to speak at the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting regarding possible energy grant funding for residents. RESOLVED to invite Essex County Council to speak at the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting regarding the Digital Switchover.
24/188 24045	<u>STREET LIGHTING</u> RESOLVED to wait until the annual inspection in order to repair the light near the cemetery, which currently remains on during the day.
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24/190	<u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
24/191	<u>CHAIRMAN & CLERK’S REPORT</u> No items were raised.
24/192	<u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</u> Quote on new bins Ivy growth bordering the allotments. Highway Briefing Football Field Body Cam for Speed Watch Parish Field pathways
24/193	<u>CO-OPTION</u> The Clerk confirmed that no applications had been received. Two vacancies remained.
	Cllr Chamley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm. The next meeting is due to be held on the Monday 13 th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Signed:..... Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 13th May 2024.

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