

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May, 2019, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors P. Bates, L. Blunden, D. Efde, R. Efde, T. Goodwin, R. Green, P. Hitchman, T. Porter and B. Wilkins.
In attendance: - S. Hyatt (Parish Clerk)

- 1. To elect a Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2019/2020 Term of Office.**
Meeting declared open at 7.30pm by Outgoing Chair.
Nominations for Chair - Councillors Efde and Goodwin. Councillor R Efde did not participate in the vote. Thanks offered to outgoing Chair.
Resolved that Councillor Goodwin be elected Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2019/2020 Term of Office.
- 2. To receive the newly appointed Chairman's remarks and signing of declaration of acceptance of office.**
Offered thanks for support and stated would do best for the Council.
Acceptance of Office signed.
- 3. To receive apologies for absence.**
Invitee Councillor McPherson.
- 4. To receive declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
None received.
- 5. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2019/2020 Term of Office.**
Resolved that Councillor Wilkins be elected Vice-Chair of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2019/2020 Term of Office.
- 6. Councillors signing of Acceptance of Office.**
All Acceptances of Office signed.
- 7. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th April 2019.**
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 8. Financial Matters.**
 - a. To approve Payment Schedules for April 2019.
 - b. To approve Receipt Schedules for April 2019.
 - c. To approve the Financial Statement for the month to 30th April 2019.

Carried forward to next Meeting.

9. Planning Committee

- a) To agree the formation of a Planning Committee for the 2019/2020 Parish year.
- b) To review delegation arrangements and agree that the remit of that Committee is "to review and make recommendations on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of planning applications received from Rochford District Council and from Essex County Council".
- c) To agree the members of the Council to serve on that Committee.
Resolved that a Committee be formed with the above remit and that its membership be Councillors Bates, D. Efde, R. Efde and Hitchman.

10. Personnel/Finance Committee

- a) To agree the formation of a Personnel/Finance Committee for the 2019/2020 Parish year.
- b) To review delegation arrangements and agree that the remit of that Committee is "to deal with personnel issues and to oversee the financial affairs of the Parish Council".
- c) To agree the members of the Council to serve on that Committee.
Resolved that a Committee be formed with the above remit and that its membership be Councillors Blunden, R. Efde, Goodwin, Hitchman and Wilkins.

11. To appoint representatives to attend the following outside bodies.

- a. Public Transport Users Group. (Deferred).
- b. Footpaths – Councillors Hitchman (west), Efde (east) and Porter (central).
- c. Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – Councillors Green and Porter.

12. To decide arrangements for the judging of the Annual Allotment

Competition and to decide upon prizes to be awarded.

Resolved that the competition go ahead with prizes for 1st place - £50, 2nd - £30, 3rd place - £20 and 4th place - £10 awarded by way of national garden vouchers. Clerk to arrange judging.

13. At the Chairman's discretion, the exchange of relevant Council information.

Clerk offered update on RDC's public toilet refurbishment works and Specials recruitment. Co-option notices.

Cllr Hitchman – Alexandra Road/High Street utility works issues.

14. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors on County and District Council matters.

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Deputy Portfolio holder for Economic Development.
- Footway repair scheme.
- Highways/LHP/vegetation/old amenity site issues and updates.

District Councillor Efde

- Attended RDC Full Council Meeting.
- Portfolio holder information technology and communications.
- Development, Investment and Licensing Committees.
- Update on play-spaces.

15. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council only once in respect of business itemised on the agenda (3 minutes each at Chairman's discretion).
Parishioners – Bus services and consultation. Speed limits.

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm.

Date of next Full Council meeting – 10th July 2019