

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2007, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane

Present: Councillor T. Goodwin, Chairman,
Councillors J. Colby, K. Perring, T. Porter, L. Rodger, B. Wilkins.

79/51 To receive the Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Public and Officers from Environment Agency for attending the meeting.

80/51 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors V. Brandon, B. Wright on Holiday. S. Lidlow night school, M. Osher attending hospital, accepted unanimously.

81/51 To receive Declarations of Interest.

None received.

82/51 To receive a presentation from Mr Nicholas Rowlinson and Mr Jeremy Bloomfield, Environment Agency for them to receive questions from Councillors.

Messrs Rowlinson and Bloomfield advised the Council of the present situation in respect of the tidal defences around the village and that they hoped that the funding bid being prepared for work on the wall would shortly be presented and an answer received before the end of the year. If successful and all permissions given then work could start in 2010. They then took questions from Councillors and Public.

They took away a letter with questions and would reply direct with copy to Council. Chairman thanked them for their report and wished them a safe journey.

83/51 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.

Parishioner addressed the Council.

84/51 The Council invites the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the area to report any matters of interest.

County Councillor Pearson had to leave the meeting earlier as he had another meeting to attend. District Councillor Seagers apologised for being unable to attend as he was at a District Council meeting. Councillors Wilkins and Goodwin reported on District Council matters

85/51 To receive, consider, approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held the 26th September 2007.

Chairman Proposed the minutes be accepted, carried unanimously.

86/51 To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies and to receive reports on seminars and conferences attended.

Councillor Perring reported that she had attended Community Centre meeting.

Chairman reported on the meeting that he and the Clerk had with ARRIVA about changes in the bus routes and that he was still awaiting their letter of confirmation of the changes.

Chairman reported on the Great Wakering Crime Reduction initiative meeting that he and the Clerk attended.

Councillor Brandon's report in respect of the public meeting at football club circulated.

87/51 To approve a) the signing of cheques b) to receive a Financial Statement, all documents already circulated.

Councillor Colby Proposed that the cheque list and financial statement are accepted seconded by Councillor Perring, carried unanimously.

a) Councillor Colby Proposed that a donation of £120 is made to DWARF for the work that they carry out in the duck pond, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, carried 5 for with 1 against.

88/51 To Consider Correspondence received and circulated.

a) Rochford District Council's letter re Independent Remuneration Panel. Clerk replied.

89/51 To update on the project for the Youth Facility.

The next meeting of group is 13th November in Council Office when the result of survey should be given.

90/51 To discuss the Refurbishment of Seaview Drive Playspace.

Chairman Proposed that the Council applies for a grant towards the refurbishment of Playspace, carried unanimously

91/51 To discuss the planting of Roses at the Village Sign.

Councillor Wilkins Proposed that the quote for the Roses and for planting them is accepted seconded by Councillor Porter, carried unanimously.

92/51 To discuss the Christmas Newsletter.

Clerk reported the Newsletter progressing.

93/51 At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information during any other business.

Clerk to write to King Edmonds School about the damage to bus shelters by their pupils waiting for the school bus.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.