

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th May 2008, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane

Present: Councillor T. Goodwin (Chairman)
Councillors A. Awin, V. Brandon, M. Osher, K. Perring, L. Rodger, H. Wilson, B. Wright.

01/52 To elect a Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2008/2009 term of office.

Councillor Goodwin, Chairman 2007/2008, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors for their support during the previous year. Councillor Wright Proposed Councillor Goodwin as Chairman of the Council seconded by Councillor Perring carried unanimously. Councillor Goodwin was duly elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2008/2009 term of office.

02/52 To receive the newly appointed Chairman's remarks and signing of the declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Goodwin thanked Councillors for their vote of confidence in him and was pleased to again accept the Chair. He then signed the declaration of acceptance of office book.

03/52 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor Wilkins at conference, Councillor Colby work and Councillor Porter at another meeting all accepted unanimously.

04/52 To elect a Vice-Chairman of Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2008/2009 term of office.

Chairman Proposed Councillor Osher, Councillor Brandon Proposed Councillor Perring seconded by Councillor Wright. There was a vote 2 for Councillor Osher, 6 for Councillor Perring. Councillor Perring was therefore elected Vice Chairman for the 2008/2009 term of office.

05/52 If so desired the Council will appoint representatives to attend the following outside bodies.

- a) Public Transport Representative. Councillor Rodger unanimously reappointed.
- b) Footpath Representative. Councillors Perring and Wilson unanimously appointed
- c) The Great Wakering Memorial Hall. Councillor Brandon unanimously appointed.
- d) Community Association. Councillor Perring unanimously re appointed.
- e) Rochford Hundred association of Local Councils. Councillor Porter unanimously re-appointed.
- f) Rochford District Council Eastern Area Committee Councillor Osher unanimously appointed.

06/52 To appoint members to working parties.

Youth Project working party members, Councillors Goodwin, Wilkins, Wright, and Clerk.

Allotment Football Club working party members, Councillors Brandon, Goodwin, Osher, Wright and Clerk.

- 07/52 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.
No parishioner addressed the Council.
- 08/52 To receive declarations of interest.
No declarations received.
- 09/52 The Council invites the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the area to report any matters of interest.
County Councillor Pearson congratulated Councillor Goodwin on his appointment as Chairman of Rochford District Council's Eastern Area Committee and being re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their work for the Village during the last year and reported on County matters. Apologies received from District Councillors Seagers and Wilkins. Councillor Goodwin reported on District Council matters.
- 10/52 To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies and to receive reports on seminars and conferences attended.
Clerk reported that he attended a Cemeteries training day at EALC. He also reported on the meeting he attended in respect of Great Wakering Teen Sports Cafe held at the Seashells Children's Centre.
- 11/52 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2008
Chairman Proposed these as a true and correct record carried 6 for 2 abstentions.
- 12/52 To approve a) the signing of cheques b) to receive a Financial Statement c) Expense claims all documents already circulated.
Chairman Proposed that the cheques list, financial statement and Clerks expense claim of £36.60 is approved carried unanimously.
- 13/52 To consider correspondence received and circulated.
a) Email Rochford Parish Council re Nomination for Parish Member of Standards Committee. No nomination.
b) Letter from Mrs Jeyes and reply Noted.
- 14/52 To approve and sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2008.
Councillor Perring Proposed that the Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance are approved and that the Chairman signs them on behalf of the Council, seconded by Councillor Goodwin carried unanimously.
- 15/52 To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2008/2009.
Chairman Proposed that the July meeting is changed and it was agreed that he was to set the date to avoid clashing with the East Area Committee and rest of dates be accepted carried unanimously.
- 16/52 To discuss the presentation of 6 x £5 book tokens for the big summer read at Great Wakering Library.
Councillor Wright Proposed that the Council again purchases 6 x £5 book tokens for presentation to the children, seconded by Councillor Awin carried 7 for 1 against.

17/52 To receive an update on Newsletter and Delivery.

Councillor Wilson updated on the Newsletter.

18/52 To receive update on the project for the Youth Facility.

Chairman reported that the mobile skate park would be in place on the Recreation Ground on the 29th and 30th May and a meeting will be held to discuss the use of the facility. The Teen cafe will be opening on the 11th June at the Children's Centre Great Wakering Primary School.

19/52 To update on rent negotiations with Great Wakering Rovers Football Club.

Chairman reported on the negotiations and advised that Great Wakering Rovers Football Club's grant application is being discussed with Essex FA before being sent to the FA.

20/52 At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information during any other business.

Councillor Wilson requested that to discuss liaising with the village churches is placed on the next agenda.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.