

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2008, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane.

Present: Councillor T. Goodwin, Chairman,
Councillors A. Awin, V. Brandon, K. Perring, A. Porter, L. Rodger, B. Wilkins,
H. Wilson, B. Wright.

83/52 To receive the Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

84/52 To receive apologies for absence.

No Apologies received.

85/52 To receive Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest; member and allotment holder, in items 8(a) & 14. Councillor Wright declared an interest in 8(a) sponsor.

86/52 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.

No parishioner addressed the Council.

87/52 The Council invites the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the area to report any matters of interest.

County Councillor Pearson reported on County Council matters. District Councillors Seagers and Wilkins reported on District Council matters.

88/52 To receive, consider, approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held the 5th November 2008.

Councillor Perring Proposed the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Goodwin carried 8 for 1 abstention.

89/52 To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies and to receive reports on seminars and conferences attended.

Councillor Porter reported on the RHALC meeting he attended to discuss the Rochford District Council's Core Strategy.

Councillor Brandon reported on a NHS meeting that she attended.

Councillor Rodger reported on the Transport meeting that she attended.

90/52 To approve a) the signing of cheques b) to receive a Financial Statement c) request for donation, all documents already circulated.

Chairman Proposed that the cheque list, financial statement are accepted, carried unanimously.

a) Chairman Proposed that a donation of £50 be given to Great Wakering Garden and Allotment Society carried 8 for 3 abstentions.

b) Chairman Proposed that the Annual subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks is renewed carried unanimously.

91/52 To consider Correspondence received and circulated.

- a) Rochford District Council's letter re Parish/Town Council Planning Forum 17th December. Councillors Porter and Rodger agreed to attend.
- b) Information Commissioners Office Letter to be carried forward for adoption at next meeting.

At the request of Councillor Awin the Chairman Proposed that items 13, 14 and 15 be brought forward.

92/52 To agree the Precept for Year 2009/2010.

Chairman Proposed that the Precept is set at £55,000 for year 2009/2010 carried 7 for 1 against with 1 abstention.

93/52 To agree Allotment Rents for Year 2009/2010.

Councillor Wilkins Proposed that the rents for a 5 rods plot for residents be increased to £12, over 65 years £6, Non residents £15, over 65 years £7.50 seconded by Councillor Perring carried 8 for 1 abstention.

94/52 To agree Burial Fees for Year 2009/2010.

Chairman Proposed that the interment and rights of burial fees are all increased by £10 carried unanimously.

95/52 To update on the project for the Youth Facility.

Clerk reported on the meeting at the Sea Shells Children's Centre and any Councillor interested in being a committee member of the proposed youth organisation should attend the next meeting at the centre on the 18th December at 9.30am.

96/52 To discuss Footpath Barling Road.

Councillors Goodwin and Wright met with Essex Highways and subject to funding they intend to start the footpath from the Rose Inn side and hope to complete, if funding available, next year.

Councillor Awin apologised and left the meeting.

97/52 To discuss a Village Heritage Centre.

Due to work commitments Councillor Wilson has been unable at this moment to progress the item further.

98/52 To discuss Rochford District: Core Strategy Preferred Options.

Councillors will submit their views direct to Rochford.

99/52 At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information during any other business.

PCSO Dave Page introduced himself to Councillors. Councillor Wilson requested contributions from Councillors for the next newsletter. Clerk distributed the report from the Independent Remuneration Panel and the matter will be placed on next agenda.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.