

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2009, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane.

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

100/52 To receive the Chairman's opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. He asked everyone to stand for a minute's reflection on the recent tragic death of former Parish Councillor John Ford.

101/52 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Wilson and Wright both ill, accepted unanimously.

102/52 To receive Declarations of Interest.

No declarations received.

103/52 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.

Parishioner addressed the Council.

104/52 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 Goodwin, Seagers and Wilkins reported on District Council matters.

105/52 To receive, consider, approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held the 10th December 2008.

Councillor Wilkins Proposed the minutes be accepted, seconded by Councillor Porter carried unanimously.

106/52 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.

107/52 To approve a) the signing of cheques b) to receive a Financial Statement, all documents already circulated.

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

Clerk reported that he had sorted out the mandate with the bank and that Internet banking had now been set up.

108/52 To consider Correspondence received and circulated.

a) Great Wakering Garden & Allotment Society's letter of thanks for donation, Noted.

b) Rochford District Council's Civic Dinner 2009. Chairman and Wife will attend.

c) Essex County Council's Speed Management Strategy Consultation Email, Noted.

d) Letter from Essex Police introducing new Divisional Commander Keith Garnish.

109/52 To update on the project for the Youth Facility.

Councillor Wilson will be attending meeting 26th January.

110/52 To adopt the Freedom of Information Act New Model Publication Scheme.

Clerk advised that the new scheme came into force on the 1 January 2009 and had to be adopted by the Council. Chairman Proposed adoption carried unanimously.

111/52 To receive the Internal Auditors report, already circulated.

Councillor Wilkins Proposed that the report is accepted, seconded by Councillor Porter carried unanimously.

112/52 To discuss the cleaning of the War Memorial.

Chairman Proposed that as the War Memorial is now in a poor state and requires cleaning and the Clerk to get a quote for cleaning and write to the Memorial Hall Trustees for permission to carry out the work and report back to next meeting, carried unanimously. Councillor Brandon suggested that the Clerk contacts the Village Royal British Legion club to see if they would like to contribute to the work.

113/52 To discuss the Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, already circulated.

Chairman Proposed that the remuneration panel's recommendations are accepted from the 1st April 2009 carried 5 for 1 abstention.

Councillor Perring asked for a named vote.

FOR	ABSTENTION
Brandon	Wilkins
Goodwin	
Perring	
Porter	
Rodger	

114/52 At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information during any other business.

Draft Newsletter circulated and Councillors to contact Councillor Wilson with any comments.

Clerk discussed invitation from Probation Service to attend a meeting to talk with one of their charges.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.