

# GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane

Present: Councillor T. Goodwin (Chairman)  
Councillors A. Awin, V. Brandon, J. Flaherty, R. Green, K. Hines, J. Mcpherson, K. Perring, T. Porter, L. Rodger, L. Street, B. Wilkins, H. Wilson,

01/53 To elect a Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2009/2010 term of office.

Councillor Goodwin, Chairman 2008/2009, welcomed everyone especially the new Councillors to the meeting and thanked Councillors for their support during the previous year. Councillor Porter Proposed Councillor Goodwin as Chairman of the Council seconded by Councillor Wilson carried unanimously. Councillor Goodwin was duly elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2009/2010 term of office.

02/53 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.

03/53 To receive apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

04/53 To elect a Vice-Chairman of Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2009/2010 term of office.

Chairman Proposed Councillor Perring, Councillor Brandon Proposed Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Wilkins. There was a vote with 8 for Councillor Perring. Councillor Perring was therefore elected Vice Chairman for the 2009/2010 term of office.

05/53 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 unanimously appointed
- c) The Great Wakering Memorial Hall. Councillor Porter unanimously appointed.
- d) Community Association. Councillors Perring & Mcpherson unanimously re appointed.
- e) Rochford Hundred association of Local Councils. Councillor Porter unanimously re-appointed.
- f) Rochford District Council Eastern Area Committee Councillors Perring & Mcpherson unanimously appointed.
- g) Teen Café Councillor Wilson unanimously appointed.

06/53 To appoint members to working parties.

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

- 07/53 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.  
No parishioner attended. The Chairman invited PCSO Dave Page to update the Council on Policing in the village.
- 08/53 To receive declarations of interest.  
Councillors Wilson, Green and Street declared an interest in item 20 as Allotment holders. Councillors Wilson and Mcpherson declared an interest in item 13(b) as members of Teen Café committee.
- 09/53 The Council invites the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the area to report any matters of interest.  
County Councillor Pearson apologised for non attendance he had to attend another meeting. Apology received from District Councillor Seagers. Councillors Wilkins and Goodwin reported on District Council matters.
- 10/53 To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies and to receive reports on seminars and conferences attended.  
Councillor Wilson reported on the Teen Café meeting that she attended and Clerk to email her report to Councillors.
- 11/53 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Chairman Proposed these as a true and correct record carried 8 for 5 abstentions.
- 12/53 To approve and sign minutes of the Co-option meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
Chairman Proposed these as a true and correct record carried 10 for 3 abstentions.
- 13/53 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 £35.60 is approved carried unanimously.  
a) Chairman Proposed that the Annual Affiliation fee to NALC/EALC is renewed carried unanimously.  
b) Councillor Porter Proposed that a donation of £2,000 is made to the Teen Café, seconded by Councillor Wilkins carried 9 for 4 abstentions.
- 14/53 To consider correspondence received and circulated.  
None
- 15/53 To receive, approve and sign the Balance Sheet for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.  
Councillor Porter Proposed that the Balance Sheet is approved and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Wilkins carried unanimously.
- 16/53 To approve and sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.  
Chairman Proposed that the Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance are approved and that he signs them on behalf of the Council carried unanimously.
- 17/53 To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2009/2010.  
Chairman Proposed that the dates be accepted carried unanimously.

18/53 To discuss the presentation of 6 x £5 book tokens for the big summer read at Great Wakering Library.

Councillor Porter Proposed that the Council again purchase 6 x £5 book tokens for presentation to the children, seconded by Councillor Mcpherson carried 12 for 1 against.

19/53 To discuss holding a Councillors training course in Council Office.

Councillor Flaherty Proposed that a course is held, seconded by Councillor Hines carried unanimously. Clerk will contact EALC and offer them two dates Monday 22 or 27 June at 7pm and names of Councillors attending.

20/53 To discuss holding an in house talk to new allotment holders.

Councillors agreed that Councillors Street and Wilson could hold talks to new and incoming allotment holders in Council Chamber.

21/52 To discuss Newsletter.

Councillor Wilson again requested that Councillors give her copy for the Newsletter.

22/52 At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information during any other business.

Clerk requested to contact Electricity Company re dangerous cable in Little Wakering Hall Lane.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.