

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th May 2010, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane

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

01/54 To elect a Chairman of the Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2010/2011 term of office.

Councillor Goodwin, Chairman 2009/2010, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillors for their support during the previous year. Nominations were taken for Chairman. Councillor Hines Proposed Councillor Goodwin seconded by Councillor Wilson, Councillor Brandon Proposed Councillor Wilkins seconded by Councillor Rodger. There was a vote with Councillor Goodwin receiving 8 votes and he was duly elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2010/2011 term of office.

02/54 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.

03/54 To receive apologies for absence.

Apology received from Councillor Awin work carried unanimously.

04/54 To elect a Vice-Chairman of Great Wakering Parish Council for the 2010/2011 term of office.

Chairman Proposed Councillor Perring, Councillor Wilkins Proposed Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Mcpherson and Councillor Hines Proposed Councillor Brandon seconded by Councillor Rodgers. There was a vote with 8 for Councillor Wilson. Councillor Wilson was therefore elected Vice Chairman for the 2010/2011 term of office.

05/54 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 Wilson unanimously appointed
- c) The Great Wakering Memorial Hall. Councillor Hines unanimously appointed.
- d) Community Association. Councillors Perring unanimously re appointed.
- e) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils. Councillor Porter unanimously re-appointed.
- f) Rochford District Council Eastern Area Committee Councillors Perring unanimously reappointed.
- g) Wakering Young Peoples Community Project Councillor Mcpherson unanimously appointed.

06/54 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council.

A parishioner Mr Efde addressed the Council.

07/54 To receive declarations of interest.

Councillor Rodger declared an interest in item 11(a)

- 08/54 The Council invites the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the area to report any matters of interest.
County Councillor Pearson advised the Council on the proposed cuts asked of the Fire Service. District Councillors Wilkins reported on District Council matters.
- 09/54 To receive reports from members representing the Council on outside bodies and to receive reports on seminars and conferences attended.
Councillor Porter reported that he attended the Memorial Halls annual meeting. Councillor Pearson as chairman of the Memorial Hall committee advised the Council that he had received comments that Parishioners were finding it difficult to read the side of their notice board where the Parish's notices are placed and suggested that the Parish obtains their own notice board which can be placed in the grounds of the Hall. Clerk to obtain quotes and a CIF application made for funding. Councillor Mcpherson reported on the opening of the atrium at the primary school.. Clerk reported on the CIF Highways judging panel that he attended and that the Council's application had been referred back to Highways for clarification of some points and he will advise Council when an answer is received.
- 10/54 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2010
Chairman Proposed these as a true and correct record carried 11 for 1 abstention.
- 11/54 To approve a) the signing of cheques b) to receive a Financial Statement c) Donations claims all documents already circulated.
Chairman Proposed that the cheques list, financial statement are approved carried unanimously.
Councillor Rodger left the meeting.
(a) Request for a donation from Great Wakering Summer Playscheme 2010.
Chairman Proposed that a donation of £150 is again made carried 10 for 1 against. Clerk when writing to remind them to write and request a donation from Rochford District Council.
Councillor Rodger rejoined the meeting
- 12/54 To approve and sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2010.
Chairman Proposed that the Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance are approved and that he and the Clerk signs them on behalf of the Council carried unanimously.
- 13/54 To agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2010/2011.
Chairman Proposed that the dates be accepted carried unanimously.
- 14/54 To discuss the presentation of 6 x £5 book tokens for the big summer read at Great Wakering Library.
Chairman Proposed that the Council again presents the 6 x £5 book tokens to the children selected by the Library carried 8 for 3 against and 1 abstention.
- 15/54 To arrange the judging of the Annual Allotment Competition.
Chairman Proposed that the Clerk write to the Essex Guild of Horticultural Judges and asks them to supply judges on either of the first two weeks of July carried unanimously. Councillor Green volunteered to accompany the judges and Councillor Porter will open the offices.
- 16/54 To discuss Newsletter.
Councillor Wilson again requested that Councillors give her copy for the Newsletter.

17/54 To discuss holding informal meetings with neighbouring Parish Councils.

Councillor Wilson Proposed that a letter is sent to local Parish Councils inviting them to attend an informal meeting to discuss local issues carried unanimously.

18/54 At the Chairman's discretion, to exchange information during any other business.

Councillor Mcpherson requested that the book read 2011 is placed on the next agenda.

Councillor Wilkins requested that a discussion on the request by the school for a pedestrian crossing in the High Street opposite the school is placed on the next agenda.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.