**GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL**

**From the Clerk**

**Coronation of King Charles III**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and to provide a lasting memento of the occasion the Parish Council has purchased 500 Coronation ‘Coins’ to be distributed upon application amongst the children residing in Great Wakering on a first come first served basis. Any ‘Coins’ remaining after the children’s priority date has passed will be distributed amongst adult residents of Great Wakering on the same basis. Application forms are available on the Parish Council’s website and from the Office.

**Allotment Competition**

The winners of the Parish Council allotment competition attended a prize giving and each winner received a certificate and a National Garden Centre voucher.

There is a long waiting list for allotments but if you would like to rent an allotment plot please contact the Parish Council Office to be added to the waiting list. Parishioners of Great Wakering have priority on the list over non-Parishioners.

**2023 Precept**

In January the Council set its new precept for the upcoming financial year with a new Band D rate of £37.46 which is well below the national average of £74.81. There was a 3% increase over the previous year which is well below the current rate of inflation.

**Great Wakering Household Recycling Point**

The confirmed upcoming collection dates for the recreation ground are as follows:

Saturday 20th May

Saturday 17th June

Saturday 15th July

What can be taken:

Non-recyclable waste (sacks only)

* Bulky items such as mattresses and small furniture
* Electrical appliances (items that can be fitted into a standard sized carrier bag)

**What cannot be taken:**

* Garden waste
* Gas bottles
* Asbestos
* Any hazardous waste including chemicals and paint
* Hard core/building rubble/plasterboard
* Commercial/business waste

The vehicles will attend from 9am and will leave the site once they are full or at noon. Any waste left here by residents after the vehicles have left is classed as**fly tipping.**

**Parish Council Burial Ground**

If possible would users please take their rubbish home with them to reduce the increasing disposal costs. Please remember not to place glass on the graves as this may be removed for safety reasons.

**Fly-tipping** is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months imprisonment ifconvicted in a Magistrates' Court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

Kind regards

Sharon Hyatt – CEO/Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer