

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th January, 2020, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors F. Baker, L. Blunden, P. Coleman, D. Efde, R. Efde, T. Goodwin (Chair), R. Green, P. Hitchman, T. Porter, L. Rodger, N. Wheeler and B. Wilkins (Vice Chair).
In attendance: - S. Hyatt (Parish Clerk)

- 1. The Chairman to declare the meeting open.**
Meeting declared open at 7.30pm.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
Councillor Bates.
- 3. To receive declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
Councillor D. Efde – pecuniary interest item 15. Councillor Hitchman - Friends of Wakering Common, Councillor Wilkins – Memorial Hall. Councillor Green – pecuniary interest Twyford Avenue and associated roads.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th December 2019.**
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 5. Financial Matters.**
 - a. To approve Payment Schedules for December 2019. *Carried.*
 - b. To approve Receipt Schedules for December 2019. *Carried.*
 - c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 9 months to 31st December 2019. *Carried.*
- 6. To receive the Chairman's report.**
 - Issues with the public toilets discussed.
- 7. To agree the Finance Committee recommendation regarding the Budget for the financial year 2020/21.**
Resolved that the recommendation for the budget for the 2020/21 financial year be approved and the budget accepted.
- 8. To agree the Finance Committee recommendation regarding the Precept for the financial year 2020/21**
The recommendation was for a 2% increase. This amounted to a £0.70 increase per year for a Band D household. Great Wakering's precept well below national average of £67.18. Noted that the Council Tax Support Grant was no longer paid. *Resolved* that the recommendation be approved and precept to rise by 2% to £72,500.35.

9. To approve the outcomes of the 2020 working party meeting.

The working party recommended that Parish Councillors offer their services as volunteers to assist with the events going on around Great Wakering for the VE day celebrations. Additionally a Christmas lights competition would be open to all houses in the Parish who submitted an entry form for their exterior Christmas lights to be judged. The prize would be a £50 donation to a charity of the person's choice. Councillors can enter but would not be able to win.

Resolved that the working party recommendations be approved.

10. To approve Councillor Rodger as a member of the Planning Committee.

Resolved that Councillor Rodger be approved as a Member of the Planning Committee.

11. At the Chairman's discretion the exchange of relevant Council information.

Cllr Wilkins – countrywide clean-up.

Cllr Hitchman – planning issues – Crouchmans Court and Red Lion.

Cllr R. Efde – upcoming parish surgery.

Cllr Rodger – parking issue.

Cllr Coleman – highways white-lining required.

Cllr Wheeler – local policing.

12. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors on County and District Council matters.

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Traffic and parking updates.
- ECC events.
- Surgery
- Major gas works Rochford commencing end of March.

District Councillor Efde:

- Development Committee, Investment Fund, Licensing Appeals sub-Committee, Carparks review member working party updates.
- RDC Tourism Forum

13. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Great Wakering to address the Council only once in respect of business itemised on the agenda (3 minutes each at Chairman's discretion).

Parishioners – streetlighting and road accident update.

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

To agree that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

Resolved that the public be excluded.

Councillor Efde left the meeting.

15. To agree the award of tenders for maintenance of:

- a) **Parish Council Burial Ground.**
 - b) **St Nicholas churchyard.**
 - c) **Parish Council Office surrounds, footpath and village sign area.**
- Or**
- d) **The award of a combined tender for the above.**
- Resolved* that Maxus Services Ltd be awarded the combined tender for grounds maintenance services for one calendar year.

Councillor Efde re-joined the meeting.

16. To agree an extra payment to Prior Cleaning Services.

Resolved that an extra one-off payment be awarded to Prior Cleaning Services for the extra time spent cleaning and unblocking the toilets due to anti-social behaviour.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm.

Next Meeting 11 March 2020