

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August, 2019, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors F. Baker, P. Bates, 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.

Invitee Councillor McPherson.

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 Hitchman - Friends of Wakering Common, Councillor Wilkins – Memorial Hall, Councillor Green – Twyford Avenue.

4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th July 2019.

Resolved that the minutes be approved.

5. Financial Matters.

- a. To approve Payment Schedules for July 2019. *Carried.*
- b. To approve Receipt Schedules for July 2019. *Carried.*
- c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 4 months to 31st July 2019. *Carried.*
- d. To delegate power to the Clerk to spend the full amount of the allotment maintenance budget.
Resolved that the Clerk be granted delegated power to spend the full amount of the allotment maintenance budget.

6. To receive the Chairman's report.

- Attended RDC garden party.
- Invite to attend St Nicholas flower festival.
- Invite to opening of RDC play space at the recreation ground.

7. To agree the Clerk's recommendations for allotment rent amounts for the period 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020.

Council considered the Clerk's recommendations.

Resolved that the allotment rents for the period 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020 be set as follows:

Parishioners £28 for working age and £18 for concessionary rents. Non-Parishioners £36 for working age and £26 for concessionary rents.

8. To appoint a representative to attend the following outside bodies:

a. Public Transport Users Group.

Resolved that the representative for the 2019/2020 council year be Councillor Rodger.

9. To decide on the Parish Council representative for the 2020 and to decide what (if anything) we want to do for the 2020.

Resolved that the representative be Councillor Efde and Councillor Rodger in reserve. Additionally a working party be set up to consider the proposal, its members to be the Clerk and Councillors Wilkins, Rodger, Goodwin, R. Efde, Hitchman and Bates.

10. To discuss implementing a communications strategy/policy.

Resolved that a working party be set up to consider the strategy, its members to be the Clerk and Councillors D. Efde and Hitchman.

11. To approve the amended social media policy.

Resolved that the amended policy be approved.

12. To approve a donation of £100 towards the Poppy Appeal for poppies on lampposts if the scheme continues in Great Wakering this year.

Noted that the Parish Council makes an annual donation of £50 to the Poppy Appeal from the Chairman's allowance and that in 2014 a donation of £500 was made to commemorate all the important upcoming anniversaries of the next 5/6 years.

Resolved that an additional donation of £100 (not from Chairman's allowance) be donated towards the poppies on lampposts scheme if this goes ahead in Great Wakering this year.

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

Clerk thanked the Co-operative store and Councillors who contributed from their Councillor allowance towards the allotment presentation refreshments. Public toilet update.

Cllr Hitchman - recreation ground update. Footpaths – no significant issues some littering. PROW11 finger post ripped out. Star Lane Taylor Wimpey issues.

Planning applications.

Cllr Efde and Rodger footpaths. – PROWs 13 and 8 overgrown.

Cllr Porter – RHALC update.

Cllr Coleman/Rodger/Porter/Clerk – Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Wilkins – Bellhouse.

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

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Airport expansion.
- Roadworks/footways/PROW/parking update.

- LHP Twyford Avenue update.
- Library update.

District Councillor Efde:

- Star Lane issues.
- Attended RDC investment Board meeting
- Development Committee meeting - Barrow Hall Road, St John's Road and Alexandra Road.
- RDC Benefits and Revenue update.

15. 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 – complaints, burial ground and communication policy.

Meeting Closed 8.34 pm.

Date of next Full Council meeting – 2nd October 2019