

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March, 2019, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors L. Blunden, V. Brandon, D. Efde, M. Flynn, P. Hitchman, N. Hookway, T. Hughes, R. Loding (Vice Chair), L. Rodger, M. Sawyer (Chair) and B. Wilkins.
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.**
Councillors Goodwin, Green and McPherson. Councillors Hughes and Steptoe prior apology for expected late arrival.
- 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.**
Declarations of interest received from Councillors Sawyer and Wilkins Memorial Hall, Councillor Hitchman – trustee of Friends of Wakering Common, defibrillator steering group. Councillor Efde - District Councillor re item 8.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30th January 2019.**
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 5. Financial Matters.**
 - a. To approve Payment Schedules for January/February 2019. *Carried.*
 - b. To approve Receipt Schedules for January/February 2019. *Carried*
 - c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 11 months to 28th February 2019. *Carried.*
- 6. To receive the Chairman's report.**
 - Anchor PROW update.
 - Public toilets had been inspected but works were still required by RDC to bring to acceptable standard prior to opening.
 - Community Special Constable update.
- 7. To agree 2019/20 Meeting dates.**
Resolved that the calendar of Meetings be agreed.
- 1. To receive the Burial Ground tree report.**
Report received and noted.
- 2. To consider the Clerk's recommendation that the fees in the Parish**

M Sawyer

Council Burial Ground be increased as from beginning of April, 2019 and to approve the proposed increase.

Resolved that the Clerk's recommendations for fee increases in the Parish Council Burial Ground for the 2019/20 financial year be approved.

1. To agree Financial Regs/Code of Conduct/Standing Orders.

Resolved that the Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders be approved.

Cllr Hughes entered the meeting at 7.56pm and Councillor Steptoe at 8pm.

2. To receive the Independent Remuneration Report and to set the amount of Councillor allowance.

Report received, Clerk noted that the Council must have regard to the report but that the recommendations were not binding.

Resolved that option two of the independent report be agreed. With Councillor allowance being paid at £750 per annum maximum with the Chair receiving a 50% uplift. This amounted to a £100 reduction in individual Councillor allowance per annum.

3. Mrs Wilkins asks if the Parish Council has any objection to her collecting crisp packets for re-cycling. This is in a private capacity as a Parishioner.

Whilst the Council could not object as Mrs Wilkins was acting outside her official capacity she had requested this come before the Council. Mrs Wilkins notified the Council she was acting as a collector for the crisp packet recycling scheme.

Resolved that the Parish Council had no objection to Mrs Wilkins undertaking this in her private capacity.

13. To accept Taylor Wimpeys donation of £500 towards the running of the public toilets.

Clerk had liaised with Taylor Wimpey for a donation towards running costs as sponsorship always considered as funding option. Thanks offered to those whom had put in work at early stages of project.

Resolved that the Council accept Taylor Wimpey donation.

14. To receive a report from the transport representative.

Report received and noted.

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

Cllr. Loding – Churchyard, burial ground, streetlighting, Broomways footway - residents referred to ECC and County Councillor. Footpath 14 muddy but not overgrown.

Cllr. Hitchman – Bus shelter renovation, flytipping, Star Lane mud, streetlighting. Phone box removal.

Cllrs. Efde, Wilkins, Brandon, Rodger, Hookway – Pond works, phone box, defibrillators.

MJ Ouzg

Cllrs. Wilkins and Efde offered update on parish surgery.
Clerk offered thanks to Councillors who had undertaken works free of charge for the Council/Community. Attended RDC Meeting of the Executive re funding for Recreation ground.

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

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Highways/LHP meeting/Co-op island/SEPP update.
- Vice Chair of Essex Flood Forum.
- Packaging waste/recycling.
- Library emergency meeting at ECC, consultation closed.

District Councillor Efde

- Investment Board Meeting.
- St Johns Road planning meeting.
- Parking/dog fouling.
- RDC Conway Park swings.
- RDC voted to accept option 2 of the remuneration panel report.

District Councillor Hookway

- Working Party Standards Committee – Member training.
- Review Committee - policing in Rochford District, knife crime– police officer expecting 4 new Officers in coming year. No change to Police and Crime Commissioner grant.

**17. 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 – Bus services and consultation, elections.**

Meeting Closed 9.07pm.

Date of next Full Council meeting – 24th April 2019

MJ Steptoe