

# GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors L. Blunden, D. Efde, M. Flynn, T. Goodwin, R. Green, P. Hitchman, R. Loding (Vice Chair), 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 Hookway, Hughes and Rodger.
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. Councillors Efde - District Councillor re item 18.
4. **To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th December 2018.**  
*Resolved* that the minutes be approved.
5. **Financial Matters.**
  - a. To approve Payment Schedules for December 2018. *Carried.*
  - b. To approve Receipt Schedules for December 2018. *Carried*
  - c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 9 months to 31st December 2018. *Carried*
6. **To receive the Chairman's report.**
  - Potholes repaired Conway Avenue/Shoebury Road junction.
  - Anchor PROW/public toilet update.
  - Community Special Constable update.
  - Parish Council surgery.
  - Planning, Finance and Personnel Committee update.
7. **To agree the Finance Committee recommendation regarding the Budget for the financial year 2019/20.**  
*Resolved* that the recommendation for the budget for the 2019/20 financial year be approved and the budget accepted.
8. **To agree the Finance Committee recommendation regarding the Precept for the financial year 2019/20.**  
The recommendation was for a 4.5% increase. This amounted to a £1.51 increase per year for a Band D household. Great Wakering's precept well below national average of £64.05.  
*Resolved* that the recommendation be approved and precept to rise by 4.5%

to £69,993.42. The Council Tax Support Grant as notified by Rochford District Council - £1658.00. Noted this was the last year this would be paid.

**9. To agree the Finance/Personnel Committee recommendation that the Parish Council reserve be increased by £5000 to £20,000.**

*Resolved* that the Parish Council reserve be increased to £20,000.

**10. To receive a report on the Parish Council surgery.**

Report received re surgery.

**11. Councillor Sawyer proposes that the Council urge RDC to continue the Household Waste Collection point in the Recreation Ground due to the distance of 11 miles to the District amenity point in Rayleigh and we have no recycling banks.**

*Resolved* that the proposal be carried.

**12. To discuss the provision of an emergency alarm service/alert for the public toilets.**

Item deferred to next Meeting for further information to be obtained.

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

Councillor Loding – reported faulty street-lighting, PROW 14 clear.

Councillor Hitchman – street-lighting fault, Alexandra Road site works.

Councillor Wilkins - crisp packet recycling scheme.

Clerk reported that Parish Council streetlight had been hit by Royal mail van.

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

District Councillor Efde:

- Development/Investment Committee Meetings.
- RDC play spaces funding.
- Library consultation.
- Noted sports centre waste collection was in RDC budget.
- Alexandra Road planning application.

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Libraries consultation.
- ECC council tax increase.
- Highways conference, LHP meeting. Poynters Lane/Wakering Road junction.
- ECC bus stop outside surgery relocation required.
- SEPP proposed fund to pick up low level parking related issues LHP not doing.

District Councillor McPherson:

- Sports centre waste collection budget due to be ratified.
- Open spaces funding.
- Parking/traffic issues, school 3PR scheme.
- Alexandra Road planning application.
- Library consultation.
- Flytipping, dog fouling, footpaths.

**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 – precept, budget, toilets, street-lighting, Alexandra Road planning application.**

**16. 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.

**17. To award the contract for vegetation clearance of the village pond.**

*Resolved* that the contract be awarded to Maxus Services Ltd.

**18. 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.

**Meeting Closed 8.40 pm.**

**Date of next Full Council meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**