

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October, 2018, 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, R. Green, P. Hitchman, 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 Brandon, Hookway and Hughes.
- 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 Councillor Sawyer – Secretary of Memorial Hall, Councillor Hitchman – trustee of Friends of Wakering Common and Councillor Efde declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 22nd August 2018.**
Resolved that the minutes be approved.
- 5. Financial Matters.**
 - a. To approve Payment Schedules for August 2018. *Carried.*
 - b. To approve Receipt Schedules for August 2018. *Carried.*
 - c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 5 months to 31st August 2018. *Carried.*
- 6. To receive the Chairman's report.**
 - Wildlife site - noted Star Lane gate rarely closed.
 - Public toilets – Refurbishment works commenced 26/09/18, hope to award cleaning tender at next Meeting.
 - Anchor passageway – hope to award tenders at next Meeting if Council resolves to proceed with works.
- 7. To approve risk assessments.**
Resolved that the risk assessments be approved.
- 8. To receive a report on the Parish Council surgery.**
Report received re the surgery, issues raised by Parishioners which have been forwarded to RDC.
- 9. Councillor Efde proposes that the Parish Council discusses it's possible involvement with RDC with the building of a new play area.**
RDC given £25,000 S106 money from Taylor Wimpey earmarked for a MUGA, need discussion with RDC what their plans are for money.

Investigate what youth would like, need areas for all age groups. District Councillor stated RDC had now applied for funding from second phase of Taylor Wimpey but had previously erred. Clerk noted Southend Borough Council had received S106 funds from south of High Street development. Money may be forthcoming from Sanctuary Barrow Hall development (S106) and Sanctuary Community Investment Fund. Questions to be pursued by District Councillor Efd include what amount has RDC put aside for Wakering area? Does money need to be used for a MUGA? In principle Parish Council interested in improvement of play areas in Great Wakering but more information needed.

10. Councillor Sawyer proposes that the Parish Council prioritises the areas it wishes the CIF allocation from Sanctuary Housing to be allocated.

- a) **decide the areas which are to be on the priority list which could include but is not restricted to the following areas:**

Safety issues such as lack of footpaths e.g. Star Lane to Oldbury Cottages, Poynters Lane (Wakering Road to Cupids Corner) any others.

Other Infrastructure.

Play areas.

Allotment Fencing.

- b) **Allocate a priority level for each area from 1 to 5 (1 being the highest priority).**

- c) **Should the money be used on one area or be spread, if so how?**

At public consultation event Sanctuary had advised Chair of their Community Investment Fund, funds provided for labour or materials up to a certain value expected to be in region of £100,000. Sanctuary to talk to Parish Council once full planning granted. Re capital projects Chair believed number one priority was health and safety. Councillors to compile list of suggestions for capital, not maintenance items. Item deferred to next Meeting,

11. i) To consider the quotes obtained by the Clerk for bark mulch at the village sign area and decide upon purchase requirements.

- ii) **If purchase of bark agreed, to decide upon volunteers to spread the bark or allow the Clerk to instruct grounds maintenance contractor to do same (at additional cost).**

Outline planning for Sanctuary development denotes village sign area to be altered for pathway. Felt oncoming weather will suppress weeds naturally and full planning hopefully received by then. In interim Councillor Flynn to donate some bark.

Resolved that Item be deferred until further notice.

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

Councillor Loding – inspected Footpath 14, burial ground and churchyard all in good order. Homeless visitor. Noted after recent inspection that local sea defences in Kimberley Road area deteriorating.

Councillor Hitchman - Friends of Wakering Common update. Village Fayre

may approach Parish Council in future.

Councillor Efde – Streetlights, GDPR.

Councillor Wilkins – Volunteering, homeless visitor.

Councillor Rodger – Shoebury Road accident, sign at Cupids broken.

Parking, Upcoming Transport Users meeting.

Councillor Sawyer – Footpath 8 diversion – Taylor Wimpey work finished on balancing pond but original route not yet restored. Currently ditch where footpath should run.

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

County Councillor Steptoe:

- Attended LHP meeting, roadworks – Havenside closed 26th. Road flooding – County to survey with view to re-profiling. Star Lane hedge. Chelmsford flyover closed due to movement caused by hot weather. ECC potholes – list of worst 20 carriageway potholes. ECC will undertake ten before Christmas and ten Spring. Send by 15th October.
- Seawall at Kimberley Road in Barling. Sit on EA Committee, send damage reports in.
- Surgery.

District Councillor Efde:

- Investment Board, standards, planning meeting and training.
- District Councillor surgery.

District Councillor McPherson:

- Offered congratulations on Parish Council surgery.
- Road signage, bollard update, Local Highways Panel.
- Homeless man.
- Parks re improved facilities, noted small amount of Sanctuary funds would be going to Barling.
- RDC 2020 event.
- Anti-social behaviour at RDC recreation ground.

14. 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 – Commented on Meeting, external audit notice. Volunteers requested to deliver Neighbourhood Watch leaflets. Concern expressed re road markings Shoebury Road.

Meeting Closed 9.05 pm.

Date of next Full Council meeting – 14th November 2018