

GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th April, 2018, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors L. Blunden, M. Flynn, N. Hookway, T. Hughes, R. Loding (Vice Chair), L. Rodger, M. Sawyer (Chair) and B. Wilkins.
In attendance: - Mrs Smiles (Minute taker)

1. The Chairman to declare the meeting open.

Meeting declared open at 7.30pm. The Chairman welcomed everybody and reminded Councillors they were in purdah. The Chairman also advised Mrs Smiles would be taking the minutes of the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors V. Brandon & D. Efde – holiday. Councillor R. Green - prior meeting
Resolved that due to absence of Clerk, Mrs Miles would be in attendance.

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 Loding – allotment holder.
Councillor Sawyer – Memorial Hall Secretary.

4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th March 2018.

Matters of fact: Cllr Hookway advised (Agenda item 16.3), he would like the section highlighted with a note at the bottom of page saying the statement has proven to be false and the landlords of the Anchor Public House have no interest in their toilets being used as public toilets.

Resolved that the minutes be approved, including the matters of fact carried with 1 against.

5. Financial Matters.

- a. To approve Payment Schedules for February/March 2018. **Carried**
- b. To approve Receipt Schedules for February/March 2018. **Carried**
- c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 12 months to 31st March 2018. **Carried**
- d. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18. **Carried**
- e. To approve and sign the Accounting Statements 2017/18. **Carried**
- f. To approve and sign the Statement of Accounts for the Financial year ending 31st March 2018. **Carried**

6. To receive the Chairman's report.

- The Common - have still not received ECTU document despite repeated requests over a period of 5 months. Friends of Wakering Common update.
- Planning Committee meeting update.
- Public Toilet Committee update.

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

Councillor Steptoe attended an LHP meeting. The work completed at medical centre zebra crossing and bus stop, this cost approx. £25,000. Residents requested

a survey in Southend Road, the results are in, if anyone would like to view it speak to Councillor Steptoe.

South East Essex Parking partnership update.

Essex digital awards - promoting apprentice schemes.

Youth strategy group – update.

ECTU has worked well with the police to move travellers on from Clements Hall in Hawkwell. Stated RDC bound by confidentiality clause in ECTU agreement.

Councillor Steptoe answered questions from Councillors and members of the public.

District Councillor Hookway attended a meeting for Sanctuary Housing. He reported there were no Planning Officers available to answer questions.

8. To approve continued membership of EALC/NALC.

Resolved that continued membership of EALC/NALC be approved.

9. To decide whether to replace streetlight P16 Shoebury Road

Resolved to replace the streetlight P16 in Shoebury Road.

10. Councillor Sawyer proposes that the refusal by RDC to provide an extant signed copy of the ECTU agreement with ECC is referred to the Information Commissioner.

Resolved to report RDC to the Information Commissioner.

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

Councillor Wilkins – May community clean-up.

Councillor Rodger - attended transport meeting and confirmed the buses 4 and 4a will not be brought back.

Councillor Flynn - agenda item re parish plan. Neighbourhood Watch now back in Great Wakering.

Councillor Loding – resurfacing completed in Beach and Mariners Court, some pavements still need repair, the burial ground is looking good and FP15 is now cleared.

12. 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).

J Whatley complained about comments on Facebook.

C Wells requested information regarding finance. K Smiles (Hockley Town Council Clerk) clarified reserve is best practice and all Councils comply with auditors recommendation.

C Satch thanked the Parish Council for replacing streetlight P16.

L Marshall reported Shoebury Road/Victoria Drive light out.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting – 30th May, 2018 Annual Full Council Meeting