GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors F. Baker, L. Blunden, D. Efde, R. Efde (Chair), T. Goodwin, P. Hitchman, T. Porter, L Rodger and B. Wilkins.

In attendance: - S. Hyatt (Parish Clerk)

1. **The Chairman to declare the meeting open.**

 Meeting declared open at 7.30pm.

Minutes silence held for Councillor Green.

**2. To receive apologies for absence.**

 Councillor Bates.

**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.**

 Councillors R. Efde and Wilkins – Memorial Hall, R. Efde – non-pecuniary interest

 St Nicholas.

 **4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting**

 **held on 31st July 2024.**

*Resolved* that the minutes be approved.

 **5. Financial Matters**

 a**.** To approve Payment Schedules for July/Aug 2024.*Carried*

 b. To approve Receipt Schedules for July/Aug 2024. *Carried*

 c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 5 months to 31st August 2024.

 *Carried*

**6.** **To receive the Chairman’s report.**

 Death of Councillor Green.

**7.**  **To note the auditor’s report.**

 Report noted and thanks offered to Clerk.

**8. To receive reports from outside bodies:**

* **Rochford 100** – Report previously circulated.
* **Buses** – No report.

**9. To consider the co-option of L. Searle-Cook onto the Council.**

 Non-attendance of candidate.

**10.** **At the Chairman’s discretion the exchange of relevant Council**

 **information.**

* Alexandra Road footway near development still closed.
* Fairy glen on common destroyed again.
* No issues on Public Rights of Way.
* Star Lane lake not being maintained.
* Clerk – clear external audit received, new fridge required, woodwork on exterior of Council building done free of charge by friend of Clerk’s.

**11. To receive reports from the County Councillor and District**

 **Councillors on County and District Council matters only (5 minutes each**

 **at Chairman’s discretion).**

 Councillor Efde:

* RDC Finance and Policy meeting.
* Tourism consultation closed.
* Planning and Development Committee updates.
* RDC Full Council meeting.

 County Councillor Steptoe:

* Wakering Road/Poynters Lane awaiting report after accident.
* Big increase flytipping.
* PROW/footways – complaints re vegetation, process being tightened.

**12. Time allowing 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).**

Thanks offered to Parish Council for previous grounds maintenance at St

 Nicholas churchyard.

 **13. 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.

**14. To receive a legal update from the Clerk regarding St Nicholas**

 **churchyard and to decide how to proceed**.

*Resolved* that the Parish Council agree to make a one-year donation

 to St Nicholas Parochial Church Council for grass-cutting of St Nicholas

 churchyard. The maximum donation to be £4500 and the decision to be

 reviewed annually. Clerk to finalise terms.

Meeting Closed 8.29pm

Next Meeting 27th November 2024