GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2024, in the Parish Council Offices, Little Wakering Hall Lane, Great Wakering, SS3 0HH, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors F. Baker, P. Bates, D. Efde, R. Efde (Chair), T. Porter, and B. Wilkins.

In attendance: - S. Hyatt (Parish Clerk)

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

 Meeting declared open at 7.30pm.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Councillors Goodwin, Green, Hitchman and Rodger.

1. **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, D. Efde - District Councillor and

 Bates – sea scouts.

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

 **held on 31st January 2024.**

*Resolved* that the minutes be approved.

 **5. Financial Matters**

 a**.** To approve Payment Schedules for Jan/February 2024. *Carried.*

 b. To approve Receipt Schedules for Jan/February 2024. *Carried.*

 c. To approve the Financial Statement for the 11 months to 29th February

 2024. *Carried*.

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

 Death of previous Councillor and Chair Marion Sawyer – a minutes silence was

 observed.

**7. To agree Financial Regs/Investment Policy/Code of Conduct/Standing**

 **Orders.**

 *Resolved* that these be adopted*.*

**8.** **To decide whether to hold the Annual Allotment Competition and to decide**

 **upon prizes to be awarded.**

 *Resolved* that the competition proceed with prizes for 1st place - £50, 2nd - £30, 3rd

 place - £20 and 4th place - £10 awarded by way of national garden vouchers.

 Clerk to arrange competition and judging.

**9.** **To decide whether to distribute Christmas parcels for the 2024 year.**

*Resolved* to distribute food parcels, the parcels to be organised by the Clerk.

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

 **information.**

* Streetlighting update.
* Flooding at Mallards.

**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:

* Development Committee Meeting.
* RDC reorganisation – South Street closing, reception moving to Rochford library.
* Planning update.
* Update on 58 High Street.

 County Councillor Steptoe:

* Update on alleviating flooding outside Mallards.
* ECC aware of damaged kerb outside funeral directors.
* Review on how Local Highways Panels work.
* Booking system at recycling centre to continue.
* Shoebury Road speed survey to be undertaken.

**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).**

Allotment holder addressed the Council.

**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 approve the Clerk’s recommendation regarding fees for the Parish**

 **Council Burial Ground for the 2024 financial year.**

*Resolved* that these be approved.

Meeting Closed 8.12pm

Next Meeting 29th May 2024