

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The minutes of the Extra - Ordinary Meeting of the Great Waltham Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th July 2025 at The Pavilion, South Street, Great Waltham CM3 1DF at 7.30pm.

Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Gilbert.

Cllrs: Jenkins, Martin, Stephenson, McDevitt, Taylor.

2. Apologies.

Cllrs Bradley, Steel and Jackson.

3. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and any request for dispensation.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation session for any items regardless of its existence on the agenda.

There were no members of the public.

5. To agree the Council's response to the Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Essex survey. (draft circulated with the agenda).

- The deadline for the survey is imminent.
- The survey is run by the Southend on Sea authority on behalf of several local authorities.
- There are several options being discussed ranging from 3 up to 5 new unitary authorities across Essex.
- Cllr. McDevitt expressed concerns that new larger unitary authorities could fail to fully recognise the local identities enjoyed by many rural parishes.
- The meeting noted the draft circulated with the agenda and a version proposed by Cllr. McDevitt with revisions to the draft.
- The proposed revised version was reviewed and debated, and with some further minor changes, agreed by the meeting.

Resolution: A response based on the proposed changes to the circulated draft was approved. Cllr Gilbert to submit the response.

Meeting closed 19.57.

Will Adshead-Grant.