



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 17th July 2017

Attendees: Cllr Guy Nelson, Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Sue Lusher, Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Kerry Mitchell.

17/119 Apologies for Absence

None

17/120 To receive members' declaration of interests in items on the Agenda

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interests not already declared.

Cllr Bowers, 17/124, pecuniary interest.

Cllr Murray, 17/134, non-pecuniary interest.

17/121 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 19th June 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

17/122 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Residents made the following comments:

It is a wonderful idea to shield the old cement works site.

The dip in the road outside Manor House continues to be a problem.

The hedges on Harwich Road are again becoming a problem.

The field is looking lovely, but someone is dumping their garden waste. Could WPC erect a sign warning people about dumping garden waste.

Car rally is generating some antagonistic feelings throughout the village, partly because of misinformation. It was agreed to invite Chelmsford Motor Club back to the village for a public meeting.

17/123 Clerks Report

The clerk reported that the last month had been largely spent on the day to day PC business, and other items which are reported on separately.

17/124 Payments

- a) The monthly finance update was received and payments were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all except Cllr Bowers who declared a pecuniary interest for an expenses claim.

17/125 Planning:

- a) To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications: none received at time of agenda publication.

- b) Local Plan- to agree comments for the Local Plan consultation

Following a discussion, it was agreed to resubmit the comments made at the last consultation (with appropriate page reference changes), as the views still stand. *available on the website

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Bowers

Agreed by all

Village amenities

Field

17/126

Hedges

- a) It was resolved to cut the hedge at the rear of the MUGA, as soon as possible after the nesting season. Brambles will be cleared from the play area. A working group to be put together for play area. Cllr Nelson will cut hedge immediately behind the MUGA.

Agreed by all.

- b) The following hedges requiring cutting:

- **Harwich Rd. –between the Chapel Fields site and the road**
- **Witch Cottage**
- **Clacton Rd.**
- **Harwich Road opposite Potters Cottage.**
- **50 ft strip**

The fencing between the MUGA and play area and the new play area and Mr Davidsons field need repairing.

17/127

Plans for reclaimed land

To discuss options for reclaimed areas of the playing field;

- Reseeding-old big mound, left very rough with debris, not graded, and seeding has not taken. It was agreed to meet with Danny and discuss areas of concern.
- Fruit trees- It was agreed to return the areas to grass before considering any further work.

17/128

Galvanized Storage Box for Football and other equipment

Following a discussion, it was resolved to accept the donated storage box to allow storage for the football nets, line marking equipment and other equipment as necessary. The permanent placement will be agreed in due course.

Proposed: Cllr Bowers

Seconded: Cllr Nelson

Agreed by all

17/129

Field Electrical Box

Cllr Bowers gave a report on the newly installed field electrical unit, and submitted the electrical certification documents to the clerk.

The MUGA has been rewired, and the box fitted. It was agreed to charge for use of the electrics for anyone that 'hires' the field. Clerk and chair to hold the keys.

17/130

Football

To agree terms for pitch hire for the 2017-18 season.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to reduce the 2016/17 rate to £30.00 per match, as the club had to carry out some pitch maintenance.

For 2017/18, it was agreed to ask them to pay £20.00 per match, paying 5 games up front. They must also provide their own line marking paint. The nets and marker will be stored in the outside storage box. The club will also be fined for any rubbish left behind after a match

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Bowers

Agreed by all

17/131

Field gate

To resolve to repair the field gate within a budget of £500.

Following a discussion Cllr Bowers made the following amendment: To replace the fence from the field gate to the pedestrian gate with a higher fence and to replace the pedestrian gate with a pair of full height gates to match the new fence.. This is to prevent balls ending up in the car park. It was agreed for Cllr Bowers to seek quotes, and bring back to the next meeting. **Proposed: Cllr Bowers**
Seconded: Cllr Murray
Agreed by all.

17/132

School parking

- a) The clerk gave a report following a meeting with Mr. Newell to discuss parking outside the school. *The issues discussed were double parking outside the school, parking over driveways, and congestion opposite Wheelwrights. At the meeting with Mr Newell it was agreed that anything that could reduce the number of cars outside the school at pick-up and drop-off would be a considerable help. The clerk put forward the idea of a 'Park and Stride' scheme, which would mean parents parked at the village hall, and walked to school. An incentive such a piece of fruit for each child was agreed as a good idea. It was agreed with Mr Newell to take a proposal to WPC asking them to financially support the scheme, funding the required hi-viz and 'incentives' for the scheme. Mr Newell agreed to continue to tackle irresponsible parking by parents through the newsletter, and by asking the parking enforcement officer to attend regularly. He also agreed to give notice to the residents opposite the school, when a larger or prolonged turn out is expected, such as big assemblies, sports day and fayres etc. Mr Newell also asked about the possibility of a disabled bay outside the school. It was agreed to take this to WPC to seek their support for an application.*
- b) Following a discussion, it was resolved to sponsor a 'Park and Stride' scheme, providing
 - i) hi-viz jackets and associated equipment. Costs to agreed once further work has been carried out with the school
 - ii) fruit for the children using the scheme. Logistics would have to be agreed with the school.

Alternative suggestions for the 'incentive' would be welcomed.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

Agreed by all

- c) Following a discussion, it was resolved not to support the application for a disabled bay outside the school. WPC felt that the hour a day it might potentially be used by a blue badge holder for dropping off for collecting a child from school, did not justify the loss of the space for residents the rest of the time.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

17/133

Screening on the 'Cement Works' site

To resolve to investigate planting a Leylandii hedge along the front of the cement works site, with a view to improving the appearance of the area. Costs to include ground works, hedging, and maintenance. Permission will be required from the land owner.

Having received information that the probate issue may have been resolved, it was agreed to put this item hold until we have established the situation with the cement works. It is deferred until the next appropriate agenda.

17/134

Youth Club event - 21st July

It was resolved to grant permission for the Youth Club to use the playing field for an end of term bouncy event.. Relevant insurance and risk assessments will be in place.

Proposed: Cllr Lusher

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed except Cllr Murray, who declared a non- pecuniary interest, as a youth club committee member.

- 17/135 **Correspondence.**
None
- 17/136 **Reports and updates**
 - **Highways-** Clerk. No additional reports
 - **Village Hall-** Cllr Bowers. No update. Cllr Nelson asked the VH to update when the barrier will go in, on the car park to prevent flooding.
 - **TDALC-** Cllr Mitchell. No meeting.
- 17/137 **Items to be added to next Agenda**
Finance report- on the grass cutting.
Crime report included.
Mower update.
Street lighting.
Firework meeting.
- 17/138 **Items of interest and note.**
 - The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18th September at 7.30 pm (no meeting in August)
 - Crucial Crew Older Person Event, 4th October 2017, 10am-2pm, Princes Theatre Clacton. Tickets can be reserved by calling 01255 686007 or emailing shickson@tendringdc.gov.uk. This is run by the Tendring Community Safety Partnership.

Members of the public please be advised that, in order for the council to give an effective response, matters they wish to raise must be brought to the notice of the Parish Council at least seven working days before the date of the meeting in writing or by email to the clerk- Thank you.

Emma Cansdale 7th August 2017

*Denotes attachment available from the Clerk