



**WIX PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Annual Parish Meeting  
Wix Village Hall 7.30pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017**

**Members of the public: 27**

**17.1 Introduction of Councillors**

Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Guy Nelson, Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Ray Murray  
Responsibilities are available on the website.  
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

**17.2 To agree minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 11/04/2016**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair. The minutes had been previously agreed at the parish council meeting following the APM in 2016 for accuracy.

**17.3 Annual Report 2016/17**

Cllr Nelson gave the annual report.  
This was followed by an update from Cllr Mitchell on High Speed Broadband. The reports are available on the website.

**17.4 Invitation to Speak- Village Groups and Organisations.**

- Wix Youth Club-Ray Murray. Ray reported that the youth club is now around 5 years old, and averaging 20 children every week. No parents are currently helping in the youth club, and a number of helpers would like stand down. Volunteers are therefore desperately needed.
- Wix Fayre-Adam Mitchell. Adam reported that the fayre is good fun for the village, raising a substantial sum each year that goes back into the community. It is full of traditional 'fun at the fayre' games and stalls, food, centre ring events and live music. This year's Wix fayre will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 1.30

- Golden Years- Glady Everett. Glady reported that Golden Years is for the 55's and over, and they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. They have various entertainers, play card games and have their annual Christmas lunch. It is a self-sufficient club, but does welcome donations and has gratefully received them over the years from the Waggon and Wix Fayre. This month they will be having an outing to Helmingham Hall Gardens. The club has been running for over 50 years and has approximately 50 members.
- Tony Rix- Bowls Club. Tony reported that the Bowls Club has been going for over 30 years, and has around 23 members. The meet and play on Tuesday and Friday nights, 7.30, and guests who would like to try it out are welcome. The yearly subs are £7.00, and £1.50 per night to cover costs
- Patricia Pope- Village Hall. Patricia reported that the Village Hall is a charitable organisation, which is self-sufficient and run by a board of trustees. The hall can be hired by groups, and clubs and by individuals. They are hoping to organise events this year, to draw people into the hall.

## 17.5 Public Participation.

The Council invites members of the public to speak on issues affecting the village which the Parish Council have some influence over, and any local organisations who would like to report on activities they are holding or have held.

### a) Unilateral Undertakers fund- Green Farm Solar

How would you like to see the £28,000 fund spent?

- Improving cement works view.
- A resident asked if the plan for the path around the field, gym equipment was still going ahead? *It is still in the plan, currently being investigated, but is partly reliant on the field drainage.*
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### b) Open session. What would YOU like to raise?

- A resident asked if there has been any movement on developing the Cement works site? *There is not.*  
The also commented that the village looks really nice now.
- Serious concerns were raised regarding the speed of cars through the village, and parking around school time.  
*Residents were advised that application for speed reductions and traffic calming measures had been requested to Essex County Council. The clerk is working with the school, residents and businesses to improve the parking situation around the school.*
- A resident who moved to the village in September, wanted to thank people for making them welcome. They also asked what is the vision for the village is, and if the Parish Council has a plan going forward, particularly in terms of encouraging businesses in.  
*The clerk advised that the PC does have a 5-year plan, which focuses predominantly on assets the PC own or can control, such as the playing field and street lights. Retaining small businesses is becoming increasingly difficult everywhere, and it is unlikely the PC would be able to encourage more retail*

*business into the village, however it will be added to a future PC agenda for full discussion.*

- A resident requested that the school let residents know when there are evening events, so they are able to plan for the increase in traffic and parking. *The clerk will advise the school, that this request has been made.*

Refreshments were served and residents took the opportunity to talk to councillors one-to-one.

Emmajane Cansdale  
Clerk to Wix Parish Council

11<sup>th</sup> May 2017