



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30

17/139 **Apologies for Absence**

None

17/140 **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 Nelson- 17/145 pecuniary interest- expenses payment.

17/141 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

17/142 **Parish Councillor vacancy and co-option.**

Following receipt of one application for the parish councillor vacancy, from Mr Bob Jemmett, it was resolved to co-opt him on to Wix Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

Agreed by all.

Cllr Jemmett joined the council, and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and acceptance of the code of conduct, and will complete the DPI form within 28 days.

17/143 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- Fly tipping on the Harwich Rd layby. Clerk to report
- When will there be another litter picking day? The next one will be in spring.
- The ditch behind the properties that back on to the field is blocked. Clerk to investigate
- Dip in the carriageway outside Manor House is 60mm. Clerk to chase. 2534192
- Street light out, Bayview.

17/144 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that the last month has been spent carrying out the general day to day business of the council.

17/145 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all, except Cllr Nelson who declared a pecuniary interest.

**Action; Clerk to order a new set of Plifix. Markers for the football field**

17/146

**Planning:**

- a) To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

17/01422/FUL | Erection of storage building. | Abbey Farm Spinnels Lane Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2UJ

*Recommendation: No objection*

17/01310/DETAIL. Land South West of Horsley Cross Roundabout Clacton Road Horsley Cross Essex CO11 2NZ

Submission of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 13/00745/OUT with details pursuant to Conditions 1 (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale), 3 (Strategic Phasing Plan), 4 (Design Code), 5 (phasing arrangements), 6 (levels), in part 7 (external materials), in part 12 (roundabout), 15 (landscaping), 18 (loading, turning and parking), 23 (surface water), 24 (foul water) and 25 (ecology) and in part Schedule 7 (details of an air quality monitoring programme) of Legal Agreement for the development of the site to provide a new industrial park for B2 and B8 uses.

*Recommendation: Comments as last time. Key issues: traffic, noise pollution*

Proposed: Cllr Nelson  
Seconded: Cllr Jemmet  
Agreed by all

**Village amenities**  
**Field**

17/147

**Grass Cutting**

To review the grass cutting contract and agree cutting for the forthcoming year.

Danny Marven attended the meeting and gave a presentation on grass cutting and general maintenance of the whole field area. He suggested a year-round contract that would be 'all-inclusive' and run for 3-years initially

It was agreed for Danny to provide the council with a full scoping document and pricing, which will be discussed against other quotes at an extraordinary meeting.

It was also resolved to have the field cut on an ad-hoc basis until a new contract was established, at the cost of £225.00 per cut.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Murray**  
**Agreed by all.**

Extra ordinary meeting to discuss this once quotations have been received.

17/148

**PC Mower**

To receive an update on the PC mower.

Cllr Bowers reported that there was one person interested in having a look at the mower with regards purchasing it from the council. Cllr Bowers and Cllr Jemmet would spend another couple of hours working on it to try and get it running

**Action GB and RJ.**

17/149

**Allotments**

To receive a report on the condition of the allotment and a quote from D Marvan (WPC's framework contractors), for the clearance of the ditch, and clearance and rotavating of the existing unused plots.

- a) To discuss quote and possible alternatives, such as a working party.

Following a discussion and review of the quote, it was agreed to set up a working party (Tony Lungley and Bob Jemmett to dig out the ditch and clear the vacant plots.

It was resolved to hire a digger and dumper to complete the work at a cosy of £120 plus diesel per day.

**Proposed: Cllr Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all**

b) To agree billing for allotment holders for the forthcoming season.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to rent the plots at a peppercorn rent of £1 per plot for the forthcoming year.

**Proposed: Cllr Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all.**

17/150

**Hedges, trees and brambles within the play areas, and playing field**

To receive quotes from D Marvan for various works within the playing field, including mound areas and tree stump removal.

a) To discuss quote from D Marvan and possible alternatives, such as a working party.

To identify areas of brambles and other work within the play area and playing field.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to carry the work out 'in-house' and to ask for volunteers on the Facebook page/website etc to help with village maintenance in order to keep costs (therefore the precept) down.

It was reported that Alan Davidson will cut and top the hedge his side and Tony Lungley can then face the WPC side.

It was agreed to remove thorny plants from play area. (hawthorn/blackthorn etc)

It was agreed to seek quotes to replace post and hang the 2 existing gates on the pedestrian entrance to the field. This also requires a bolt and socket to secure one gate into the ground.

A budget of £1000.00 was agreed and it was resolved to grant the clerk delegated power to appoint an appropriate contractor, to ensure the work is completed before bonfire night.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

**Action: Clerk**

b) To set up and working group to tackle the identified areas, and agree date for working parties.

It was agreed to set this up by email.

17/151

**Harwich Road Hedge**

a) To note thanks to Tony Lungley, who cut back the hedge along Harwich Rd, and also Bradfield Rd.

b) To receive a report from the clerk, regarding the siding required on Harwich Rd footway, and agree any actions as necessary.

The clerk reported that following a letter sent to ECC, Cllr Carlo Gugieilmi, and TDC, TDC would investigate and cut back the hedge. If this did not materialise, it was agreed to hire a digger and dumper to complete the work, subject to permission for working on the highway from ECC.

- 17/152 **Street Lighting**  
To discuss and agree next street lighting step
- Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask A and J Lighting, if they have any newer type of lights with better spread. A list of lights for upgrade will be submitted at the October meeting. To note a back shield is required on the light outside Baytree Close.
- 17/153 **Fireworks**  
Following a discussion, it was agreed that the fireworks meeting would be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at Field House, 7pm. Fireworks working group is Cllr Nelson, Lusher, Mitchell, Jemmett, Murray, and Adam Mitchell. Steve Pilling and family will help with the merchandise on the night.
- 17/154 **Essex Highways Stakeholder response**  
The Essex Highways Stakeholder survey was completed, and the clerk will submit.
- 17/155 **Crime Report**  
See separate crime report.
- 17/156 **Correspondence.**  
Tree planting scheme. WPC agreed that it would not take part this year.  
Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. It was agreed to see how much was left in the grants and donations budget at the end of the financial year, and make a decision then.
- 17/157 **Reports and updates**
- **Highways- Clerk.** Already covered.
  - **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers reported that the car park light is out. They would be clearing the area at the back** to access other connection. There are working on CCTV and will contact the PC when they are in a position to offer additional coverage over PC property.
  - **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell- Meeting is next week.**
- 17/158 **Items to be added to next Agenda**  
**Container rent.**
- 17/159 **Items of interest and note.**
- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm
  - Crucial Crew Older Person Event, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 10am-2pm, Princes Theatre Clacton. Tickets can be reserved by calling 01255 686007 or emailing [shickson@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:shickson@tendringdc.gov.uk). This is run by the Tendring Community Safety Partnership.

**Meeting closed at 21:57**

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.