



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30

Attendance: Cllr G Bowers (Vice-chair- chairing the meeting), Cllr S Lusher, Cllr M Townley, Cllr R Murray, Cllr K Mitchell  
Clerk: Mrs Emma Cansdale

17/100 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Nelson- work commitments

17/101 **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 Lusher 17/108- pecuniary.  
Cllr Mitchell 17/108- pecuniary  
Cllr Murray 17/114- non-pecuniary  
Cllr Bowers 17/107 pecuniary.

17/102 **Minutes**

- a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the meeting chair, Cllr Bowers.

17/103 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident raised issues regarding speeding and what measures can be taken to prevent it. Parking issues were also raised, which-the PC are already working on.

Playground bin- this needs emptying

A resident asked why the firework start time was delayed. In 2015 they were delayed slightly because of the poor weather, which meant wind direction tests were required. In 2016 the start was delayed to allow the queues of people waiting to get in, to enter. The 2017 display will have a longer lead in time, which will hopefully allow everyone to get in ahead of the display time. The start will be at the advertised start time, and not postponed (unless the weather means H&S measures have to be taken).

17/104 **Resignation.**

Cllr Brown's resignation was received, and it was resolve to advertise vacancy following the normal procedure.

**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**

**Seconded: Cllr Murray**

**Agreed by all**

17/105 **Speaker- Tony Clements, Chelmsford Motor Club**

Mr Clements spoke on behalf of CMC, regarding the planned race in April 2018, in which Wix is part of the route.

Mr Clements explained the process for organising the event, which is to be the first of its kind in the UK, and advised that he was in the process of consulting with affected residents.

Once the consultation has been completed and the route agreed, CMC will advise WPC, and further details will be published.

Residents and councillors had the opportunity to ask questions.

17/106 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that since the last meeting, she has carried out the day to day council business, reported highway's issues, and been working on the parking issues within the village.

17/107 **Payments**

- a) The monthly finance update was received and payments were agreed, totalling £1,985.60 See separate finance sheet.  
Agreed by all
- b) The clerk advised that the online banking was now set up, and she required all signatories to contact Barclays, to set up their access.

17/108 **Planning:**

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

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| 17/00958/FUL<br>Mr Steve Harmer - P and S<br>Developments Ltd | Erection of 2 No. 3 bed detached<br>dwellings and 2 No. 2 bed semi-<br>detached dwellings. | Land adjacent Clay Cottage<br>Harwich Road<br>Wix<br>Essex<br>CO11 2SA |
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Cllrs Lusher and Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest, and did not vote on this item

*Recommendation: WPC makes the following comments: There are concerns regarding the amount of parking for the properties, and the potential displacement of cars which currently use the layby. Any parking on the highway in the area as a result of the building will make passing the area difficult and dangerous.*

*Concerns are raised regarding drainage issues in the area, and would like to see measures in place to accommodate surface water, at this location- which is the lowest point in the village, and already suffers from surface water flooding.*

**Proposed: Cllr Bowers**

**Seconded: Cllr Murray**

**Agreed.**

**Village amenities**

**Field**

17/109 **Plans for reclaimed land**

To discuss options for reclaimed areas of the playing field;

- Reseeding- clerk to check when this will be done
- Fruit trees- defer until the July meeting.

Cllr Murray asked the clerk to inform the contractor that the gates must be locked when they leave, as they have been left open.

Cllr Bowers asked to minute that other people must not plant trees on the field without parish council permission.

- 17/110 **Fireworks**  
a) To discuss volunteer requirement, and agree plan. This item has been delegated to the firework committee, which will hold a meeting shortly.  
b) Following a discussion, it was resolved to purchase the same display as 2016, with a maximum price increase of 10%  
**Proposed: Cllr Murray**  
**Seconded: Cllr Mitchell**  
**Agreed by all.**
- 17/111 **Shrubs for bonfire**  
It was resolved to use Bob Jemmett's shrubs for the bonfire, and to store them on the field in the trees behind Field House, from September until November.  
**Proposed: Cllr Murray**  
**Seconded: Cllr Townley**  
**Agreed by all**
- 17/112 **Parish Council Insurance**  
It was resolved to renew the Parish Council insurance with Came and Company at £551.36 (Long term agreement until 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019)  
**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**  
**Seconded: Cllr Townley**  
**Agreed by all.**
- 17/113 **Salt Bag scheme**  
To resolve to take part in the ECC Salt Bag Scheme for 2017/18.  
It was agreed not to take part, as there is salt left.
- 17/114 **Youth Club**  
To discuss options for 'staffing' the youth club in the future following report from youth club.  
Cllr Murray reported that Karen Martin is in the process of writing a letter to parents first, asking for volunteers. There is a danger that if the Youth Club take on paid staff, they would lose their charity status. This item is on hold until further notice from the Youth Club.
- 17/115 **Correspondence.**
  - ECC consultation on proposals to expand Holland Haven school. This consultation, and one relating to the merging of several Brightlingsea school will be placed on the website.
  - Youth Club- Karen Martin has requested use of the playing field on 21<sup>st</sup> July, for an end of term inflatable event, with bouncy castles for the Youth Club. The youth club and inflatable company have the appropriate insurance. This was agreed in principle, and a formal resolution will be on the July agenda.
- 17/116 **Reports and updates**
  - **Highways- Clerk.** Hedges and brambles are becoming an issue, and hedge letters will be sent out towards the end of the bird nesting season.
  - **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers.** The Village Hall committee and Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) have agreed that Wix PC can 'share' the CCTV surrounding the village hall. The VHC would like to increase the number of cameras outside, and would be happy to have one facing WPC property- there will be financial implications. A formal resolution and costings will be on the July agenda.
  - Cllr Bowers reported that the power supply items have been purchased, and will hopefully be up and running in 2 weeks.
  - **TDALC-** Cllr Mitchell reported the last meeting was the Annual meeting where officers appointed. Other issues raised were speeding and fly tipping.
  - **Allotment ditch.** D Marvan will be asked to quote for this work.

17/117 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

- Use of the football pitch for the forthcoming year. Cllr Bowers advised that he has a large galvanised steel box, which would be big enough for the nets and line marker. Resolution will be added to the July agenda.
- Hedges.

17/118 **Items of interest and note.**

- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm  
Closed at 9.00pm

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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

\*Denotes attachment available from the Clerk