



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 20th March 2017

Cllr Gary Bowers (vice-chair- chairing the meeting), Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Ray Murray
Emmajane Cansdale, Clerk

17/040 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Brown- personal, Cllr Nelson- personal, Cllr Lusher- personal

17/041 **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.

None

17/042 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20th February 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the vice chair, Cllr Bowers.

17/043 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- Horses still using public footpath at the south of Colchester Rd,. The clerk will report it to ECC PROW officer Sarah Potter. An article on use of public rights of way will be included in the next parish magazine.
- There was a request for dog fouling bins at the ends of the village. This will be placed on the next agenda. The clerk will also buy some stickers for bins saying any can be used for dog foul. The clerk will also speak to D Marvan's about extra bins.
- The pothole outside Manor House continues to cause the resident issues. Large vehicles cause the house to shake. Whilst this pothole does not meet the EC criteria for repair, the clerk will try and emphasise the specific circumstances with the location.
- A comment was made on how much the precept has gone up over the last 7 years. The council did identify the specific and necessary large expenditures that have caused the increase, including the employment of a paid clerk, and the replacement of unserviceable streetlights.
- A resident suggested WPC should advertise how money is spent in the parish magazine.
- Lorries turning in Swedish Estate. Covered under correspondence.
- Correspondence- Football storage in the container. Covered under item 17/057
- A resident asked that WPC request that the grass is reinstated on the area where the tractor is driving on to the field, at the top of the hill on Bradfield Rd.
- A resident commented that, in contrast to the February minutes, you technically can't have an orchard all over the village. To be an orchard, it must be in one place.

17/045 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that as well as the general day to day business of the council, she has completed a piece of work with TDC on recreation and sport areas, has been preparing for the end of year accounts, and continues to work on the Emergency Plan.

- 17/046 **Electoral Review of Tendring: Draft Recommendations.**
Following a review of the draft recommendation, it was agreed to respond positively on the proposed changes to the warding area Wix is in. Clerk to action.
- 17/047 **Finance ****
To receive and approve cheques for payment
Proposed: Cllr Townley
Seconded: Cllr Murray
Agreed by all
- 17/048 **Planning:**
a) To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

17/00356/OUT | Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of one dwelling. | Land opposite Lynfield, Bradfield Road, Wix, Essex CO11 2SN.

No objections, however WPC have wish to raise concerns regarding drainage and lack of footway.

Village amenities
Field
- 17/49 **Field spoil removal and improvements****
Following a discussion and rough price comparison (for soil removal) it was resolved to contract D Marven to remove the spoil and make good areas, in accordance with the attached report ((Items 4-6) spoil removal and make good for £2850)
Proposed: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agreed by all.

To consider item 2, beacon painting.
It was agreed to not take this up.
- 17/050 **Proposed power supply**
To receive a proposal for a power supply to the field, using:
a) The MUGA cable, if bigger enough, or
b) To install another replacement, if not, which will terminate to a new electrical box on land close to the MUGA, from this a timer and cable will continue to the MUGA and 2 secure power points will be provided in the box for field use.

It was resolved to install a power supply as detailed above and to bring quotes to the April meeting.
Proposed: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Bowers
Agreed by all
Cllr Murray and Cllr Bowers to obtain quotes for next meeting.
- 17/051 **Mower**
To resolve to 'dispose of/retain' the mower and agree method, and timescale.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Bowers will finish any repairs over the next 2 weeks and will draw up an advert for the mower, in line with the current resolution. It will be offered to dealers, and advertised more widely if needed.
- 17/052 **Easter Event**
Following receipt of a request from a member of the public, to support her Easter Event, in the village Hall and playing field (see attached proposal), there was some uncertainty regarding whether this was a commercial event or a charitable one.

Cllr Murray proposed that if there is no financial gain to an individual WPC would pay for the hire of hall

If it is linked to the resident's business and is a commercial event WPC would just offer the field.

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all.

17/053 **Litter picking**

It was resolved to hold the annual litter picking day on Saturday 22nd April 2017. 10-12am and a budget of £50 for refreshments was agreed

Proposed: Cllr Townley

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

Meeting Dates

17/054 **April Meeting**

It was resolved to hold the April meeting on Monday 24th April, as the 17th is Easter Monday.

Agreed.

17/055 **Annual Parish Meeting**

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th May. Speakers will be invited to attend. A budget of £50 was agreed for refreshments.

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

17/056 **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

It was resolved to move the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to Monday 22nd May.

Agreed.

17/057 **Correspondence.**

- HGV movements on Colchester Road. To agree any possible mitigating action. **The clerk will write to Anglian Timber.**
- Possible vandalism/lose bolts on the play equipment. To agree any mitigating action. **The clerk is investigating lockable bolts/tamper-proof nuts or the possibility of welding the bolts. An article will also be placed in the parish magazine, asking people to be vigilant.**
- Village Hall- football use on the bin store. To note the clerk and Cllr Lusher removed the line marking rubbish, and the line paint is no longer stored in the VH property. To resolve to store the nets and **marking machine in the PC container, and give the football club a key until the end of the season. Following a discussion, and representation from Wix fayre, it was agreed to house the equipment in the container, but not to give the club a key. Cllr's Bowers and Murray will liaise with the club regarding access.**
- To consider the Housing White Paper, as requested by Civic Voice. **Councillors to read and comment in March**
- Cllr Townley reported that - Wix.com (web hosting company) have offered to provide a free website for every business owner in Wix. **Cllr Mitchell will investigate this, and any future cost implications to the businesses, and advise on whether Wix PC should publicise this to other businesses.**

17/058 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk. Nothing to report**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers reported that the Village Hall were not interested in having any fruit trees on their land.** (relating to the orchard proposal at the February meeting).
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell- Nothing to report.**

17/059 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

To consider ideas for the Queens Sapphire Jubilee celebrations. Ann Barns would like to be involved.

Request to light the beacon on that day.

Youth club- would like a roundabout.

17/060

Items of interest and note.

- The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7:30 pm
- First aid course 1st April 2017
- Cleaning the MUGA- this can be carried out on the litter picking day

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 21st March 2017

*Denotes attachment available from the Clerk