



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30 pm

Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chairman). Cllr Gary Bowers (Vice-chairman), Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Mark Townley,
Cllr Kerry Mitchell

Clerk to Wix Parish Council: Emmajane Cansdale

5 members of public

AGENDA

17/061 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Brown- work commitments, Cllr Sue Lusher- personal matters

17/062 **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 received

17/063 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20th March 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the vice-chair. (as chairman of meeting of 20th March)

17/064 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Steve Wood asked if PMC will be cutting the triangle at Bradfield Rd/Spinnels Lane again this year? The clerk will write to them and clarify the position for the coming season.

Elizabeth Rankin commented that the village is looking lovely after the litter pick.

There is a large pothole on the path along Harwich Rd. outside 4 Minters Cottage. There is also a very poor area of footway outside Venns.

John Williams commented that the Poppy Appeal payment was not received for 2016. The payment will be made this evening

Pat Pope commented that the field looks good.

17/065 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that in addition to the day to day council business, she attended the excellent first aid course along with Cllr Murray and a number of residents. This was very well received, and will be invaluable in future PC and village events. The annual spring litter pick was held on 22nd April with a number of councillors. Thanks are extended to Elisabeth Rankin, Bob Jemmett and Carolyn Murray who came along to help. The issue of horses using the public footpaths has been reported to ECC and the clerk has made steps to have the Bradfield Rd Footway kept clear of the muck. The clerk also reported that in future, Anglian Timber will be using a Bradfield Rd postcode as their delivery address which should help to prevent HGV's using Colchester Rd. The hole in the road outside Manor House has been reported again. The clerk has also resumed the weekly playground inspections while Cllr Lusher is unable to do so.

Cllr Murray found one of the caps off the rocking horse in the toddler playground and replaced it. It has been suggested that they are glued on to prevent them being lost in the future

17/066 **Finance ****

The cheques for payment were agreed and signed, including a BACS payment, totalling £561.95
To also note the increase in Clerks' pay in line with the national pay award.

Proposed: Cllr Bowers

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

17/067 **Planning:**

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

17/00536/FUL Mr A Fairs

Conversion of WW2 bombing decoy to 'glamping' unit with part buried utility building.

Former Decoy Building at Spinnels Farm / Bluehouse Farm, WIX, CO11 2UJ

Cllr Bowers raised an issue of large military vehicles using the area.
Following a discussion, the following recommendation was agreed.

Proposal to recommend no objection

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Murray.

Agreed by all

Village amenities

Field

17/68 **Play Area Inspection 2016**

A review of the 2016 inspection report was carried out and the following actions were agreed:

MUGA sign will be erected in line with the recommendation.

Surfer height will be adjusted by 50mm

Investigate the matting under the net climber.

All other findings will be monitored as advised.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

17/069 **Stones on Village Hall overflow car park**

To resolve to remove/move the stone.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to use stones from the VH overflow carpark on the path to the bridge, with any remaining stone left nearby for future use

Proposer: Cllr Murray

Secunder: Cllr Townley.

Agreed by all

17/070 **Football**

Following a discussion regarding the use of the pitch for the following season, it was agreed to allow Mill Football Club to continue using it for the Sunday League.

Craig Dawson has also shown an interest in the pitch for the Men's Saturday League. Use of the pitch will be offered at the current rate of £35 per match.

Depending on the outcome of the interest in the Saturday League, Mill may be offered the pitch at a lower rate if they provide their own paint, and maintain the pitch.

It was also agreed to seek costs to secure an area of the container for football equipment, for resolution at the May meeting.

17/071 **Allotments.**

It was resolved to have the allotment ditch cleared. This should be completed by the May meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Bowers
Agreed by all.

17/072 **Beacon**

Following a request to light the Beacon for the Queens Sapphire Jubilee, it was agreed that should an official day be given, the Beacon may be lit.

17/073 **Additional new roundabout**

Following a request from the Youth Club, asking WPC to consider installing a roundabout for older children, it was resolved to investigate, identifying a potential site, type and funding options.

Proposed: Cllr Bowers
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agreed by all.

17/074 **Annual Parish Meeting**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to hold the APM in the following format:

Annual report (Chairs report, finance report)
Village groups to speak.
Produce a directory of groups
Open session to discuss the use of the solar farm grant
General open session
Tea and cake.

Flyers and posters will be produced advertising the event, and the clerk and councillors will endeavour to get as many groups represented at the meeting as possible.

It was resolved to set a budget of £50 for advertising.

17/075 **Correspondence.**

- To consider the Housing White Paper, as requested by Civic Voice. **It was resolved not comment due to complexity of the report.**
- To receive a request asking WPC to write to Anglian Timber and the front Wheelwrights properties, asking them to park their cars in a more considerate manner, and off-road, where spaces are available.
Agreed. Clerk to write to residents and Anglian Timber.

17/076 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk. None**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers. None**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. None.**

17/077 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

Football

17/078

Items of interest and note.

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th May at 7.30 pm
- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7:30 pm

Closed session

The following items will be held in a closed session. The public are excluded in accordance with the public bodies admission act 1960, due to information being discussed which is of a commercially sensitive nature.

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17/079

Playing Field power supply quotes

Three quotes were received and following a discussion, BT Electrical Contract Services Ltd were appointed at a cost of £280 + VAT (£336.00 inc VAT), to carry out the specified work. (supply 16mm 3 core SWA cable, glands and mains termination blocks, fitting, electrical testing and certificate.)

Additionally, the in-house work will cost approx £600.00

It was resolved to set a budget of £1000.00 to include contingency, to complete the project.

The junction box just the filed side of the fence, behind the village hall, about 4m into the field

Proposed: Cllr Bowers
Seconded: Cllr Townley
Agreed by all

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.