



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 24th October at 7.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:

The Public and Press and invited to attend

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Clerk to Wix Parish Council

AGENDA

16/168 **Apologies for Absence**

16/169 **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.

16/170 **Minutes**

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 19th September 2016

16/171 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

16/172 **Clerks Report**

16/172 **Finance ****

To receive and approve cheques for payment

16/173 **Parish Council precept capping. DCLG**

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published the [Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation](#) which includes proposals regarding council tax referendum principles for local parish and town councils.

The term referendum principles refers to the requirement to hold a local referendum if the proposed council tax increase exceeds a set threshold; the consultation is considering setting the threshold at which the referendum principles would take effect for a rise in precept of 2% or £5 per year, whichever is higher, as currently applied to principal councils.

There are two important parts of the consultation affecting local councils:

- firstly, the government is minded to extend referendum principles to a number of larger, higher spending local councils;
- secondly the paper states the government is aware that increases in precepts continue to concern local tax payers and is therefore prepared to consider extending referendums to ALL parishes.

At the Annual General Meeting of the EALC the meeting **unanimously voted against** the principle of capping the precept of Parish Sector Councils.

To agree to support the EALC motion against the principle of capping the precept of Parish Council, to respond directly to the consultation and to seek support from the Ward Councillors, County Councillors and Local MP.

- 16/174 **Planning:**
a) To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

- 16/175 **Grant fund application**
Wix PC have received a request from Wix and Wrabness Preschool, for grant funding towards an interactive whiteboard.
To discuss the request and agree whether to award the grant. * Completed application form to follow

Village amenities

Field

- 16/176 **Mounds of earth and spoil.**
To discuss the options for removing the mounds of earth from the playing field/village hall.
- Alternative uses
 - Contractor removal (see item 16/194)

- 16/177 **Pitch Drainage.**
To receive an update of the pitch drainage

- 16/178 **50ft strip hedge.**
To agree to have the 50ft strip hedge cut back.

Trees

- 16/179 **Tree survey.** To discuss options for a full tree survey on the trees within the playing field/area
- a) A **Hazard Tree Survey** which will involve all trees being visually inspected from ground level and a report and plan produced detailing only those trees requiring remedial works. £380 + VAT
- b) A **Tree Inventory** which will also involve all trees being visually inspected from ground level but will provide detail, management recommendations and plot on a plan all trees within your ownership. There is also an option to have the trees marked with a unique reference number (tag) to aid cross reference with the report/plan and identification on site. £560 + VAT (with the option to tag trees an extra £60).

To agree whether to request Hallwood Associates carry out the survey.

- 16/180 **Horse Chestnut**
To note the horse chestnut next to the beacon has been felled.

- 16/181 **Storage shed**
- a) To fully discuss the options for the shed with protected electrical distribution box for field users including:
- Building type, brick, metal, container, wood.
 - Building uses
 - Proposed dimensions
 - Location
- b) To agree the next steps

- 16/182 **Allotments**
To receive an update on the allotments

- 16/183 **Fireworks**
- a) To discuss, note, agree and assign councillors/volunteers to the following actions:
1. Moving the fireworks to the storage location
 2. Preparing the fireworks for the night – waterproofing and fixing to stands – need cable ties
 3. First aider

4. Car parking
5. The gate – councillors and immediate family only
6. Clearing up afterwards – we need a vehicle with a tow bar and trailer – after the event that evening.
7. Inform insurers, police and fire brigade etc.
8. Setting up on the day – building the bonfire, the pay desk / tent, lighting and setting out the fireworks; volunteers needed for all activities

b) To approve the expenditure of £39.95 for banners.

16/184 **First Aid Course**

- a) To receive a proposal and agree that Wix PC should host a first aid course for Wix residents. This could be open to anyone living or if numbers allow also working in Wix. Applicable for PC, Fayre, fireworks, preschool, golden years, wood yard, village hall, bowls club etc. Three providers and cost's will be discussed in the closed session.

16/185 **War Memorial**

To approve a budget of £50 for the war memorial display.

16/186 **Village sign/ new Play Area**

- a) To agree to hold an opening ceremony for the newly refurbished village sign and new play area.
- b) To agree any budget requirements for the event.

16/187 **Correspondence**

- To note a letter of complaint regarding the removal of the horse chestnut and to agree a response.

16/188 **Playground:**

Signing of playground log book

16/189 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers**
- **Playground Light- Cllr Murray**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell**
- **Get Ready for Winter Event**

16/190 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

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16/191 **Items of interest and note.**

- The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7:30 pm
- Get Ready for Winter Event is on Thursday 27th October, 10am-4pm at Wix Village Hall.

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.

16/192 **Grass cutting**

To receive a quotes from grass cutting contractors, and to appoint a contractor

16/193 **Painting**

To receive quotes from painters for the work on the telephone box and container, and to appoint a contractor.

16/194 **Earth Removal**

Subject to item 16/176, to receive quotes for the removal of the various earth mounds and spoil from the village field, and to appoint a contractor.

16/195 **First aid.**

Subject to item 16/184, to receive quotes from providers, and to agree training.

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 18th October 2016

*Denotes attachment available from the Clerk