



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019

Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Bob Jemmett

19/018 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Townley, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Murray, Cllr Lusher

19/019 **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

19/020 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 14th January 2019 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

19/021 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident raised the issue of horses continuing to use the PRoW from Clacton Road, parallel to Colchester Road. This will be passed to Essex Highways.

Could the PC request a dog bin, on Clacton Road by the PRoW.

Cllr Mike Bush - specials. See item 19/030

Grass verge on hill has been damaged. Clerk to report to ECC.

19/022 **Clerks Report**

- Elections May 2019
- Harwich Road Gipping site (and Old Cement Works update) The meadow next to the original site has been purchased by Gipping Construction. They will be submitting a planning application for a small development in due course.

Finance

19/023 **Payments**

To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **(appx 1)

Proposed: Cllr Bowers

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

19/024 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

19/00133/FUL | Single storey rear extension. | 14 Glebe Close Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2SD

Following a discussion, it was agreed to submit a response stating the concerns on the over development of the site, loss of light, design is not in keeping with the other predominantly retirement properties, and drainage. Call in the site.
Recommend objection.

19.00213/FU. Proposed dwelling. Land to the rear of Chapelfields. Following a discussion, it was agreed to submit the same comments as the previous objection to a property on the site.
Recommendation: Objection

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

General

19/025 **Mower- Cllr Jemmett**

To discuss the option to appoint Stourwood Landscapes to fit a replacement used engine into the PC mower at a cost of £1,500 so that it runs, with a view to increasing the sale value of the mower and minimising the loss which would result in selling at the previous offer price of £500 for a 'non-runner'. Also to note this work will be carried out without any guarantee other than that the mower will start and run.

Following a discussion, it was proposed to defer the decision until an extraordinary meeting

Proposed: Cllr Bowers
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all

19/026 **Street lights**

Following a discussion, it was resolved to replace the remaining sodium lights with LED lamps.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Bowers
Agreed by all

19/027 **Play area/field gate**

To identify solutions for the gap under the field gate, and to budget expenditure.

Following a discussion, it was agreed all councilors would make themselves familiar with the issue, and a potential solution will be agreed at the next meeting.

Agreed by all

19/028 **Play Area inspections.**

To discuss whether the weekly inspections carried out by the clerk alongside the annual inspection are adequate, and to discuss the option of employing a third party to carry out monthly/quarterly inspections.

Withdrawn.

19/029 **Pond/UKPN**

The clerk gave a report on behalf of UKPN, who will not be undertaking any work on the fallen willow. Following a discussion, it was resolved to:

- a) establish the Friends of Wix Pond group.
- b) identify the tree work required at the pond, and produced a scope of works **in conjunction** with the 'Friends'
- c) seek quotes for the work
- d) apply for grants as appropriate **in conjunction** with the 'Friends'.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all

19/030 **Crime Report and Community Specials**

To receive a report regarding Community Specials, and discuss and agree whether this is something Wix PC would like to investigate further.

Cllr Mike Bush met with Essex Police regarding a program for recruiting community specials. The police precept is increasing again this year and Tendring will be receiving a number of extra police officers. However with a scheme like this, the recruitment campaign will take time.

Following a discussion it was agreed to present this at at the annual parish meeting.

19/031 **Community Speed Watch**
No update.

19/032 **Correspondence.**

A resident has raised concerns regarding the lack of response from the organisers of the Rally, regarding the extended route through the village. 1

19/033 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Outstanding issues will be chased
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers.** Can pc remove the salt from the bin store. **Agreed**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** No report.
- **Pond/ UKPN-Clerk** as above.

19/034 **Items to be added to next Agenda .**

19/035 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting Monday 25th March 2019

19/036 **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.

MUGA

To receive quotes for a self-closing gate and a panel for the south entrance to the MUGA, and to appoint a contractor.

Deferred.