



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Kerry Mitchell (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Bob Stephens, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Matt Jones, Cllr Gill Isbell
District Councillor Mike Bush
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

23/17 **Apologies for Absence**

None

23/18 **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 Jemmett- Planning Venns
Cllr Jones- Planning Granary Barn
Cllr Nelson- expenses

23/19 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 16th January 2023 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

23/20 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest** (please note, there is a 3 minute limit per person)

District Councillor Report- Cllr Mike Bush spoke on the following key points:

- Huge congratulations to Joe Cullen for his Pride of Tendring award.
- Council tax (TDC)- will increase by 3%.
- Solar Farm- they are now going to create an entrance off the A120, and create an internal loop, for construction traffic.
- Community Fund- suggests the lighting for the village hall would be a good project.
- Elections- Purdah starts on 27th. March
- IRP- independent remuneration panel. PC's allowances for Councillors. EC to check and update
- Tendring/Colchester borders garden community. TDC, CBC, ECC will be making recommendations to their respective councils.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

23/21 **Clerks Report**

Bin- the new bins will not be delivered and installed until after April

23/22 **Planning**

APPLICATION NO: [23/00137/FULHH](#)
PROPOSAL: Proposed first floor addition to rear extension.
LOCATION: 11 Council Houses Colchester Road Wix Manningtree
Recommendation: No objection

Amended- APPLICATION NO: 22/02040/OUT PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) for the re-development of site for 1no. replacement dwelling and 1no. additional dwelling (2no. dwellings in total). LOCATION: Venns Harwich Road Wix Manningtree
Recommendation: Objection- comments remain the same

- Land adjacent to The Granary Barn. Correspondence from John and Linda Taylor regarding their intention to submit an application for 9 Chalet bungalows/ bungalows on the land adjacent to The Granary Barn

Having considered the letter submitted by John and Linda Taylor on 8 December 2022 in which they seek written confirmation from the Council in support of their proposed application to build nine bungalows on land adjacent to Granary Barn, the Council determined that it would not be able to provide a letter supporting the application as the proposed development sits outside the village envelope. Cllr Stephens proposed the Parish Council does not write a letter of support for this application

Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agreed by all

Church, Abbey etc- can we get the area designated as a conservation area.

For information only

APPLICATION NO: 23/00172/AGRIC PROPOSAL: Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed agricultural machinery storage building. LOCATION: Pond Hall Farm Bradfield Road Wix Manningtree I write with reference to the above mentioned application received by this Council.

APPLICATION NO: 23/00142/AGRIC PROPOSAL: Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed agricultural grading shed for potatoes and onions. LOCATION: Hempstalls Farm Clacton Road Horsley Cross Manningtree

Finance

23/23 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agreed by all

23/24 **Village Hall lights**

To receive a request from the Village Hall for funding for new LED lighting at £1275.84 (£1063.20 ex VAT) Following a discussion, it was resolved initially apply for funding via the Community Fund, with a match funding of £500. However, should the fund be unsuccessful, the Parish Council will fund the whole project.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Saich
Agreed by all

23/25 **Community Fund**

To discuss whether Wix PC has any feasible projects and should make an application to the Community Fund- See item 23/24 and 23/26 b)

Open spaces and environment

- 23/26 **Gates to Field**
- a) To receive a proposal from Cllr Nelson to install a new gate and steps from the Village Hall onto the field, in the NW corner of the field by the playarea.
Deferred to a future meeting, once we have some costs.
 - b) Existing pedestrian gate- To breakout concrete, install grasscrete, topsoil and seed at £490 + VAT, amended to include a new gate. Application to the community fund, with a 50% match funding. The PC will fund if application is not successful.

Events

- 23/27 **Coronation Plans**
To receive an outline plan of the Coronation events, for the weekend 5-8th May, and to agree a budget.
Big Lunch Street Party in the Park. Big Clean up event.

Working party will establish details.
£2000 budget for the weekends

Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Nelson
Agreed by all

- 23/28 **Wix 900th Anniversary & Celebration Festival**
To receive an update on the planned celebrations for the 900th anniversary, and agree Parish Council support.
See attachment.
PC will take ownership of the cream tea.

General

- 23/29 **20's Plenty**
To discuss whether Wix PC supports the 20's Plenty for Essex campaign,
- and therefore call on Essex County Council to implement 20mph in Wix Write to Essex County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout the county where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

Proposed: Cllr Guy Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Matt Jones
5 in favour, 2 against.
Carried
Clerk- ambassador.

- 23/30 **Crime Report**
Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)

- 23/31 **Correspondence.**

- 23/32 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**
- **Highways- Clerk.**
 - **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** Would anyone else like to attend the meetings?
 - **Village Hall- Cllr Nelson** The Village Hall are looking out income and outgoings. Difficult due to rising costs. This will be regularly reviewed.
 - **Rubbish bins-Clerk-** see clerks report.

- 23/15 **Items to be added to next/future agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**
Gym area lighting
MUGA surfacing.

Meeting with the VHMC regarding field/hall hire/Field hire policy
Induction policy for new councillors
Solar Working Group-
Recreation area development- S106
Pond
Tree survey

23/16

Items of interest and note.

Next meeting- Monday 20th March 2023, 7.30pm

Litter pick- date litter pick

Meeting closed 21.30