



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Mark Townley
MOP: 2

19/001 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Ray Murray
Cllr Kerry Mitchell
Cllr Sue Lusher

19/002 **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

19/002 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 26th November 2018 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

19/003 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident reported that he has cleared an area between Bradfield Road wood yard entrance, and the barrier for the culvert. A bit of the barrier is broken and pipe poking out. **Clerk to report to Essex Highways**

Street light opposite Manor House is over grown. It is not an LED lamp. **The clerk will identify any old style street lights left, and if there are less than 5, will ask A&J Lighting to replace them**

Village sign board on Harwich Road village gateway is missing. **This has been passed to the Rangers.**

30mph sign on Clacton Road has slipped down the new post, and should be on the gate! **Clerk to report to Essex Highways**

Harwich Rd name plate, junction with A120 bent. **Reported to TDC.**

Culvert fence, Harwich Road. **Reported to Essex Highways**

In conjunction with John Williams, Cllr Nelson & Cllr Jemmett will cut hedge by the RBL.
Bush outside Eastern Villa is encroaching the footway. **Clerk to write to residents**

Post Office- **The clerk was requested to find out from Post Office Counters, what the situation is with Wix Post Office.**

Cllr Mike Bush- by email. Playground inspections, Special Constable consideration, flap pole protocol. To be circulated to councillors and discussed at a future meeting.

19/004 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that along-side the day to day business, she has carried out the draft budget and expected outturns for 2018/19, and prepared the budget for the 2019/20.

Finance

19/005 **Payments**

To receive monthly finance update and approve payments ******(appx 1) Approved expenditure £1440.00

19/006 **Precept**

- a) Clerk to give a report on the precept setting process, and to review the figures provided by TDC for 2019/20 (CT base and LCTSS grant)
2018.19 tax base 283, grant £785
2019/20 tax base 285.6, grant £314
- b) To review the budget for 2018/19 and agree anticipated year-end figures.
- c) To discuss and agree the budget and precept for 2019/20
- d) To resolve to submit the precept request to TDC.

Following a discussion, items b), c) and d) were agreed. The precept will be set at £19,476, equating to £68.19 per band D property, a 6.6% reduction on last year.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

19/007 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

None

General

19/008 **Library consultation.**

To receive a report on the library's consultation.

19/009 **Highways Devolution**

To receive a report on the proposed Highways Devolution pilot, discuss, and to resolve whether to take part. Following a discussion, it was agreed not to take part on the pilot, but to review the findings and experiences of other parishes after the pilot.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all.

19/010 **MUGA**

- a) To report issues with the MUGA lights and approve appropriate action to resolve the problem. Following a discussion, it was resolved to employ an electrician to look at MUGA lights, replace PIR and install a cage around the PIR to protect it from future damage. Expenditure up to £250.
- b) To resolve to seek quotes for 1 self-closing gate and a panel for the south entrance to the MUGA
Resolved.

Proposed: Cllr Bowers

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all

19/011 **Moles in Playing Field**

To resolve to appoint a pest controller to deal with the moles.

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Agreed by all.

19/012 **Community Speed Watch**

No update.

19/013 **Crime Report**

No formal update.

Residents to be aware, as someone was driving around the village looking for scrap metal.

19/014 **Correspondence.**

19/015 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Covered under other items
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers.** Someone has stolen the washing up bowls.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** No report
- **Pond-Clerk** UKPN will be investigating the willow near their lines. Once they have completed any work, the Friends of Wix Pond group shall identify what additional work is required. 2 residents have volunteered to join the 'Friends'.
The clerk to ask Essex Highways to clear the culvert by the war memorial.

19/016 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

Quotes for self-closing gate and panel on the MUGA.

Solutions for the gap under gate.

19/017 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting Monday 18th February 2019