



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 15th July 2019

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice-chair) Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Ray Murray

19/079 **Apologies for Absence**

None

19/080 **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

19/081 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 19th June 2019 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

19/082 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

LED light next to the pond is not working.

19/083 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that since the last meeting, she has been carrying out the day to day business of the Parish Council.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) meeting to be arranged with ECC. Awaiting dates

Finance

19/084 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

19/085 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

None

Facilities

19/086 **New Picnic Tables**

To resolve to purchase three new picnic tables for the play area (see options below and appx 2**), and to refurbish the existing benches, and relocate to the field and pond, with a budget up to £150.00

- Option 1) Black or brown re-cycled plastic- £465.99
 - Option 2) Multicoloured recycled plastic- £743.68
 - Option 3) Single colour recycled plastic- £623.14
 - Option 4) Wheelchair access picnic table - £815.79
 - Option 5) Multicoloured young adult bench- £314.99
- Fixing kits. Hard surface £27, soft surface £79 (All prices +VAT)

Deferred to the next meeting, whilst further research and costings are sought. It was agreed in principle to purchase 3 adult benches. One at the MUGA end of the playground, and replace the 2, which will be refurbished and relocated to the pond and field. The 2 red perching benches will be relocated from the playground to the pond. Action Cllr Bowers and Cllr Murray

To obtain prices for plastic slats to refurbish benches and also to investigate whether single colour benches could be purchased and slats swapped to make multicolour versions. Alternative suppliers and prices to be investigated.

19/087 **Field maintenance**

To discuss the current field maintenance and agree and further actions

Cllr's Jemmett and Nelson have taken down a maple that was on the tree survey for felling. They have also started taking down the other maple. There are a few other trees still to remove.

Cllr's Nelson, Bowers and the clerk met with Danny Marvan of Marvan's Landscape Services on Wednesday 10th July.

He acknowledged the field is not in the best state and will make sure it is improved ahead of the fayre.

The clerk will check that this will be done by Tuesday 23rd prior to the Fayre.

The trees that have been killed by strimming around the base of the trunks will be replaced in the autumn. There is a possibility that instead of the container hedging being replaced they could put in a couple of apple trees by the 'mound'. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

The 'old mound' area still needs to be restored.

Cllr Nelson proposed that we scrape off what is there (the clay was dumped there when the MUGA was built), before levelling and seeding.

It was agreed to ask Tony Lungley if he could rotavate the area. Budget of £100

Proposed: Cllr Bowers

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

General

19/088 **Insurance**

The clerk reported on the insurance quotes received, and following a discussion it was resolved to appoint BHIB, for the 3 year long term agreement, at an annual cost of £564.35

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

19/089 **Community Speed Watch**

No report

19/090 **Crime Report**

June report from PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)

19/091 **Correspondence.**

Corbeau Rally 25/26 April 2020. Invite the team to attend the next meeting

Mental First Aid Training. The clerk reported on the offer from ECC and the EALC to provide Mental First Aid Training. It was agreed to host the event, with a budget £50 for hall hire and refreshments. Book it for a Saturday.

19/092 **Reports and updates**

- Highways- The clerk reported that following a personnel changeover on the LHP team, she has been asked to resubmit the LHP requests. The Rangers will be completing the footway vegetation work on Harwich Road in due course.
- **Village Hall-** No meeting. A new rep needed which will be discussed on the September agenda.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** No meeting
- **Play area cleaning.** Cllr's Nelson, Jemmett and Bowers cleaned the play area thoroughly, and found missing nuts and bolts that were not identified in the inspection. The end caps have been replaced by Playquip. The MUGA is still to be done.

19/093 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**

Village Hall representative.

Willow clearance on the pond.

Playground update

Field Update

Fireworks.

Container- Proposal to purchase a small container, and rent the other one to the Fayre Committee.

19/094 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting 16th September

Meeting closed 21.30

Appx 2

Option 1 <https://www.costcuttersuk.com/springbank-adult-recycled-plastic-outdoor-picnic-table>

Option 2 <https://www.costcuttersuk.com/recycled-plastic-coloured-picnic-table>

Option 3 <https://www.costcuttersuk.com/derwent-recycled-picnic-table>

Option 4 <https://www.costcuttersuk.com/ribble-picnic-table-with-wheelchair-access>

Option 5 <https://www.costcuttersuk.com/spectrum-recycled-plastic-outdoor-picnic-table>