



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Bob Stephens, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Matt Jones  
Clerk- Emma Cansdale  
TDC Cllr Mike Bush  
9 members of public

#### 23/1 **Apologies for Absence**

**None**

#### 23/2 **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- pecuniary interest Planning 22/02040

Cllr Jones- pecuniary interest Planning 22/01973, personal interest, item 23/11 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Cllr Nelson- personal interest Planning 22/02040

#### 23/3 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

#### 23/4 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

**Ray Murray- Item 23/9** Ray reported that he had spoken to the owners of the old Methodist Church on Colchester Rd, and they are happy to accommodate siting the defibrillator on the front wall.

**Ann Button, Robin Rowley. 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May.** Ann reported that St Mary's will be celebrating 900 years of a religious site in that area, from the establishment of the priory of Benedictine nuns in 1123.

There is a planned flower festival, choir concert, special service, food, and if the weather is good, the Priory will open the garden for Tendring Brass Band. Bob Stephens will do a village quiz trail.

The support of the Parish Council would be welcomed. Continued under item 21/11

**Steve Wood-** Refurbishing/decorating the telephone box has previously been discussed, could this be done for the Coronation? *The refurbishment is in hand, with quotes for different options to be received, from a full refurbishment, to repainting.*

**District Councillor Report-** Cllr Bush reported that the precepts are going in. Tendring are going to apply the full 5% increase (allowed without referendum). TDC have a full council meeting, next week (24<sup>th</sup>), where a recommendation of 7% increases in allowances and salaries will be proposed. The budget will be set on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Bush reported on the issues with the A120 closures. The current work is preliminary surveys, but major works will be a long-term closure.

Tree pack grants will be available.

Coronation grant- this is being discussed by TDC

Pride of Tendring Award- Cllr Bush was pleased to announce that Joe Cullen was nominated and will be awarded at the ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**County Councillor Report-** available on the website

23/5 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the budget preparations; a planned meeting with the VHMC secretary; bins- which will be installed by TDC in due course;

23/6 **Planning**

- **22/01643/VOC** - Land South of Primrose Hall, Primrose Lane, Ramsey. Revised traffic plan

APPLICATION NO: [22/02119/FUL](#)  
PROPOSAL: Proposed new dwelling.  
LOCATION: The Shrubbery Bradfield Road Wix Manningtree

*Recommendation: Objection.*

**Proposed: Cllr Stephens. Agreed by all**

*Comments-Bob, general consideration of should gardens be being splitting up.*

*When are we going to have the infrastructure such as GPs, dentists and schools to support the additional developments.*

*Flood concerns.*

*Dangerous corner, footway needs to meet the existing footway.*

*Safe access concerns*

*Lack of outside amenity space (garden). Does it meet the Essex Design Standard?*

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

**Cllr Jemmett left the room**

*Recommendation: Objection on grounds of access road running too close to the neighbouring property (bedroom windows)*

**Proposed: Cllr Stephens. Agreed by all, exc Cllr Jemmett who was not present.**

*Comments-Cllr Stephens - same views a previous application regarding the splitting of gardens. Flood risk- EA surface water flood risk, shows as potentially high flood risk.*

*Access road runs very close to an adjacent property.*

*Sue Lusher- Already an access road there, with a drop kerb.*

*If the house and access was flipped with the access road to the eastern boundary, it would be more acceptable.*

*Objection to the size of the road (only needs to be 3.8m). Allows backdoor access to the area at the rear.*

APPLICATION NO: [22/01971/LBC](#)  
PROPOSAL: Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations for private use.  
LOCATION: The Granary Barn Bradfield Road Wix Manningtree

APPLICATION NO: [22/01973/FULHH](#)  
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LOCATION: The Granary Barn Bradfield Road Wix Manningtree

**Cllr Jones left the room**

**Recommendation: No objection**

**Proposed: Cllr Stephens. Agreed by all excluding Cllr Jones who was not present.**

- 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  
**Deferred to the next meeting.**

**For information only**

APPLICATION NO: 22/01940/LUPROP PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of garage. LOCATION: 6 Hunters Court  
Wix Manningtree Essex

**Finance**

- 23/7 **Payments**  
To receive monthly finance update and approve payments \*\*(appx 1)  
**Proposed: Cllr Saich**  
**Seconded: Cllr Jones**  
**Agreed by all**
- 23/8 **Budget and precept**  
Councillors reviewed the budget, and set the precept for 2023/24 at £24,992, This is a 5.6% increase, equating to £3.91 per annum on a band D property.  
  
**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Stephens**  
**Agreed by all**
- Open spaces and environment**
- 23/9 **Defibrillator- Colchester Road.**  
An application has been sent to the Corbeau Rally for funding for a defibrillator, and to note the offer of a location to place the defibrillator on the old Methodist Church wall. **As above.**
- 23/10 **Milestone Marker**  
To receive an update on the application to the Essex Heritage Trust for funding for the casting and placement of the Mile stone marker  
Cllr Jones has spoken to Philip from Manningtree History Group about the potential for seeking funding from the Essex Heritage Trust, for the wider project. Wix PC will be making a joint application with Wrabness PC (possibly). Cllr Jones has also spoken to land owners about moving location to a more suitable site.
- 23/11 **Wix 900th Anniversary & Celebration Festival**  
To receive a report on the planned celebrations for the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Following the report from Anne Button, Cllr Jones sought to gauge the appetite for support from the PC for the event. It is the week before the Coronation, so the 'events group' will be busy with plans for that. The two events could be run alongside each other, making sure there is no overlap of event types/booking etc.  
It was agreed there should be a churchyard clear up 2 weeks before the event.  
Other suggested events include:  
Flower festival  
12 stories  
Trail quiz  
Bug hotel  
Nun fun run  
Press release.  
  
It was agreed a Working Group would look at options to bring back to the next meeting.
- 23/12 **Crime Report**  
Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3\*\*)
- 23/13 **Correspondence.**  
Letter from John and Linda Taylor as discussed under item 23/6 above.
- 23/14 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**
- **Highways- Clerk. None**
  - **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. None**
  - **Village Hall- Cllr Nelson**
  - **Rubbish bins-Clerk in progress**

- **Tree survey None**

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 councillor's

Solar Working Group-

Recreation area development- S106

Pond

23/16 **Items of interest and note.**

**Next meeting- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7.30pm**