



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 16th March 2020

**Attendance:** Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Emma Cansdale (clerk)  
Cllr Mike Bush TDC  
11 members of the public

20/032 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Kerry Mitchell  
Cllr Ray Murray

20/033 **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.

20/034 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were accepted as correct record and duly signed by the chair.

20/035 **Co-option**

It was resolved to co-opt Barry Moir as Councillor to Wix Parish Council

**Proposed: Cllr Bowers**  
**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**  
**Carried**

Cllr Moir signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and code of conduct.

20/36 **Chairman's report**

Cllr Nelson reported the sad passing of ex-councillor and Chairman, John Matthews, and it was agreed to purchase a memorial bench later in the year.

20/037 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

None- other than planning, which will be taken under item 20/040

20/038 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that Shirley Anglin would be happy to meet on Monday to discuss Public Rights of Way, P3 scheme. **Post meeting note- this will be postponed until the crisis is over, and social distancing measures are dropped.**

Gym Equipment- The clerk also reported that we are waiting for the outcome of the grant application for the new outdoor gym equipment.

## Finance

### 20/039 **Payments**

- a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **\*\***(appx 1) Monthly Standing Orders only.  
**Agreed.**
- b) To note receipt of an additional £319, in Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant, which had previously been removed.

### 20/040 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

[Proposed erection of 2 No. agricultural buildings for poultry production together with associated infrastructure and a new highway access to Oakley Road.](#) 

20/00194/FUL Land North West of Redhouse Farm Oakley Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2SF

Applicant Adam Brown gave a report on why they have put the application in.

A lengthy debate between the applicant and residents ensued, with the main concerns (under planning) were as follows. The applicant answered where he was able to.

- Odour. This was a big concern, particularly for those on Oakley Road. - *new, high spec sheds for happy high welfare birds. Double insulated. Venting less. Damp environment also causes odour, but the dry conditions will mean there is less odour. Dry litter.*
- Visual Impact-
- Transport issues- Harwich Road, Oakley Road and the war memorial traffic island at Wix Green will be destroyed by the HGV movements.
- Drainage- concerns regarding any drainage escaping into the Dock River watercourse. *It will be bunded to protect the watercourse.*

Noise- particularly from the fans

Cllr Mike Bush raised a number of comments including that it is contrary to the Local Plan and Government Guidance and Policies. There are serious transport issues, and the scale of the operation appears to make it an industrial process, not agricultural.

Cllr Bush also asked about Carbon Off-setting? *Applicant said he can't claim it is green project, but is as sustainable as any chicken rearing project can be.*

Other concerns raised included:

- danger that additional sheds will be built in future years to expand the operation.
- health implications due to, amongst other things, vermin and bird flu.
- The report states there have been 2 recent vehicle incidents in the vicinity in the application. In fact there have been at least 4.
- risk of transfer of disease. This could affect The Hamford Water Nature Reserve.

The applicant has tried 4 other sites in or around Tendring and this regarded to be the best option.

Following a discussion between councillors, it was resolved to **object** to the application.

**Recommendation: Objection**

**Proposed: Cllr Gary Bowers**

**Seconded: Cllr Guy Nelson**

**Agreed by all.**

### 20/041 **Village Hall Management**

The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) have asked Wix Parish Council if it would become the sole trustee of The Village Hall.

To consider the proposal, and agree any actions.

There was a lengthy debate regarding the pros and cons of the PC taking over as sole trustee, with Cllr Bowers raising particular concerns regarding taking on the day to day running.

Following a discussion, it was agreed not to take on the role of Managing Trustees, however, further information such as who are the current Holding Trustees, and what are their responsibilities are need clarification, as the PC may consider being the sole Holding Trustee in the future.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**  
**Agreed by all.**

### **General**

#### 20/042 **Gym Equipment Location**

Following a meeting of the VHMC, they agreed to allow the gym equipment be placed on their ground, subject to the appropriate legal documentation, stating that the Parish Council would be responsible for it. This is also subject to item 20/041.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the PC would be willing to become leaseholders for that piece of land. It is suggested the representative takes back a proposal to the VHMC to lease the land under the existing financial arrangement as the car park.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Moir**  
**Agreed by all**

#### 20/043 **The Pond**

To report the current position on the pond, and its maintenance going forward. The clerk reported on the advice from EALC and the update from Essex Highways.

#### 20/044 **Professional Services Budget**

To agree a budget for any professional/legal services that may be required under item 20/041, 042 and 043.  
£600

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Bowers.**  
**Agreed by all**

#### 20/045 **Crime Report**

Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3\*\*)  
None

#### 20/046 **Correspondence.**

Covid-19 updates are being received regularly from EALC and other bodies.

#### 20/047 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.** The carriageway outside Spring Farm is breaking up.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. None**
- **Corbeau Rally Cancelled.**

#### 20/048 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**

#### 20/030 **Items of interest and note.**

**Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020- post meeting note- meetings are suspended until further notice due to social distancing measures.**

**Meeting closed: 9.50.**

