



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Purdie Linnell, Cllr Liza Sinclair
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

24/099 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bob Stephens

24/100 **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 declared.

24/101 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 22nd July 2024 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

24/102 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

District Councillor Report- Cllr Mike Bush sent his apologies.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

24/103 **Clerks Report**

New bins- amendment to the agreed 4 bins, to 5 bins, to replace the one on the field.

UKPN Tree Trimming around the overhead powerlines on the playing field.

Issues with the electrical supply to the field (including the MUGA lights) are being addressed by an electrician in conjunction with the Village Hall.

Finance

24/104 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Isbell

Agreed by all

24/105 **Planning**

To consider the following planning applications:

Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community -Notification of Consultation on Modifications to the Development Plan Document (DPD)

The partner Councils (Tendring District Council, Colchester City Council, and Essex County Council) for the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community are carrying out a consultation on modifications to the

Development Plan Document (DPD) following hearing sessions held in May 2024. The Inspector has now recommended modifications to the DPD that he considers necessary to make the plan sound.

The Councils are holding a six-week public consultation on these modifications and supporting documents, from 10th September 2024 – 21st October 2024.

Following a discussion it was agreed to encourage members of the public to respond to the consultation individually.

Five Estuaries

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 6, 9 and 13

Application by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm project

Rule 6 letter – invitation to the Preliminary Meeting, Notification of Hearings, other Procedural Decisions and information about the Examination

Following a discussion it was agreed to encourage members of the public to respond to the consultation individually.

24/106

A120 proposed speed limit change*

Highways England have identified the A120 between Horsley Cross and Parkeston as needing speed limit measures to help contribute to a safer journey.

The Parish Council were in support of the proposed speed limit and want to propose to Highways England that the road becomes 'No over-taking' over this entire stretch.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

24/107

Speed limit

To receive a request that Wix Parish Council seeks an extension of the speed limit by at least 100m further to the west, or from the village gateway sign. On behalf of Mark De Roy

Following a discussion, Cllr Linnell proposed that Wix PC apply to extend the 30 mph speed limit at the west end of Colchester Rd, for the entire length back to the A120.

Proposed: Cllr Linnell

Seconded: Cllr Saich

5 in favour, 1 against, Carried.

Facilities

24/108

Free Tree Packs

To apply to the Woodland Trust for up to 4 of the following tree packs for the playing field.

Hedge: Create a natural screen or connect existing woodland.

Copse: Plant a mini forest school classroom or a peaceful spot.

Wild Harvest: Grow an array of fruits and nuts for various uses.

Year-Round Colour: Enjoy beautiful blossoms, bright berries, and stunning autumn displays.

Working Wood: Fuel a log burner in 7-10 years or channel your creativity.

Wild Wood: Hardy native species for exposed sites and wet areas.

Wildlife: Establish food and shelter for wildlife.

Urban Trees: Designed for residential areas with limited space.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to apply for the following packs:

Wild harvest, copse and hedge.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Isbell

Agreed by all

- 24/109 **Defibrillator update**
 To either:
 a) Receive up update for the application of a defibrillator from the Corbeau Rally- **the accounts for last year are closed so the offer of a defibrillator has gone and there is no funding this year due to the cancellation of the event.**
 Or
 b) To purchase a second defibrillator at £1,500 and install. The actual cost is £1,543 plus £165.50 for the installation
 Following a discussion it was agreed to purchase and install a defibrillator at the old Methodist Church (now the Plymouth Brethren church).
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Saich
Agreed by all
- 24/110 **Village Hall doors**
 To resolve to pay for the village hall doors repairs at £2000+ VAT in lieu of the annual donation until 2028.
Proposed Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Saich
Agreed by all
- 24/111 **Roles and Responsibilities**
 To agree membership to working groups (wg), and councillor roles and responsibilities.
 Finance;
 Planning;
 Recreation area:
 TDALC rep:
 Key holders:
 Communications:
Item deferred until a later meeting when all councillors are present.

The Clerk confirmed that Wix Parish Councillors have dispensation to speak and vote upon matters where they have an interest through Council roles and responsibilities.
- 24/112 **Crime Report**
- 24/113 **Correspondence.**
 - Request for convex mirrors at the cross roads- The clerk has responded stating this is against ECC/EH policy
- 24/114 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**
 - Highways- Clerk.
 - TDALC- Cllr Stephens
 - Fireworks
 - Village Hall
 - New Website
 - Pond
 - TCF grant project update.
- 24/115 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**
 Tree survey
- 24/116 **Items of interest and note.**
Next meeting-Parish Meeting Monday 28th October 2024
Meeting closed at 21.38