



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 16th August 2021

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

21/087 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bob Stephens

21/088 **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

21/089 **Minutes.**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 28th June 2021 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

21/090 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident made the following comments:

- What is the Stopping Up Order on Harwich Road? The clerk and councilors explained what was meant. Full details can be found in the June and July minutes.
- Hedges on Bradfield Rd, particularly on the sharp left hand bend, by Holly Cottages are overgrown again. The road is reduced over the white line.
- The footway outside Minters Cottages is in a poor condition, plus stones from driveways are on the footway.

Cllr Mike Bush commented:

- There are lots of drainage issues throughout the area.
- Lining at the cross road at the pub. Site visit with Cllr Guglielmi and Cllr Bush to be arranged.
- Car Rally. September agenda.
- In Gt Oakley there is a community charity, relating to affordable housing. A developer in Bradfield Rd is interested in offering properties as affordable housing. A housing surveys for the area is required (Gt & Lt Oakley and Wix). Is Wix PC happy to have this survey carried out within the village.
Wix PC are in favour of this.
- Wix 5mile run- want to park at Gt Oakley. Cllr Bush will forward details the clerk
- Scrutiny committee, 28th September, Roger Hirst has been invited to Tendring Town Hall to discuss traffic, anti-social behavior and other local issues.
- 21st August, Harwich Museum open to the public, from 12pm.

Cllr Nelson- new gully opposite Field House does not appear to be connected

21/091 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the day to day activities carried out.

Finance

21/092 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Agreed by all.

21/093 **Planning:**

- a) To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

APPLICATION NO: 21/01208/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed siting of an agricultural workers mobile home for a period of 3 years.

LOCATION: Land North West of Redhouse Farm Oakley Road Wix Manningtree

Recommendation: No objection, subject to the following- must remain as temporary agricultural workers accommodation, not residential.

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Nelson

Agreed by all

- b) To review and agree the Planning Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Bowers

Agreed by all

In addition, the PC received a consultation for Temporary Event Notice TENOP/4168/21 for the Waggon, 4/9/21

Assets and Facilities

21/094 **Grass cutting/field maintenance- Cllr Nelson**

- a) To discuss and agree a way forward for the remainder of the season, whilst the PC waits for the outcome of the CIF pre-application/applications for funding for a new mower.

If it is agreed to let a contract for the remainder of the season, item will be progressed under item 21/104, in a closed session.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to continue with the mower as it is, then to purchase another mower once we have received the outcome of the CIF application. Should we need additional cuts, a one-off cut can be contracted out.

- b) To agree an additional petty cash budget of £200

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

21/095 **Bench by pond**

Following a discussion, it was resolved to remove the bench by the pond, and replace with a new one. We will investigate the possibility of using S106 funds.

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

21/096 **Stump Grinding**

Following a discussion, it was resolved to have the stumps of the playing field ground out at £300 plus VAT (£360), plus the willow stump in the pond (additional cost).

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

21/097 **Goal Posts**

To receive a report on inappropriate use of goal posts NOT IN WIX, and consider any implications it may have on Wix facilities.

This was discussed, and risk assessed. The Council is confident, with regular inspections, provided the equipment is being used in the manner it is designed for, if it safe for it to remain.

Agreed by all

General

21/098 **Dog Fouling Campaign**

To agree scope and actions for the campaign.
New signage on the field, including the health implications.
Sign by the bridge
Purchase poop-pickers, budget £100.

Agreed by all

21/099 **Crime Report**

Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)
Theft of a digger Swedish Estate.

21/100 **Correspondence.**

Field request- 31/08/ 2021 for a BBQ and gathering Subject to conditions. **Agreed by all**
Field request 20/5/2023, for a wedding. Subject to conditions. **Agreed by all**
Methodist Church sale

21/101 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Application for VAS on Harwich Rd.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** Difficulty getting things done via highways, the EALC will push it on behalf of PCs.

21/101 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**

LHP application for a VAS on Harwich Rd.
Committee for Platinum celebrations. Afternoon tea 2-5th June 2022
Defib door
Defib school.

21/103 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Monday 20th September 2021
Police Street Meet 11/09/21 5-6pm

21/104 **Closed Session in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meeting Act**

To receive quotes for grass cutting, and appoint a contractor, subject to item 21/094. **Item dismissed.**

Meeting closed 21.30