



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Tom Sebright-King, Cllr Purdie Linnell

Clerk- Emma Cansdale

24/001 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Robert Stephens

24/002 **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**

24/003 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20th November 2023 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

24/005 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A120 accidents causing issues in the village.

Speed survey for cross roads.

Try to reinstate community speed watch.

Bus stop box outside Minters Cottages

District Councillor Report- Cllr Mike Bush, reported on the TDC budgets. These will be formally set at the full council meeting on 22nd January.

Highways financial pressures huge, meaning basic work not being completed.

Cllr Bush also reported on the waste contract, which comes in, in 2026.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

24/006 **Clerks Report**

Key activities- Budget preparation

24/007 **Planning**

APPLICATION NO: [23/01706/OUT](#)

PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered, all other matters are reserved) for erection of up to eight dwellings.

LOCATION: Land rear of No's 1 to 4 Colchester Road Wix CO11 2RR

Recommendation: Objection- as previous application, Wix PC supports the concerns raised by Essex Highways.

Proposed: Cllr Kathy Saich

Seconded: Cllr Bob Jemmett

Agreed by all

Events

24/008 **Summer garden party for 2024**
To resolve whether to hold this again in 2024, and if so, to agree where, when and raising funds for which organisation.
(suggest church yard maintenance)?
End May
Item deferred until next meeting.

24/009 **Wix fayre 2024**
It was resolved to allow the Wix Fayre use of the Playing Field on 20th July
Proposed: Cllr Guy Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Kathy Saich.
Agreed by all

Facilities

24/010 **Play Area**

To consider the following:

- a) Review of the new playground equipment – need for cushioning under the rolling log.
Resolved to seek quotes for 5m surfacing under the rolling log.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson. 3 for, 1 against, two abstentions.
Carried.
- b) Surfacing repair under the swing- **£810. Proposed by Cllr Saich, seconded by Cllr Nelson. Agreed by all.**
- c) Installation of new benches. To schedule the work. **When it dries, before the end of May.**
- d) Storage of removed equipment – where and how? Red benches being installed by the pond, the rest will be rehomed in an appropriate location TBC
- e) To install bonded mulch under the gym equipment.
Resolved install 130m2
Proposed: Cllr Bob Jemmett 130m2 Seconded: Cllr Guy Nelson Agreed by all
- f) S106 monies: What shall the remaining 106 funding be used for? Eg Field drainage project?
Path around field perimeter for all-weather use? Starting with a path to the playground, the zip wire and the bridge?
Recreation group to tables some suggestions, and bring proposals to the council.
- g) A hop scotch and checkers board on hard base.
Resolved to obtain quotations for thermo-plastic markings in the small childrens play area.
Proposed: Cllr Linnell Agreed by all
- h) New dog sign- Action Cllr Linnell to find the sign.

Finance

24/011 **Payments**
To receive monthly finance update and approve payments ******(appx 1)
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Sebright-King
Agreed by all

24/012 **Budget and precept**
To review the budget, and set the precept for 2024/25

Following discussion of the budget and balances, it was proposed to set the precept at **£27000**, a 6.4% increase on 2023/2024.

This equates to £4.72 increase for band D property for the year.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded Cllr Isbell
Agreed by all

24/013 **Crime Report**
None

24/014 **Correspondence.**
Five Estuaries briefing 23rd January- details for follow

24/015 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.**

- Drainage issues around Wix Green – update. Developers have done everything they have to do. Calvin to go back to TDC. To note this is not an Anglian Water issue, it is a Highways and TDC issue.
- Wix pond update – work has been ongoing since the New Year. Developer has dredged part of the pond, cleared the edges and installed a new fence.
- Damage to our roads caused by A120 diverted traffic. Is there funding available to make good? Can the weight limit on Colchester Road be enforced? This has been put to Cllr Guglielmi
- Damage to footpath along Harwich Road opposite the Village Hall entrance / new building site caused by heavy lorries diverted off the A120. How can we get this repaired? Highways maintenance should address this urgently. Clerk to make certain they are aware.
- Report that the Public Right of Way sign on Spinnels Lane has been removed and footpath made unusable. Cllr Linell to report to Essex Highways.

- **TDALC- No update.**

- **Village Hall- meeting 29th January 2024**

- **Recreation area- as item 24/101**

- **New Website- ongoing**

24/016 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**

Meeting with the VHMC regarding field/hall hire/Field hire policy

Solar Working Group-

Pond

Tree survey

Summer garden party (deferred item 24/008)

24/017 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Monday 19th February 2023

Meeting closed: 9:15pm