



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th March 2024

Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Stephens (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Purdie Linnell,

24/033 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Tom Sebright-King.

District Councillor Mike Bush

24/034 **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

24/035 **Minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 19th February 2024 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

24/036 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Sue Lusher- appendix 1 Report from Sue Lusher regarding damage caused by vehicles during A120 road closures.

Mark De Roy- As part of the work investigation work being carried out on his land, Mr De Roy has suggested that the 30mph signs (and limit) be moved further west, on Colchester Rd. He is discussing options with a planning advisor and is willing to put in a request to Essex Highways, for the extension. He is also willing to cover the admin cost.

Mr De Roy would seek support from the PC for this, and will send full details in due course.

Bradley Bone- Regarding the ditch and PRoW, adjacent to the school, Essex Highways are unable to and will not do anything.

Chris Swinburn- Bowl Rd- Mr Swinburn raised a number of issues,

- 1) Hazardous waste disposed on Bowl Road. He has spoken to Matthew Leach (TDC), to arrange a street clean and raise his concerns regarding the hazardous waste (urine bottles)
- 2) Empty Alcohol bottles on Bowl Road. He retrieved 72 this morning. Issue to be passed to the police
- 3) Solar Farm- planning permission for the Solar Farm. Number of issues including access and movement conditions not being complied with. They are also not using the designated access on Bowl Road, which has been blocked off with a tree, so they are driving past the house.

Cllr Stephens will advise Mr Swinburn on who to write to regarding this issue

Calvin Pallace- Maintenance issues regarding the road signage coming into the village. Calvin also raised concerns regarding speeding on Harwich Rd. It was agreed to have an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss an LHP application for a VAS sign. (Vehicle Activated Speed sign)

District Councillor Report- apologies received from Cllr Bush.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

24/037 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that Wix PC has received £418 under the LCTSS grant. Work will shortly begin on preparing for year end, accounts and auditing.

Events

24/038 **Litter Pick**

To schedule a spring litter pick and agree a budget for refreshments. Saturday 18th May. £50.

Proposed: Cllr Linnell

Seconded: Cllr Saich

Agreed by all

24/039 **Summer garden party for 2024**

Update

1-5pm Sunday 26th May.

Brass band- agreed at £260.00

Morris Dancers can't make it.

Maypole

Bake off

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Stephens

4 in favour, 2 abstained. Carried

Facilities

24/040 **Dog bins**

To resolve to replace the existing dog bins in the village with new ones. £200 per bin, 5 bins. Ask TDC to remove old ones, diy install.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Linnell

Agreed by all

24/041 **Wickes Voucher for the Memorial Garden**

To resolve to spend the Wickes Gift Card on the planned items for the Memorial Garden. Weed suppressant.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Saich

Agreed by all

Finance

24/042 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Stephens

Agreed by all

24/043 **Crime Report-**

Clerk to ask the Rural Engagement Team (Essex Police) to attend for Wix Fayre (subject to Wix Fayre agreeing).

24/044 **Correspondence.**

Tree planting in memory of late husband. Options to be provided by the Clerk

24/045 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Planned road closures Colchester Road
- **TDALC-** meeting 27th March
- **Village Hall-** bin store door. To be actioned. Derrek Taylor Engineering to be asked to quote for metal mesh gates. MUGA resurfacing- not being done.
- **New Website**
- **Pond.** Weed matting to be installed.

24/046 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**

Tree survey
Edge mower purchase
LHP VAS application

24/047 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- April 23rd

Election of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner- Thursday 2nd May 2024