



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 26th February 2018 at 7.30 pm

Attendance: Cllr Gary Bowers (Vice-chair, chairing the meeting), Cllr Sue Lusher, Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Bob Jemmett.

18/019 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Nelson- work commitments.

18/020 **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

18/021 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 22nd January 2018 were accepted as a correct record any duly sign by the meeting chair Cllr Gary Bowers.

18/022 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident reported that he was not aware the meeting had been postponed.

The footway on Harwich Road, near Minters cottages and further along is very poor.

The Old Village lockup on Clacton Rd j/w Harwich Rd appears to still have a rear corner intact. Wix PC will investigate the site, and carry out some research into the old lockup. It will also arrange to clear the undergrowth.

18/023 **Speaker- Tony Clements. Chelmsford Motor Club- Rally (TBC)**

Tony was not able to attend, however has passed the maps and details to the clerk who will ensure they were published on the website.

Questions: Can we set up a 'tea stand'? Clerk to investigate.

18/024 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the day to day business, and that she had been preparing the accounts ahead of the End of Year.

Finance

18/025 **Payments**

The monthly finance update was received, and payments totalling £3,100.16 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Lusher

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

18/026 **Planning:**

The following planning applications were received and recommendations agreed:

[Proposed single-storey rear extension to replace existing rear conservatory.](#) 

6 Minters Cottages Harwich Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2RY

Ref. No: 18/00217/FUL | Received: Tue 13 Feb 2018 | Validated: Tue 13 Feb 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Discharge of conditions 2 - Materials, 3 - Landscaping, 12 - Barn Owl Mitigation & 15 - Overspill Area to approved Planning Application 17/01780/FUL.](#)

Richwill Farm Oakley Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2SF

Ref. No: 18/00182/DISCON | Received: Mon 05 Feb 2018 | Validated: Mon 05 Feb 2018 | Status: Decided

Following a discussion, a No Objection comment was agreed on both applications

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

Village amenities

- 18/027 Footpath to the rear of Swedish Estate, to the side of the school.
To receive a report from the clerk, and to decide whether any further action is required.
The clerk gave feedback from the relevant bodies, including Essex Highways, PRoW and the facilities manager for the school (ECC). Following a discussion, it was agreed the school were taking steps to ensure the passage was kept clear, and regularly check for inappropriate items on the path and ditch that borders the school ground (of which none have been found)
It was also agreed that WPC would not be able to support any request for closing the footpath, and at this stage agreed there are no further actions to be taken.
- 18/028 **Book Exchange**
To note many of the excess books have been removed, and to consider possible alternative uses for the phone box. These will then be subject to public consultation.

Ongoing
- 18/029 **General**
Training-
To resolve to attend the CCTV briefing on Saturday 28th April, at a cost of £55.00 Cllr Murray to attend
Proposed: Cllr Jemmett
Seconded: Cllr Murray
Agreed by all.
- 18/030 **Parish Magazine**
To note that a spring edition will be produced, and to request content from residents and groups within the village.
Action: EC, KM, RM
- 18/031 **LCPAS subscription**
Following a discussion, it was resolved to renew the annual subscription with the LCPAS at a cost of £80.00
Proposed: Cllr Lusher
Seconded: Cllr Townley
Agreed by all
- 18/032 **Annual Parish Meeting**
Following a discussion, it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 30th April, and it was agreed to host a 'history table', displaying some of the historical records held by Wix Parish Council, before they are stored at the Essex records office.

18/033 **Crime Report**

Cllr Murray reported that a large number of cars have been vandalized in Glebe Close, with the tyres being punctured with screws. The police are aware of this matter and residents are asked to keep watch, and be mindful of anything suspicious.

18/034 **Correspondence.**

18/035 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.** A120, hopefully repairs will be carried out shortly, as a road closure has been advertised road side.
- **Village Hall-** Cllr Bowers. Following the request for extra space from the PC, WVHMC have agreed to board out the loft as a new Mother and Toddler group will be using the extra space in the parish council and youth club storeroom. Lockable boxes can be placed in the loft. The WVHMC have also agreed to open the hall on Remembrance Sunday, and put on teas and coffees.
- **TDALC-** Cllr Mitchell reported that General Data Protection Regulations come into force in May. The clerk is working on this and will report at the next meeting.

18/036 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

Playground fencing quotes

War memorial restoration quotes.

18/037 **Items of interest and note.**

- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th March 2018

Meeting closed: 8:45

Members of the public please be advised that, in order for the council to give an effective response, matters they wish to raise must be brought to the notice of the Parish Council at least seven working days before the date of the meeting in writing or by email to the clerk- Thank you.