



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice chair), Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Barry Moir, Cllr Bob Stephens  
Clerk- Emma Cansdale  
Tending District Councillor Mike Bush  
Members of public:1

### 21/049 **Apologies for Absence**

**None**

### 21/050 **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 (other than expenses Cllr Nelson, Cllr Jemmett)

### 21/051 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were accepted as a correct record.

### 21/052 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

#### **Mike Bush DC Councillor:**

- At the start of the lock down, £1000 was given to him for local funding to assist with COVID. Still fund available £340 per parish. Are there individuals/groups that could benefit. Let him know.
- TDC Full Council tomorrow- Annual Meeting where the chair and vice-chair will be elected.
- Solar Farm- what can they provide to the benefit the village. Meet with a councillor from Bradfield for advice.
- Approached by the man from Bradfield Rd development- would like to make those houses community properties that can be rented out, within the community. To look at possibilities.

Cllr Bob Stephens reported he had received a Five Estuaries Wind Farm questionnaire. Extension of an off shore wind farm 25 miles off the coast.

### 21/053 **Clerks Report**

The clerk has completed the end of year accounts, and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The internal audit will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Finance**

### 21/054 **Payments**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cllr Bowers**

**Agreed by all**

21/055 **Planning:**

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

**Proposed two storey side extension** 

7 Abbots Close Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2RW  
Ref. No: 21/00187/FUL

Recommendation: The planning permission was granted with conditions, which should be met, not amended.

**Agreed by all**

**Proposed general farm workshop and farm machinery storage building.** 

Spring Farm Colchester Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2RN  
Ref. No: 21/00510/FUL

Recommendation: No objection

**Agreed by all**

- b) To provide comment to the National Transport Casework Team (DFT) on the  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 247**  
**PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT HARWICH ROAD, WIX, MANNINGTREE CO11 2SA**  
**OS GRID REFERENCE: E:616825, N:228469**

Since the ditch was filled in during phase one of the development we have seen flooding all across the road between the west boundary of Brambles and the war memorial triangle. We presume the flooding occurred because filling of the ditch stopped the run-off from the fields to the south of the development from entering the pipe connecting the ditch and the pond.

As a result, and to help protect the properties of our residents from flooding, the Parish Council will object to the Stopping Up of the highway in the strongest terms.

**Proposed: Cllr Jemmett**

**Seconded: Cllr Nelson**

**Agreed by all**

**Assets and Facilities**

21/056 **Grass cutting/field maintenance**

To resolve to make the following purchases, and agree the following expenditure budgets.

- a) Hand mower for edges, to a budget of £500- **deferred** until the parish council mower has been received back from Mr. Wood, and checked.  
b) Strimmer cord, safety glasses (x2 @ £15 each) and ear defenders (x2 @ £10 ea), fire extinguisher (6kg dry powder £25) £130- strimmer cord already approved, so total £75.

**Agreed**

- c) Fuel and incidentals budget of

Q1 £100

Q2 £200

Q3 £200

Q4 £100

**Agreed**

**It was resolved to defer item a, and agree items b and c.**

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Stephens**

**Agreed by all**

21/057 **Pond work**

To note the work carried out by Cllr Guy Nelson, Cllr Bob Jemmett, and resident Calvin Pallace, and to receive an estimate of £1897.33 to create a sandbag retaining wall around the pond.

Cllr Nelson reported on the proposal to define the edge of the pond using sandbags, and dig out the bottom of the pond, which will hopefully prevent it from drying out in the summer, and prevent the pipes from blocking.

The pond working group request the grant from the pc to complete the work.  
To resolve to carry out the work  
Following a discussion it was deferred until some additional costs have been sourced.

21/058 **Adult gym equipment- location**

Following the deferral from the March meeting, to discuss and agree an alternative location for the gym equipment:

- i) On the Playing Field, to the rear of the VH, alongside the MUGA
- ii) Dotted around the Playing Field.
- iii) At the top of the Playing Field, near the Jubilee Plaque and Royal Oak
- iv) On 'the Strip', to the rear of the MUGA

Following a discussion, it was resolved to install the equipment to the rear of the MUGA.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Murray**

**Agreed by all**

**General**

21/059 **Harwich Road footway condition**

To discuss the condition of the footway, as a result of the building works, and to agree any action.  
Footway has been damaged by vehicles accessing the site. To request the developer make safe the footway prior to it being fully repaired. Clerk also to speak to planning for advice.

Check S106 on this project.  
Check the intention on the other end of the plot.

21/060 **Antisocial behaviour in and around the MUGA and Village Hall car park**

There have been reports of anti-social behaviour going on in the car park. Police need evidence of a crime before they will investigate.  
Could look at a barrier overnight.  
Initially report any anti-social behaviour to the police and get an incident number.

21/061 **Crime Report**

Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3\*\*)  
A cable has been ripped from a field in Wrabness.

21/062 **Correspondence.**

**Harwich Runners:** To receive a request from the Harwich Runners for the use of Wix Playing Field for the Wix 5 mile race (covid compliant). AGREED.

21/063 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** Nothing of note to from the last meeting.
- **(community asset mapping)**

**Yellow lines Colchester Rd (next agenda)**

21/064 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**

End of Year Accounts and Internal Audit  
Review of Financial Regs, Standing Orders, Risk Assessments and other documents  
Request from the Fayre to use the field on the 17<sup>th</sup> July. (event 1pm-5pm)  
Dog fouling campaign.  
Yellow lines around the crossroads on Colchester Road.

21/065 **Items of interest and note.**

**Litter pick Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10-12. Village Hall**

**Next meeting- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Meeting closed a 21.35**