



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th March 2019
Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Bob Jemmett
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

19/018 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Sue Lusher

19/019 **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.

Rally- Cllr Mark Townley

19/020 **Minutes.**
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 18th February 2019 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair,

19/021 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**
Mr Woods reported that the little mower is in working order ready for the forthcoming season.
Gary Bowers on behalf of Peter Kirwin- what does the council intend to do about the phone box? Would he be permitted to paint it? This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting along with his request to refurbish the noticeboard.

19/022 **Clerks Report**

- Elections May 2019- Key dates
Rally- Cllr Bowers reminded councillors of the agreement with CMC that if any businesses would have to shut, they would have to re-think.
This village has no benefit from the rally, there is no provision for viewing area and the pub is closed.
Brian Rivett, liaison officer. Mr Rivett reported that the 2 businesses have accepted compensation.

Questions and key points raised:

Can you still use property frontages? *Yes, but be aware of personal safety.*

Buses still have not been consulted.

Cross roads are not going to be shut all day, only during the racing times.

Glebe Close/Daleview Ave have been given passes.

Donation to smaller village organisations.

Thanks to Brian Rivett for attending the meeting.

Finance

19/023 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Bowers

Agreed by all.

19/024 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

Hunters Moon

Wix Parish Council objects to this application based on the following concerns.

It highlights the issue raised by building control, regarding fire service access.

There are already issues in the area regarding traffic, particularly with the school nearby. Additional properties, accessing Colchester Rd next to the school will create additional pressures.

Wix PC are also concerned about additional pressure on the foul water and surface water systems, which are already inadequate.

Concerns were raised regarding the new properties overlooking the school.

Wix PC are also concerned about the pond on the site, which is due to be filled in. The area is susceptible to flooding, and WPC are concerned this development will lead to further flooding issues. The comments to be submitted should be the same as the previous application. OBJECTION

Proposed Cllr Townley

Seconded Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all.

General

19/025 **Mower- Cllr Jemmett**

To discuss the option to appoint Stourwood Landscapes to fit a replacement used engine into the PC mower at a cost of £1,500 so that it runs, with a view to increasing the sale value of the mower and minimising the loss which would result in selling at the previous offer price of £500 for a 'non-runner'. Also to note this work will be carried out without any guarantee other than that the mower will start and run.

Amendment- following a discussion, it was resolved to sell the mower to Stourwood Landscapes for £500 and take another smaller mower in part exchange. .

Proposed Cllr Jemmett

Seconded Cllr Murray

Agreed by all.

19/026 **County Broadband**

To receive a report from Cllr Mitchell on the County Broadband end to end fibre bid and to:

- a) resolve to formally support the County Broadband bid
- b) hold a meeting in conjunction with County Broadband to provide more information to Wix residents
- c) fund the hall hire, and refreshments costs up to £100.

Cllr Mitchell reported that County Broadband will fund hall hire and refreshments. Cllr Mitchell would like to push it forward to get the required number of properties in the village to sign up.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to resolve items a and b. Item c withdrawn.

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

19/027 **Play area/field gate**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to place a small concrete pad underneath the gate between the children's play area and the village field. .

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Bowers
Agreed by all.

19/028 **Post Office**

To receive a report on behalf of the Upper Dovercourt Post Master with proposals to hold a mobile Post Office in the village one morning a week. To specifically consider the request for the Parish Council to fund the venue hire.

Kim Partridge reported that the plan is to run a mobile post office, @ £21 a session (3 hrs a session) x 50 weeks, total cost to Parish Council, £1000.

Key points raised:

Commercial venture. Why support a commercial business?- Serves a number of elderly residents.

Could we look at the other properties? Agreed

Following a discussion, it was agreed to wait until after the Parish Council elections and investigate alternative venues, and to and gauge the need of the village for PO provision.

19/029 **Community Speed Watch**

No update

19/030 **Crime Report**

Nothing to report.

19/031 **Correspondence.**

Bradfield Road closure- 8th April, 4 days.

19/032 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers.** Bin store has been emptied and the PC winter salt is stored elsewhere.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** Not much this month. Have we paid our invoice? Litter A120, A133.
- **Pond-Clerk.** Seeking quotes and funding options.

19/033 **Items to be added to next Agenda .**

Phone box

Youth club/cupboard in Village Hall

Road outside new development on Harwich Road. Encroached further than they should. Have dumped concrete in the ditch.

Meeting closed at 2115.

19/034 **Items of interest and note.**

Meeting on Monday 15th April- cancelled

Next meeting Monday 20th May