



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 28th October 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Stephens (vice-chair), Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Purdie Linnell, Cllr Liza Sinclair
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

24/119 **Apologies for Absence** None

24/120 **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**

24/121 **Minutes.**
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 16th September 2024 were accepted as a correct record, and duly signed by the chair.

24/122 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Mark De Roy- speeding. It was agreed at the last meeting, that we would request 30mph all the way to the village gateway on Colchester Rd.
They are happy to put some funding to get this underway, and possibly survey the other accesses into the village
(Harwich Rd, Bradfield Rd, Clacton Rd)
Mr DeRoy is willing to essentially sponsor it, plus to put the application in.
However, it may be difficult to get the full extent. Another option is to extend the 30mph as far as possible, and reduce the rest (to the gateway) to 40mph.

District Councillor Report - None

County Councillor Report- available on the website

24/123 **Clerks Report**
New bins have been delivered and are awaiting installation. Speed limit extension request- see above.
Woodland Trust tree application- this has been granted. Trees will be delivered in the early spring.
Defibrillator has been ordered. To ask Anthony if they have an electrician they use at the church, that would be able to install it. Website- full proposal, including the new .gov requirements will be presented at the January meeting, ahead of budget setting

It was agreed to move the January meeting to either Jan 14th or 15th

Finance

24/124 **Payments**
a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **(appx 1)
Agreed by all

b) To report of TDC payments error and correction

24/125

Planning

To consider the following planning applications:
Treetstacks application will be circulated by email.

24/126

Proposal to reverse the decision to install surfacing under the gym

To receive a written request from Cllr Guy Nelson and Cllr Gill Isbell, to reverse the decision to install surfacing under the gym equipment.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Isbell

Agreed by all

24/127

Fireworks update

Wix and Wrabness Primary School pupils- free. £700 has already been donated to the PTA to help fund the school trip to the Christmas pantomime. The PC cannot afford to do both.

Volunteers – it was agreed that immediate family members of volunteers should receive complimentary tickets..

Carers: Carers will be admitted FOC.

Caterers: Daynas Diner, Vivo Pizzas (other ones)

Bins orders. Cones ordered and paid for, police informed, Fire Service informed,

Kitchen: Kathy, Beverley, Purdie

Gate: Robin, Jess, Liza, Gills fam x1

Field: Guy, Bob, Adam, Calvin

Glow: Gill, Kerry, Gills fam x2

Float: £600 (£300/£1, £300/50p)

24/128

London to Harwich Milestone update

The milestone is now in position. To agree representatives and a date for the 'opening' and photo op. Any councillors available at the appropriate time will represent the Parish Council.

24/129

St Mary Church- compost toilet

To receive correspondence from St Mary's Church, regarding the purchase, installation and maintenance of a compost toilet.

To discuss and resolve to share responsibility for the maintenance of the compost toilet (to note this will be available for public use, not just church use)

Further details required from the church, regarding specific requirements before any decision can be made.

24/130

Facilities

Village Hall heating

To receive an update from Cllr Nelson

Cllr Nelson met with a representative from Green Building Renewables to discuss the options for replacing the redundant gas fired Village Hall heaters with solar panels, batteries and air-source heat pumps. Quotations were received and a meeting called with two other members of the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss how we as a village can raise the money to move the project forwards before the winter of 2024/2025.

Unfortunately, the other VHMC members have not been able to attend a meeting and therefore this project cannot be further progressed by the PC without their buy-in.

Action:

Letter to the village hall to meet with us to discuss the options going forward.

24/131 **Roles and Responsibilities**
To agree membership to working groups (wg), and councillor roles and responsibilities.
Finance; Cllr Stephens
Planning: Cllr Stephens
Recreation area: Cllr Nelson, Cllr Jemmett, Cllr Isbell, Cllr Linnell
TDALC rep: Cllr Stephens
Key holders: Cllr Jemmett, Cllr Nelson (full set) Brian Saich container,
Communications: Cllr Sinclair
Tree Warden: Cllr Nelson
Events Planning: Cllr Isbell, Cllr Saich, Cllr Sinclair

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Liza Sinclair
Agreed by all

24/132 **Crime Report**
None

24/133 **Correspondence.**
None

24/134 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **TDALC- Cllr Stephens**
- **Village Hall**
- **New Website**
- **Pond- grass seed going down**

24/135 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**
Tree survey
RCCE subscription

24/136 **Items of interest and note.**
Next meeting- Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th November 2024