



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom on Monday 21st September 2020

Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice-chair), Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Barry Moir

20/099 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Bob Stephens.

20/100 **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.

Cllr Guy Nelson - expenses
Cllr Murray 20/107- Wix Fayre. Non-pecuniary interest.

20/101 **Minutes.**
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 24th August 2020 were accepted as a correct record.

20/102 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

District Councillor Mike Bush spoke on the following topics: - Local Government Reform. There is movement towards devolution of county and district councils, likely to happen by 2023/24. ECC, TDC or other DC's will no longer exist, instead there will be combined authorities, eg North Essex and South Essex.
Be bold talking about precepts, and talking to TDC about using TDC funds.

Planning white paper has been released.

Parishes- could parishes come together as a group to achieve more?

Chicken Farm planning application has been pushed back to the next planning committee meeting.

Pre-application for a 2.2MW, solar farm, next to the existing solar farm adjacent to the A120

20/103 **Clerks Report**
Gym Equipment – the legal agreement for the lease of land near to the playground with VHMC is being discussed with guidance from the RCCE.
Concerns have been raised about HGV's coming through the village along Colchester Road in particular. The clerk will write to Cllr Carlo Guglielmi about installing a sign by Anglian Timber to direct heavy lorries back to the A120 via Harwich Road (avoiding the primary school).

Finance

20/104 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all.

20/105 **Planning:**

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

20/00869/DETAIL Land rear of Chapelfields House, accessed from Bradfield Road Wix Essex CO11 2SG
Amended drawing showing minor alterations to window fenestration and porch

No further comment on the amendment.

20/106 **Wix Village Shop**

To note the planned closure of the village shop in January, if a new tenant cannot be found.

To consider whether Wix PC would like to be involved in:

- a) Finding a new tenant
b) Becoming the new tenant
c) Helping create a Community Shop
d) Other

Peter Kirwin will lease it out, either as a private concern, community shop or close and turn it into a house, however he has not put it out to tender yet.

He confirmed that the Post Office is no longer viable.

Cllr Mitchell expressed a wish to explore the option of setting up as a community shop. This would need to start with a consultation with every house in the village seeking answers to what services they would support and what kinds of items they would like to be able to buy from a community shop.

Cllr Mike Bush is involved in the Maybush in Great Oakley which is a Community Interest Company (CIC) non-profit pub with 186 volunteers. The Maybush may be able to help.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to create a working party to take forward a consultation.

Facilities

20/107 **Container/Wix Fayre**

To agree a date by which the parish and fayre equipment will be split into the separate containers, and arrange working parties to do so.

The arrangements were made, and it was agreed that racking will be purchased. 3 x salt bins to be purchased also.

20/108 **War Memorial railings**

To consider the options for replacement/restoration of the railing, and to resolve to accept option 1.

Option 1

Supply labour to remove existing railings from site, weld new spheres to cover spikes, shot blast and repaint black, return to site and fix.

£ 1286.00 + VAT

Option 2

Supply Labour to remove existing railings from site. Shot blast and repaint black, return to site and fix.

£ 1168.00 + VAT

Option 3

Others to remove and refit railings. Supply labour to weld new spheres to cover spikes, shot blast and repaint black.

£ 1054.00 + VAT

Option 4

Others to remove and refit railings. Supply labour to blast, clean and repaint black.

£ 891.00 + VAT

Option 5

Supply and fix new railings to replace existing ironwork. 50x8 flat horizontal rails with 12 dia solid infills and fitted with safety finials. Rails to include small access gate. Including dismantling of existing ironworks prior to new installation. Galvanised and powder coated satin black

£2472.00 + vat

It was resolved to ask DT Engineering to supply labour to remove existing railings from site, weld new spheres to cover spikes, shot blast and repaint black, return to site and fix at £1286.00 + VAT (Option1).

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

Subject to repairing any additional work

General

RCCE membership

To rejoin/renew with the RCCE at £60.50 + VAT per year.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Murray

Agreed by all

20/109 **Crime Report**

Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)

No crime report received.

20/110 **Correspondence.**

Remembrance Sunday. A simple service around the war memorial is the preferred format amongst councillors.

Clerk to ask John Williams to purchase a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council

20/111 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.**
- **Pond.** Lots of jobs need completing. Volunteers needed.

20/112 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**

Shop update

Playarea gates. Never came back to us with the price for the plugs on the rockers. Contact Playquip.

2 MUGA lights need to be checked and repaired. It was agreed that the MUGA timer should be set to operate the lights (via the PIRs) between 4pm and 8pm. Gary Goodchild will be asked to do the necessary electrical work.

20/113 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting Monday 19th October

Meeting closed at 9pm