

WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 16th February 2015

Present: Cllr John Mathews (Chair), Cllr Guy Nelson, Cllr Sue Lusher, Cllr Ray Murray, Cllr Ed Sutton, Emma Cansdale, clerk

** members of public

15/020 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Anwar

15/021 To receive members' declaration of interests in items on the Agenda

None

15/022 Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Council meetings:

Dated Monday 19th January 2015

Approved and signed by Cllr Mathews

15/023 Progress Report from the Clerk app1

15/024 Progress Report from the Chairman app 2

15/025 Co-option of Councillor

WPC received applications for the post of councillor from the following candidates:

Miss Georgia Hargreaves

Mr Brian Mallet

Miss Hargreaves was in attendance and gave a brief presentation on why she would like to become a councillor.

Voting cast unanimously in favour of Georgia Hargreaves

It was resolved that Miss Georgia Hargreaves be co-opted onto Wix Parish Council.

Cllr Hargreaves signed the Acceptance of Office, was given the DPI forms and took her seat with the councillors.

15/026 Presentation from Hive Energy on the re-application for a solar farm at Green Farm, Oakley Rd.

Wix PC received a presentation from Hive and associated colleague and answered questions raised by the council.

Cllr Mathews- previously voted in favour. No complaints from the Parish Council previously.

No visual impact

Cllr Lusher- Closest to it, and has no cause for concern.

Cllr Nelson- the buildings that are timber clad, red brick may fit in better into the landscape. Hive will feed that back to planning. Key is to disguise the units.

This item will be raised under Planning at the Parish Council meeting on March 16th, were the council will agree their recommendations o TDC.

15/027 Finance app 3

Finance update and cheques approved.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Mathews

All agreed

15/028 Planning

Application 14/01760/FUL 1 Ancient Cottages, Bradfield Road, Single storey extension with storage area in loft.

After a brief discussion Wix PC voted to **recommend approval** to TDC

Proposed: Cllr Mathews

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

4 in favour, 2 abstained (on the basis they had not seen the application and felt they could not therefore vote)

15/029 Purchase of a mower.

WPC to look at the options available that meet the criteria set at the extraordinary meeting on 29th January

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Wix PC create a working group to come back to the next meeting with a specific recommendation for the purchase of a mower.

15/030 Litter picking day

Proposal from Cllr Nelson for a litter picking day in spring and to set up regime of litter picking through the year.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to hold a spring litter picking day based on the set up from previous year, and to provide refreshments to the volunteers.

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

All agreed

15/031 Tree planting day

Wix PC to set a date for the tree planting (to include the Royal Oak), and to publicise and recruit volunteers to help.

It was agreed to set a date after we've met with Trevor Mills regarding the orchard.

Cllr Lusher also suggested the school should be involved.

15/032 Elections

The Clerk provided the nomination papers to councillors wishing to stand for election in May along with guidance documents (from the TDC website). She also advised she would hand nomination papers into TDC on behalf of any councillors or members of the parish who wish to stand, and they should return the completed papers to her by 31st March

If any member of the parish wishes to stand, please see the TDC website, contact TDC or contact the clerk.

15/033 Best Kept Village of the Year 2015

Proposal to enter the Best Kept Village of the Year award.

Proposed: Cllr Murray

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

All agreed

Cllr Nelson suggested Wix PC ask Gipping Construction do something with the area facing the road at the Cement Works to improve the visual impact. **Clerk to action**

15/034 Training

Proposal for the Clerk to attend the Award Scheme training on 5th March at a cost of £25.00

Proposed: Cllr Mathews

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

All agreed

Proposal for the clerk to attend Risk assessment training on 26th February at a cost of £75.00

Proposed: Cllr Lusher

Seconded: Cllr Sutton

All agreed

15/035 Village Pond

a) The unkempt condition of the village pond,

Following a discussion around the trees, poles etc Cllr Murray suggested Wix PC pay someone to remove it. Bring back quotes for it for March meeting. The clerk to follow up UKPN

b) Allocation of responsibility for the pond. Ongoing

15/036 Storage of Parish Council Documents

To discuss the location and accessibility of documents.

Cllr Mathews suggested the documents currently stored in the village hall are moved to container in the short term whilst sorting, due to access issues with the hall. The appropriate documents can then be moved to the Essex Record Office.

Cllr Lusher suggested councillors (and clerk) meet up on a Saturday morning to go through it all. **Clerk to action**

15/037 Wix Parish Magazine

To discuss the options for the future of the magazine

Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Murray (as Wix Fayre rep) meet with Cllr Lusher, Cllr Mathews and the clerk to discuss the Parish Council having a page in the Wix Fayre magazine, and paying a contribution to printing costs. To bring back cost proposals/recommendation to the meeting on the 16th March.

15/038 Playground Light

To receive the following proposal from Cllr Murray.

Due to the fact that the Children's playground lights are of the Sodium type and cannot be used in conjunction with a PIR to control them and the solution offered by The Village Hall Committee is not satisfactory. I propose that we replace them with LED type heads similar to those used in the MUGA with PIR attached to operate as and when they are needed. The sodium heads can be then placed on new poles situated in the main car park if so desired

The VHC proposed the lights to be on a switch, therefore not satisfactory.

Cllr Nelson suggested the VHC solution is ok if light is on the outside, on a timed switch.

It was agreed to get a costed a proposal for March 16th **Cllr Murray to action**

15/039 Updates and reports:

a) Report on proposed orchard- Cllr Sutton, Cllr Nelson, Clerk

The clerk reported that TDC have offered some financial and technical assistance in setting up the orchard. However, the money has to be spent by the end of the financial year. Cllr Sutton would like to pull together a list on local varieties Essexbiodiversity.org. May be able to source them through Ken Muir? Working group to meet with Trevor Mills (TDC) w/c 2nd March. Can we spend the TDC money on sundries eg stakes, wraps etc.

b) Container painting- Cllr Nelson

c) Highway matters. Footways on Clacton Road, Harwich Rd. **Clerk to report to ECC**
Encourage people to use the ECC website. Link on FB page and website. **Clerk to action**

d) Streetlighting. Lights on Bradfield Rd and Clacton Rd have been reported. Reminder when reporting lights out to the clerk, to provide the column number.

Cllr Murray reported that the 17 school lights are on all night. Cllr Murray to put the issues in writing and send to Cllr Mathews who will take them to the governors meeting. **Cllr Murray/Cllr Mathews to action**

e) Container/ Wix Fayre contract update

Following a discussion on space allocation for Wix Fayre and the first usage date it was agreed to put down a 50% split between Wix PC and Wix Fayre, and review once the Fayre equipment is in.

Accepted subject to 50% allocation.

15/040 Items for purchase

None

15/041 Public Speaking

To allow 10 minutes of public speaking

Request from Mr Hargreaves to hold a party in the field. Marquee in far end, generator. Private party. Public Liability insurance has been secured. Agreed in principle, to be ratified on 16th March.

Holes near the cross road.

Since crossroads were resurfaced a puddle has appear which create a muddy window on the nearby property.

Donation for RBL.

LED

Broadband

Potholes

Road collapsing on Harwich Road just passed Deeks

Welcome to Georgia

Workers parking opp Wheelwrights. Ask them not to park on Colchester Rd. **Clerk to action**

Lorries past school. Weight limit should be in place. **Clerk to investigate**

Equestrian Centre- ask horse box owners to turn right at bottom of cross roads to get onto the A120, rather than driving through the more built up area of the village and past the school (Jenny Hall) **Clerk to action.**

Farms to be asked to direct traffic to avoid school. **Clerk to action**

Ask people not to park on the pavement.

15/042 Correspondence

- 1) Resident request for a speed review throughout the village, particularly the routes into the village that are currently 60mph.

Speed survey. (Taking the speed limit to the village gates).

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Lusher

All agreed.

- 2) TDC recycling. To ask them to attend a future meeting
- 3) Transport review. Circulate to councillors
- 4) Dignity Code. To ask if the petition can be left at the Village Shop.
- 5) Request to hold fireworks on the village field after a party at the Village Hall. Organiser will need PL insurance.

15/043 Items for the next agenda (information only)

Parish website

Superfast broadband

Closed 9.50

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 three working days before the date of meeting in writing or by email to the clerk- Thank you