



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Present: Cllr's Guy Nelson, Gary Bowers, Sue Lusher, Ray Murray, Steve Pilling, Kerry Mitchell.  
Emma Cansdale, Clerk

#### MoP 4

15/131 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Townley.

15/132 **To receive members' declaration of interests in items on the Agenda**

None

15/133 **Minutes**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were agreed and duly signed by the chair.

15/134 **Progress Report from the Clerk** (appendix 1)

15/135 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

John Williams. On Bradfield Rd by the S bend, on the left hand side near Bellacre there is overgrown hedging over the edge of carriageway line, and covering the 40mph limit.

**Clerk to write to owner/ECC**

7.5T sign obscured by overgrowth on Clactoon Rd. **Clerk to write to ECC**

Minutes for Annual Parish Meeting. Not on the website. **Clerk to action.**

Steve Wood, road sweeping has been reduced. Grass growing between the kerb and carriageway on Bradfield Rd. **Clerk to advise ECC**

15/136 **Finance** (appendix 2)\*\*

The cheques were approved, The clerk is to have the 'home used as office' expenses paid by Standing Order in future.

**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**

**Seconded: Cllr Nelson**

**Agreed all**

15/137 **Planning:** (appendix 3)\*\*

No recommendations.

15/138 **Fireworks:**

The fireworks working party gave their recommendations, and the following was approved:

a) To spend £2000 (+VAT) on the actual fireworks.

b) To spend £500 (+ VAT) on the merchandise.

c) Proposal to purchase sundries, reflective vests.

Reason to include vest so litter pick/fayre etc can be used.

Cllr Mitchel to see if she can provide printing. Stitch on reflective vests are better quality.

Following a discussion on whether or not to have a bonfire, it was agreed a small one to burn the guys would be appropriate. All usual wood donators have been advised not to stock pile wood.

Fireworks working group to also ask the school to not use plastics or other items that may be toxic when burnt for making the Guys.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Mitchell**

**Agreed by all:**

15/139

**Football:**

Wix PC have received a request from Mill FC to play a first team and reserve team on the village field. Full verbal report from the clerk.

- a) Proposal to allow Mill FC use of the field at the agreed cost.
- b) Proposal to buy and erect a small shed to store football equipment in.  
£150 for the shed, concrete base, £100.00. VH ok with placement.

Following a discussion it was agreed to: allow them to play at £35.00 per match, if they mark the pitch. We will provide the paint up to a maximum of 10 tubs for one season. It was also agreed to purchase the small shed at the proposed costs.

**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**

**Seconded: Cllr Murray**

**Agreed by all**

15/140

**Village Notice Boards**

Report from the clerk on costings for notice boards.  
On hold.

15/141

**Field Report**

Clerks report following the field site visit.

Informal advice received from ECC regarding relocating the play area stones to the war memorial traffic island was that this would not be advisable. They will however provide a formal written response.

Clerk to write a letter to Mr Duff, regarding the overgrown hedge bordering his property.

15/142

**Use of Traffic Cones**

Proposal to allow other groups within the community use of the traffic cones belonging to the Parish Council.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr pilling**

**Agreed all**

15/143

**Field Gate Post**

To receive updated quotes and a revised proposal for the replacement pedestrian field gate post, which is currently broken – this item is covered under the play area quotes - item 15/151

15/144

**Wix Fayre**

- a) The Wix Fayre Committee reported that it was a good day. They thanked the PC for the use of the field and the donation to the Grand Draw.
- b) Use of fireworks. Risk assessments. The WFC reported that the fireworks set off by private individuals, not the WFC. However, this must be policed better at future events

A sign on all PC communication methods to the following effect shall be displayed.  
*No fireworks to be let off on the village field without prior permission from the Parish Council.*

15/145

**Playground:**

Signing of playground log book

15/146

**Mower repairs**

Report from Cllr Nelson on current issues with the mower.

Should we:

1. Attempt another in-house repair at a cost of max. £300?
2. Inform the vendor of the issues in writing by recorded delivery?
3. Inform the vendor that we will pass repair costs on to him?
4. Return the mower to vendor for repair (transport costs associated with this)?

Mower still overheating after a full service comprising replacement of fuel, air and oil filters; oil change and coolant change. The radiator has also been flushed internally and the debris blown out of the external heat exchanger fins.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to look at it Wednesday evening. (Cllr's Lusher, Nelson and Bowers, and Tony Lungley) at Venns, Harwich Road, Wix.

**Clerk to write to seller, informing of the issue.**

Max spend for fixing £350.00. Ask vendor to pay for the repairs (expenditure not reliant on vendor paying)

**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**

**Seconded: Cllr Nelson**

**Agreed all**

15/147

**Parish Magazine**

To explore possibilities for a new parish Magazine.

Coast to Coast/Wix PC own magazine/newsletter

WALPtL reported they were in the position to put another magazine out, but need help funding. Could do a joint venture with the PC.

ASAP. 28 page colour magazine £360 or £208 in black and white..

Following a discussion it was agreed that the PC would fund 50% of the next issue after advertising revenue has been deducted - subject to other financiers agreeing. Maximum Parish Council spend per issue will be £200. Future magazines would be decided on at the September meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Bowers**

**Agreed all**

15/148a

**Dog Fouling**

The clerk reported TDC had offered to come and replace existing signs in the village with new ones. If we want more, WPC need to seek approval from District Cllr Fairley. If we can advise when the offences are taking place, the dog wardens can focus their patrols on those times.

Proposal to purchase own signs (ie Poo Fairy), and to look into other methods of deterring offenders.

**Proposed: Cllr Bowers**

**Seconded: Cllr Nelson**

**Agreed all**

15/148b

**Reports and updates**

- Report from the TDALC meeting- Cllr Mitchell  
Planning biggest issue. Gt Oakley permission for 23 properties on farm land.  
Weeley also under a large number of properties. Most problems caused by a lack of Local plan from TDC  
A120, lorries from waste transfer site causing problems.  
Superfast Essex - most villages will be provided with faster broadband between 2017-2020
- Street lighting update. Lights to be fixed next week.
- Defibrillator update. **Clerk meeting with Nigel Box next week.**
- Playground light update. Cheque signed this evening.
- Allotment update. Ask TDC to clear the fallen willow branch; invoices have been sent to plot holders; there are a couple of plots which need clearing.
- Trees around pond / powerline update. **Clerk to chase**
- Cllr Bowers reported that the proposals put forward to the VHMC after last meeting were all agreed.

Light that is going to go into car park and play area will be controlled by both a timer and a motion sensor.

Diesel for mower- assured this does not contain bio-diesel, it is 100% mineral based and it is 'red' diesel.

Can we get highways to put bollards up on the war memorial triangle to protect the area from lorry damage? **Clerk to investigate.**

15/149 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

Container- light/ventilation.

Discuss website

Magazine

Internal auditors report/financial

War memorial

Drones on field

15/150 **The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 7:30 pm**

*The following item is to be held in private session, and the public are excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions Act*

15/151 **New children's play area**

To receive recommendations from the playground working group on the contract for the new preschool age play area.

Following a discussion, Playquip were appointed contractor. **The clerk will put together the Parish Council's revised proposals to Playquip for quoting, and apply for funding.**

15/152 **Signing of cheques**

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