



**WIX PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Sue Lusher (vice-chair), Cllr Gary Bowers, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Mark Townley, Cllr Bob Jemmett.  
Emma Cansdale- clerk**

**18/139 Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Murray**

**18/140 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 Townley declared an interest in item 18.146, as his business would be affected by the rally.  
Cllr Nelson declared an interest in item 18.144, expenses (Fireworks).

**18/141 Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

**18/142 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

**18/143 Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the activities carried out throughout the month, and asked for clarification on the new gate. PMC to be instructed to remove sliding bolt and install a self-closer, which must comply with the appropriate BSEN regs..

**Finance**

**18/144 Payments**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Townley**

**Seconded: Cllr Bowers**

**Agreed by all**

**18/145 Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the planning applications: No comments.

**18/146 Corbeau Seats Rally**

Cllr Dan Land, who is chairing the community leadership scrutiny committee gave some information regarding his role in the rally. The committee is writing a report taking in the good and the bad aspects, which will result in an information based report which will be presented to the committee on Monday.

Mike Bush, district councillor for Great and Little Oakley reported that the task and finish group are looking at the details; all aspects including health and safety, management, and communication with public.

They explained that the organisers have had to extend the route to meet the 'rally' requirements. This is why the route will now be right through the middle of Wix (from Stones Green, along Clacton Road, across the cross roads to Bradfield Road and on to Spinnels Lane.)

The date of the rally is Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Q&A:**

- Has the route been planned and that's it? Yes, this is likely to be the case.
- Will the residents who are directly affected be consulted directly by the organisers? The understanding the proposed new route will be discussed with TDC, to be signed off by ECC. However, the organisers will likely speak to those affected by the route.

**Other key points:**

- The Waggon have been advised they will have to close for the day, due to the only access being on Clacton Road which will be shut. This will also affect the Equestrian Centre.
- There could be potential to channel some money back to the local community.
- The T&F group have offered to help leaflet, to make residents aware.
- There will be a scrutineering exercise on the Saturday prior to the rally from 12-6, to scrutinise the route.
- The clerk will chase Chelmsford MC about consulting the residents on Clacton and Bradfield Rd (including Daleview and Glebe Close)

Wix PC will carry out a leaflet drop on the above-mentioned roads, and will have the main item on the agenda on 15<sup>th</sup> October, as the rally.

**Amenities**

**18/147 Allotments**

The clerk reported that there was further uptake on one of the plots, and that the school were utilizing several plots as part of the Forest School.

**18/148 Pond**

- a) To resolve to form a Friends of Wix Pond working group, to clear and tidy the pond area.  
Following a discussion, it was resolved to form the group.
- b) To resolve to fund the Friends of Wix Pond, the cost of digger hire to clear the scrubby willows and brambles around the pond  
Following a discussion, it was resolved to fund the group to carry out the work above.
- c) To
  - i) ask UKPN again to remove the willow as now a trunk which has come down in high winds has shown that the tree is unsound and the others near the power lines pose a serious risk and
  - ii) if UKPN will not do so in a timely manner request the Friends of Wix Pond seek quotes for the professional removal of the tree, and to resolve to fund the work.

Following a discussion was resolved carry out the above. We will also look to seek grants for the work.

**Proposed: Cllr Lusher**  
**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett.**  
**Agreed by all**

**18/149 Mower**

Cllr Nelson gave a report from Stourwood Landscapes on the condition of the mower. It requires a new engine. The options are to sell as is, for scrap/spares or repairs, or to replace the engine. Following a discussion, it was agreed to find out how much the mower is worth as is; and repaired, with full costs.

**Contact several dealers. Action BJ GB**

18/150 **Container**

- a) To resolve to purchase Dexion (or similar) shelving in the container, to a budget of £500.  
Following a discussion, it was resolved to purchase them.

**Proposed: Cllr Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all**

**Action BJ**

- b) To resolve to purchase anti-climb paint for the container (and signs)

**Proposed: Cllr Jemmett**

**Seconded: Cllr Townley**

**Agreed by all**

**General**

18/151 **Community Speed Watch**

- a) To receive status report

An additional site opposite Megan cottage has been agreed. Speed Watch have been very busy, increasing the areas covered.

18/152 **Crime Report**

Nothing to report.

18/153 **Correspondence.**

A120 closure- this has been postponed.

Fireworks advertising. To ask for 12 signs.

CIF 2018 has launched- new railing for the war memorial and re-furbishment and restoration of the pond as potential projects.

18/154 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk. The condition of the A120 is appalling. The clerk will write to the local MP**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers. Loft boarding for Parish Council archives storage is complete.**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. Topics covered included the Local Services Fund., the usual issues with planning and the Corbeau Rally.**
- **Fireworks**  
**Meeting next week Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Field House. 7.30**  
**Clerk to ask Danny Marvan for wood. (esp conifer)**  
**Riverside Fish and Chips is booked elsewhere. However not confirmed. Cllr Bowers to confirm**  
**Clerk to order tickets.**
- **Remembrance Sunday.**  
**Everything is organised. Ask cadets for a bugle player.**  
**Road closure on the back bit of the triangle. VH, doing tea, coffee, cake, fayre committee. PC to contribute. Village Hall after the service.**  
**11am at the memorial, then to the VH.**

18/155 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

**Remembrance Day**

**Corbeau Seats Rally**

18/156 **Items of interest and note.**

- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018