



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Monday 26th November 2018

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

18/174 **Apologies for Absence**

None

18/175 **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.

18.179 Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Lusher

18/176 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 15th October 2018 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

18/177 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Gary Donoghue of the Harwich Runners reported that at the 2018 race there were nearly 500 runners, and lots of village spectators. The tentative date for next year is 27th October. Gary is stepping down as race director and Andrew Thorn will be taking his place. Andrew will attend the next meeting. Gary was pleased to announce the Harwich Runners will be donating £500.

Cllr Mike Bush reported that TDC are waiting for feedback from CMC

Cllr Bush also asked if WPC would be interested sharing a 'Special' with the Oakleys. To discuss at a later meeting.

***Litter Picking* Thanks to Elizabeth Rankin, for all her work over the years.**

18/178 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the Rally update, which we have had no response from MSO, the Highways Briefing, including the importance of gathering info for Green Claims (claims against individuals that damage highway property), the Highways Devolution (minuted separately), and the TDC finance update

Finance

18/179 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Townley

Carried.

18/180 **Planning:**
To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:
None

Events

18/181 **Fireworks Night**

- a) The Fireworks Committee gave a brief report on the finances for the fireworks, but have not yet had the full be-briefing meeting.
- b) To receive any compliments/suggestions for next year
Cllr Lusher reported that 2 people complained to her about fireworks hitting crowd. The wind direction was checked three times, in daylight, and it was fine, plus the crowd was well within the recommended safety distances. The event organisers would not hesitate to pull the event, if it became dangerous.
- c) To note thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the preparation for the event, and on the night.
- d) It was resolved to award a donation of **£100** to the Scouts for their help with car parking.

Proposed: Cllr Murray
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agree by all

18/182 **Remembrance Sunday**
To note thanks to Cllr Gary Bowers, The Village Hall Management Committee, the Church, Cllr Lusher's excellent display and all the other volunteers who put on a fantastic celebration of Remembrance.

General

18/183 **Highways Devolution**
The clerk gave a report on the proposed Highways Devolution pilot, explaining the despite meeting at County Hall, full details were not yet available. It was agreed to bring this back to the January meeting, when more information should be available.
Deferred

18/184 **Flag Pole**
To investigate and resolve to purchase a village Flagpole. (see www.flagpoles.co.uk for examples), with a budget of up to £500.
Cllr Nelson reported that a resident raised a request for a flag pole from residents. Following a discussion, with helpful input from Cllr Mike Bush, it was agreed that this required much more investigation and should be deferred.
Deferred

18/185 **Community Speed Watch**
Cllr Lusher reported that Tendring has been expelled from CSW. Wix figures will be provided by next month.

18/186 **Crime Report**
Issues with youths causing damage around the village. Please remain vigilant and report issues to the police using 111 or 999 if it is an emergency. .

18/187 **Correspondence.**
Dog mess on the field. There appears to be much more dog mess on the field and following a discussion, it was agreed to erect some more signs, and approach the school with the intention of educating children on the dangers of dog foul.
A request for a shelter for teens on the playing field has been received. This needs careful consideration, and will be investigated
A request has been received to close off the MUGA to prevent dogs accessing the playing field. Whilst it was agreed that dogs are the responsibility of the owners, and they should be kept under control at all times, options for closing the top end would be considered in due course. .

18/188 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **Village Hall- Cllr Bowers.** Had some damage from the youths causing havoc in the village.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.**

18/189 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

2 self-closing gates on the MUGA.

Solutions for the gap under gate.

Lights on playing field fixed.

Budget and precept.

18/190 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting Monday 21st January 2019

Enjoy the festive break, have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Closed 8.48