



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Attendance: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Ray Murray  
Clerk- Emma Cansdale

19/058 **Apologies for Absence**

None

19/059 **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.

None

19/060 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

19/061 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Nothing raised.

19/062 **Clerks Report**

The clerk gave a report on the following work carried out in the past month in addition to the normal day-to-day work:

- Reporting of various Highways issues
- Submission of external audit documents
- Advertising of electors rights
- Attended Highways Devolution meeting
- Investigation of funding initiatives.

### **Finance**

19/063 **Payments**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all**

19/064 **Planning:**

To receive and make recommendations on the following planning applications:

None

## **Facilities**

### **19/065 Play area inspection**

- a) To receive the report and discuss and agree actions.

Councillors went through the report identifying item for immediate action, planned action and monitoring.

- b) To arrange a working party date to clean the play equipment.

It was agreed to clean the play area on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Nelson to purchase algaecide.

### **19/066 Field maintenance**

To discuss the current field maintenance and agree and further actions.

It was agreed to follow this up after a meeting with the contractor, highlighting the outstanding issues.

### **19/067 Pond**

To receive a report on the pond project, and agree any actions for the volunteers, outside of the main tree work. Following a discussion, it was agreed for councillors to meet, and identify areas of work relating to the trees and draw up a specific schedule of work to go out to quotes.

Following the tree work, the parish council and friends of Wix Pond can identify further work to be carried out.

### **19/068 Litter pick event**

To resolve to hold a litter pick event, set a date, and agree a budget for refreshments to a maximum of £50

Following a discussion, it was resolved to approve the budget, but to set a date in the autumn, closer to the time.

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Mitchell**

**Agreed by all**

### **19/069 Public Rights of Way (PRoW)-Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

To consider joining the P3 partnership in conjunction with ECC. To seek volunteers to help maintain the PRoWs

It was agreed to set up a meeting with Shirley Anglin (ECC PRoW), to start the process, and to seek additional volunteers.

### **19/070 Highways Devolution**

To receive a report from the clerk on Highways Devolution, following an update on the proposed scheme.

The clerk gave an update on the scheme, which appears to allow more freedom in terms of choice of work, and ability to retract from the contract after a year if the council does not feel it successful or worthwhile. The clerk will meet with ECC officers to negotiate the next steps and report back to the council in due course.

### **19/071 Post Office**

To receive an update on the post office following the APM, and agree any further action.

Following a discussion, many of the points previously raised were covered again.

It was resolved to ask the Landlord at The Wagon, if he would consider hosting the post office.

**Action: the Clerk will write to Mr. Townley**

**Proposed: Cllr Murray**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all**

## **General**

### **19/072 Annual Parish Meeting Follow-up**

To discuss the ideas, issues and comments raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, and agree any immediate actions.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to

1. Carry out a consultation on additional play equipment and gym equipment.
2. Seek quotes for additional bench(es)
3. Approach the Wagon regarding the post office (item 19/072)

### **19/073 Community Speed Watch**

Cllrs Nelson and Jemmett cut back some overhanging branches, at the request of CSW.

### **19/074 Crime Report**

None

19/075 **Correspondence.**

19/076 **Reports and updates**

- **Highways- Clerk.**
- **Village Hall**
- **TDALC-** Cllr Mitchell reported the items covered by the last TDALC meeting were the rally, highways devolution, and litter being deposited on the A120 from the Veolia lorries.

19/077 **Items to be added to next Agenda**

Picnic benches

Insurance

Field maintenance contract

19/078 **Items of interest and note.**

**Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July**