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**WIX PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Gary Bowers (vice chair), Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Ray Murray

**22/001 Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Bob Stephens**

**District Councillor Mike Bush**

**22/002 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.

**22/003 Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

**22/004 Co-option of a Councillor**

To receive applications for the vacancy, and to co-opt a new councillor. 2 applications for the role were received, however, one applicant was happy to stand aside at this time, until the next vacancy.

Kathy Saich presented herself to the council, explaining that while she was new to the area, she had fulfilled a similar role previously, and had a good understanding of village life.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to co-opt Kathy Saich to Wix Parish Council

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmett**

**Agreed by all**

**22/005 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Lighting around the gym equipment- A resident suggested some additional lighting would be useful around the gym equipment, so it can be used in the evenings during the winter months. It was agreed to seek quotes for a lighting solution.

Light behind bus stop is not working- Whilst at this time it is not clear if the light is owned by the parish council or Village Hall, it was agreed to take it on, and affect a repair.

**22/006 Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on key work over the last month, including preparing the budget.

Wix PC were successful in the CIF application for funding for a mower, and have received the full amount. The stump grinding on the playing field will be completed in the next week.

**Finance**

**22/007 Payments**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**

**Seconded: Cllr Bowers**

**Agreed by all**

**22/008 Budget and precept**

To review the budget, and set the precept for 2022/23

Following completion of the budget setting, it was resolved to set the precept for 2022/23 at £21,032. This equates to £69.97 per band D property, a 0.2% increase on 2021/22

**Proposed: Cllr Bowers**

**Seconded: Cllr Jemmet**

**Agreed by all**

**22/009 Planning:**

21/02053/FULHH | Single-storey rear extension and front porch. First floor side extension with front and rear dormers. | Swedish House 9 Swedish Estate Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2RS

*Proposed: No objection*

**22/010 Crime Report**

Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3\*\*)

**22/011 Correspondence.**

- Wix PCC thasnked the parish council for their donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard, and also advised that they have been granted a Faculty enabling re-burial in one area.
- Field request for a craft fair/farmers market May-September- Cllr Murray advised that this has been withdrawn.

**22/012 Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Junction realignment cross roads. The clerk to request a meeting with LHP.
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. Meeting next week**
- **Additional playing field and play area maintenance-** Cllr Nelson, Cllr Jemmett and Brian Saich removed leaves on MUGA, removed weeds around children's playground, cut hedge behind MUGA, and trimmed trees around MUGA lights.

**22/013 Items to be added to next Agenda.**

**New lighting for gym equipment**

**Co-option**

**Gary's mower**

**Quote for MUGA surfacing**

**22/014 Items of interest and note.**

**Next meeting- Monday 21st February 2022**

**Cllr Ray Murray resigned as a Parish Councillor, with immediate effect, after serving over 10 years, and contributing considerably to the village. Ray will still be involved in other village groups, and the parish council would like to thank him for all his work.**

**Meeting closed 21.15**