



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich  
Clerk- Emma Cansdale  
District Councillor Mike Bush  
4 residents

#### 22/014 **Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Kerry Mitchell, Cllr Bob Stephens, Cllr Gary Bowers.**

#### 22/015 **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**

#### 22/016 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were accepted as a correct record

#### 22/017 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- A resident reported that the grass area around the war memorial has been churned up at the edges. As it is on all sides, it is likely caused a large vehicle using the 'island' as a turning point. The PC will check the boulders are still at an appropriate distance from the curb edge, and reposition them if required.
- Other residents wished to speak about Wix Cross Roads, following the accident at the weekend. This will be taken under **Clerks report- LHP site visit update**
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District Councillor Mike Bush- Cllr Bush reported on the following items:

- TDC Full Council met, and set the budget for the coming year.
- There will be funds available for Jubilee celebrations, via the district councillors, from TDC.
- THE TDC Local Plan part 2 has been adopted. Cllr Bush has provided a copy of the village envelope. The PC must be vigilant of any development proposed outside of this.
- Cllr Bush reported a large fly tipping incident, on one of the roads on the other side of the A120.
- TDC have CCTV rapid deployment scheme in place, where mobile CCTV can be installed at sites where flytipping is prevalent. There are on-costs to this, including the cost of securing power to the site. Applications can be made via the TDC website.
- Community Led Housing.
- There are funds available under the Back to Business grant- details are available of the TDC website.
- Corbeau Rally- Cllr Bush advised the pc to explore community initiative the Rally can contribute to. The PC are already exploring the option of asking the Rally to install a defibrillator at a location in the west of the village

#### 22/018 **Clerks Report**

LHP site visit update. The clerk reported that following agreement at the last meeting, she has requested a meeting with the HLO and County Councillor at Wix Cross Roads, to consider junction improvements. Several residents raised concerns regarding the junction, particularly as there was another accident at the weekend (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February). Key points raised:

- Warning sign ahead of the Stop sign is obscured and unlit. The sign is obscured by vegetation coming from an area of wasteland, adjacent to the pub.
- The stop sign is not luminated and is not facing the direction, having been hit at some point.
- Parking on the approach to the junction causes traffic to be on the wrong side of the road, particularly heading east bound on Colchester Road.
- Vegetation on Clacton Road is overhanging the carriageway, causing traffic to move further out.
- There is no traffic calming on Clacton Road, and with the hill down towards the junction, speeds can be quite high.
- Pedestrian crossing is particularly difficult and dangerous at the cross roads, and is a well-used route to the village shop, pub and school.
- (Additional point raised not directly related to the junction) The footway next to the glass recycling bins has been broken up by the collection lorry, and there is always broken glass on the footway. The area has become a bit of a dumping ground.

S106 funding update- The PC re waiting confirmation, but it appears there is £97.154.01 available in the S106 pot, for recreation use. Suggestions will be received under item 22/023

Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant (LCTSS)update- TDC have been able to pass on the grant received from central government. Wix PC will receive an additional £331 with the precept.

### **Finance**

#### **22/019 Payments**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Jemmett**

**Seconded: Cllr Saich**

**Agreed by all**

#### **22/020 Planning: None**

#### **22/021 Locogen Proposed Solar Farm Site**

To receive a report on a potential new application for solar panels, at 2 locations in the East of the village (one site on the A120, next to the existing site, the other to the rear of the APC depot) See the briefing report \*\*(appx 2)  
This is not yet as planning application.

#### **22/022 Mower**

- a) The mower intended for purchase by Wix PC using CIF funding is no longer being produced. Councilor's Nelson and Jemmett have looked at the alternative options, and the revised model looks to be the best fit. However, the price of the mower, mulching kit and trailer exceeds the existing budget. **POST MEETING NOTE- the additional cost does not exceed the original budget, at the time of applying for the CIF grant)**

Following a discuss it was resolved to contribute £1428, in addition to the £5000 grant received, and purchase the proposed mower. Without the VAT, the additional cost to Wix PC is less than the original contribution of £633.33. Actual contribution is £356.67)

**Proposed: Cllr Jemmett**

**Seconded: Cllr Saich**

**Agreed by all**

- b) Following a discussion, it was resolved to purchase the mower offered by Gary Bowers, at £500. This mower can be used on the rougher areas, and is small enough to access the children's play area.

**Proposed: Cllr Jemmett**

**Seconded: Cllr Saich**

**Agreed by all**

#### **22/023 Additional recreation facilities for the playing field**

As Wix PC has considerable funds available through S106 for recreation facilities, councilors are asked to agree scope and options for new or improved facilities eg, zip wire, MUGA surfacing, garden space,

As there were 3 councillors in attendance, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. However, ideas were taken from the floor. These were:

To consider purchasing the land at the old cement works for an additional green space.

More benches on the field, a zip wire, additional bins, 5 a side goals,

22/024 **Crime Report**  
Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3\*\*)- None

22/025 **Correspondence.**

22/026 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- Highways- Clerk.
- TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.

22/027 **Items to be added to next Agenda.**  
**Co-option of councillor**  
**Gym area lighting**  
**Recreation facilities**  
**Wix Cross Road LHP meeting outcome**

22/028 **Items of interest and note.**

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

**Cllr Nelson- Horse chestnut on the playing field- a large limb has fallen during Storm Eunice- to ask TDC tree warden Clive Dawson to have a look.**

**Meeting closed 9pm.**