



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21st March 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 Kathy Saich
Clerk Emma Cansdale
District Councillor Mike Bush
Members of Public 2

22/029 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Bob Stephens

22/030 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

22/031 Minutes.
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 21st February 2022 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

22/032 Co-option of a Councillor
To receive applications and to resolve to co-opt a councillor to fill the casual vacancy.
Following a discussion, it was resolved to co-opt Matt Jones as a councillor to Wix Parish Council. Cllr Jones, signed the declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the clerk, and will return the completed DPI forms.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all.

22/033 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

District Councillor Report- Cllr Mike Bush. Cllr Bush reported that there is a Platinum Jubilee grant available of £250. The PC are to email to say what we would like the funds for.
Community Fund- meet quarterly. Comprehensive criteria for this fund. (wellbeing, groups in your space)
Housing Needs Surveys for Parishes of Gt Oakley, Lt Oakley, Wix and Beaumont. Cllr Bush thanked the volunteer.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

22/034 Clerks Report
The clerk reported that following the Wix Cross Roads site meeting with Essex County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi, and an Essex Highways (EH), 'Highways Liaison Officer' (HLO), EH would have the existing lines repainted, but also look to moving the stop line further out, to give better visibility. The signs would be replaced, and the vegetation around the advance warning sign would be cleared. Another larger option for consideration, is the changing of the priority direction, from West-East/East-West, to North-South/South-North.

Jan Stobbart has been booked for the internal audit.

Finance

22/035 Payments

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

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Saich

Agreed by all

22/036 Planning

- a) Notification of Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community 'Draft Plan' Consultation (Regulation 18) Consultation is now open, and details are on the website.
- b) To receive and comment on the following applications:

APPLICATION NO: [22/00339/FULHH](#)

PROPOSAL: Proposed single storey rear extension and front porch.

LOCATION: 11 Council Houses Colchester Road Wix Manningtree

Recommendation: No objection

Proposed; Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Guy Nelson

Agreed by all

22/037 Jubilee Celebrations

- a) Update- afternoon tea. Date and time Saturday so that it does not clash with the Church service. This is TBC. Other activity suggestions include: Children's art and craft area. Village historical event. Jubilee Tart. Longest picnic blanket train. Other ideas, outdoor movie. Treasure hunt. Jubilee painted stone. Ideas and volunteers are very welcome.
- b) Beacon lighting- practical arrangements and suggestions for supporting event. The beacon will be lit on Thursday evening 9.15pm. Additional events suggestions include a Piper, whole village Group photo.
- c) Budget to chip the remaining wood, and sundries £300 **Agreed by all**

22/038 Milestone Marker

- a) To receive correspondence from Manningtree Museum and Local History Group regarding the historic Harwich Turnpike Road and the milestone markers, one of which is at the junction of Spinnels Lane.
- b) To consider replacing the missing cast iron post/plate with a replica at approx. £800.

Deferred until the next meeting when a representative can attend.

22/039 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,

Quote for field drainage. Footpath (plus the ideas raised at last meeting) MUGA surfacing.

Sub-committee for this project was agreed, including Cllr Bowers, Cllr Jemmett, Cllr Nelson, Emma Cansdale (support)

22/040 Crime Report

Report from PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**) None

22/042 Correspondence.

To receive correspondence from a resident of Bowl Road, regarding the frequent fly tipping, and associated issues.

Mike Bush and the Parish Council will explore what can be done about the various issues.

Councillors discussed at length the potential solar farm. There is a desire to seek residents views before an application is presented. We could have a 'No more solar farms in Wix' campaign; Cllr Jones to explore what can be done. Council to coordinate a leaflet drop to every property. Clerk to add a solar farm section on the website.

Request for the use of the playing field for children's football fun-days throughout the summer holidays. The council had no objection to this in principle, and supported the idea. There may be a charge- depending on the nature of the business. A refundable deposit would be required.

22/042 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Nothing further to report
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.** Meeting next week
- **Village Hall update.**

22/043 **Items to be added to next Agenda/s.**

Gym area lighting
MUGA surfacing.
Quotes
Mess left by Gippings- chapel field site ask their intentions.
Solar panel for the container.

22/044 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Monday 25th April 2022