



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 20th June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Kerry Mitchell (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Matt Jones
Emma Cansdale- clerk

22/080 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bob Stephens

22/081 **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.

Cllr Kerry Mitchell- expenses claim under item 22/086

22/082 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 16th May 2022 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

22/083 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- A residents asked his thanks to be passed on to the volunteers who cut back the verge at the junction of Clacton Road and Harwich Road
- Witch Cottage- a resident has spoken to Historic England and the TDC preservation department, who has confirmed they will endeavor to find the owner.
- A resident reported on the dumping on Harwich Road, and suggested no dumping signs.
- Another resident commented on the Clacton Rd/Harwich Rd junction clearance, and noted that the planters near the pond look beautiful. Thanks to those responsible.

District Councillor Report

County Councillor Report- available on the website

22/084 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that there has been an issue with an allotment holder digging too close to the fence-line of the council/ex-council properties, which has undermined the fence. It was agreed that allotment tenants shall be advised that they must not dig or plant within 60cm of the boundary. This will be added to the allotment holders agreement.

The clerk also reported that the surfacing under the gym equipment has been delayed again, due to the materials not arriving. This will be completed shortly though.

22/085 **Co-option**

To receive applications and to resolve to co-opt a councillor to fill the casual vacancy.

Gill put herself forward for co-option and following a discussion it was resolved to co-opt Gill onto the council

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Saich

Agreed by all

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Isbell and witnessed by the clerk

Finance

- 22/086 a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **(appx 1)

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

22/087 Planning

To consider and comment on the following applications:

22/00820/FUL | Proposed erection of 3 No. additional poultry houses and associated infrastructure on established poultry farm. | Treestacks Farm Oakley Road Wix Essex CO11 2SF

Cllr Stephens produced a set of comprehensive notes and suggestions relating to this application, which were circulated to councillor's.

Councillors discussed the main areas of concerns regarding this application, primarily traffic movements and smell. It was agreed that the pc should establish what the movements have been since opening, and ask nearby properties whether the anticipated issues with the farm have been as expected, not as bad or worse.

It was also agreed to ask the applicant to attend the next meeting, and enquire as to whether councillor's could visit the site. As such, comments will be agreed at the next meeting.

22/00932/FULHH | Proposed two storey rear and side extensions and single storey front porch. | Pennyfield Clacton Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2RU

Recommendation: No objection

22/00993/DISCON | Discharge of conditions 11 (Construction Method Statement) and 14 (Risk Assessment) of application 20/01105/FUL. | Land to The South of Harwich Road Wix Essex CO11 2SA

Recommendation: No comment

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

Open spaces and environment

22/088 Bins and environmental issues

To review the issues surrounding bins and environmental concerns, and to consider, and agree where appropriate resolutions, particularly with respect to:

- a) play area bins- remove existing bins within the play area, and replace with a bin outside the area, and contract TDC to empty it.

Earlier quote from TDC- prices will likely have increased: We have two different types of freestanding litter bins, plastic which is £386.40 plus £50 installation and metal which is £299.60 plus £50 installation. Any new bins installed would also, as well as the cost of the bin) incur the charge for the servicing, which in this area would be x2 weekly and currently cost **£87.79 per annum.**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to install 2 new bins outside the playground, based on the earlier quote, plus 10%.

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett

Seconded: Cllr Isbell

Agreed by all

- b) glass recycling- leave it where it is, relocate or remove entirely
Following an in-depth discussion about the pros and cons of each option, Cllr Jemmett proposed the parish council removes the bottle-bank entirely.
Proposed: Cllr Jemmett
Seconded: Cllr Saich
Agreed by all
This will be completed as part of a general tidy up and street scene improvement of Clacton Road and the wider village.
- c) additional (dog)bins (cross roads, junction Colchester Rd/Bradfield Rd and on Clacton Road at the end of the footpath adjacent to the haulage yard.)
Following a discussion, it was resolved to install new bins at the above locations
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jones
Agreed by all
Permission from Essex County Council to install these on public highway will be required
- d) Purchase of additional dog fouling signs
It was resolved to purchase additional signage for the playing field.
Proposed: Cllr Jemmett
Seconded: Cllr Nelson
Agreed by all

22/089 Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

To discuss the maintenance of the PRoW through Wix, and consider a formal Parish Paths Partnership (P3) with Essex Highways, or form a working group of volunteers (outside a p3 agreement) to cut back vegetation. To note, this is for Public Rights of Way, not footways (pavements)

Following a discussion, it was resolved to enter a P3 agreement with Essex Highways

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Agreed by all

22/090 Other open space maintenance

To look at issues surrounding other areas of open space.

- a) Pond- to review the pond ownership, and consider whether the PC should have a more formal role (*Cllr Stephens*) **Deferred until Cllr Stephens returns.**
- b) Additional cutting around the village- verges, village gateways, triangle etc. To consider whether this could be maintained by volunteers, or if a contractor should be employed. ***Cllr Jones reported that he had spoken to PMC, would be willing to take some of the village maintenance work on. The PC should supply them with a job list (one-off and scheduled jobs), to establish suitability. Additional work could also be carried out by the number of volunteers now in the village***
- c) To arrange a churchyard working party ***This may fall under the PMC list***
- d) To discuss the purchase of a long grass cutting machine to maintain the village gateways, footpaths and the sides of footways, e.g. Bradfield Road. Budget £3,000. E.g. Honda UM 616 EBE2. ***This proposal will be deferred until the PC fully understands what a partnership with PMC (and other local businesses) covers.***
- e) To consider the purchase of village planters.
Agreed – details to be considered by the Village Improvement working group.

It was agreed to establish a new working group on village improvement. **Make Wix Beautiful** Cllr membership includes, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Isbell, Cllr Jemmett and Cllr Nelson. It was also agreed that the Parish Council hosts an information stall at the Fayre. £100 budget

22/091 Jubilee Celebrations

Report on the weekend's events. Cllr Mitchell reported on the fantastic event, and huge thanks are passed to all volunteers.

There are still some outstanding pieces of work to be completed, including the Jubilee bench, and art installation-pathway etc.

- 22/092 **To consider Councillor roles and memberships.**
Deferred.
- 22/093 **Crime Report**
Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)
None
- 22/094 **Correspondence.**
- Wix Grant Fund- to consider a grant request from the Wix Wafflers, for £600. Cllr Nelson proposed an amendment to provide a grant of £1000.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Mitchell
Agreed by all
 - Request for a football goal and net on the playing field- Agreed.
- 22/095 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**
- **Highways- Clerk.**
 - **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell.**
 - **Village Hall**
 - **Recreation area-** Cllr Nelson weeded around the toddler playground.
- 22/096 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**
Gym area lighting
MUGA surfacing.
Meeting with the VHMC regarding field/hall hire/Field hire policy
Induction policy for new councillors
Solar Working Group-
- 22/097 **Items of interest and note.**
- Next meeting- Monday 18th July 2022**
- August meeting will be held this year.**