



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 25th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Guy Nelson (chairman), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Bob Stephens, Cllr Gill Isbell
Clerk to the Council- Emma Cansdale

Members of public- 3 including Adam Brown and Nick Bishop regarding planning application 22/00820/FUL

22/098 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Matt Jones, Cllr Kerry Mitchell

22/099 **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

22/100 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 20th June 2022 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

22/101 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

District Councillor Report

County Councillor Report- available on the website

22/102 **Clerks Report**

The replacement bins are being processed. We are waiting for permission to use the piece of grass next to the play area, owned by the Village Hall, and highways, for the Clacton Road and Bradfield Road sites.
The gym equipment surfacing has now been installed.

22/103 **Speaker- Adam Brown, applicant for planning app 22/00820/FUL**

Mr Brown was available to answer questions on the application for 3 additional poultry houses at Treestacks Farm on Oakley Rd.

A number of comments and questions were raised by councillors and the public.

Key points:

- There are 2 existing sheds, and have been a number of subsequent applications, and now an application for additional 3 sheds. During the initial application, expansion was 'not being considered by the applicant'.

Mr Brown couldn't recall saying there wouldn't be expansion. They didn't know where the venture would end up taking them, however he apologised for the misunderstanding.

- The site has got capacity for more sheds. Concerned about creeping development
- Mr Brown was asked about the additional traffic movements as this is a major concern for the parish council, and he advised the council to check the Traffic Statement in the planning application
- What benefits does the chicken farm bring to the village?
Employment (there is a village resident employed by the farm), and employee's use of the village shop.

The parish council thanked Mr Brown and Mr Bishop for their time.
Councillors will discuss the application and make recommendations under item 22/104

22/104 **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

Recommendation: Objection. Concerns will be raised with TDC regarding vehicle movements. Additional comments requesting S106 or similar, and the roof line to not exceed the existing barn height will also be made.

Proposed: Cllr Jemmett
Seconded: Cllr Nelson
Agreed by all

Finance

- 22/105 a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments ******(appx 1)
Proposed; Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all

22/106 **Insurance**

To receive quotes and appoint an insurer.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to appoint BHIB as the insurer, at £640.57 per annum, in a 3 year agreement.

Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all

Open spaces and environment

22/107 **Pond**

To review the pond ownership, and consider whether the PC should have a more formal role (~~Cllr Stephens~~)
Cllr Stephens has carried out investigative work on the current status of the pond, and the process and implications of taking on ownership. He will put a proposal forward when the investigation is complete and the process is fully understood.

Cllr Nelson commented that the PC owns and maintains the field, which is a lot of work and expense. Before we take ownership, the PC need to establish how they will maintain it.

22/108 **Play Area Inspection Report**

To review the Play Area inspection report and agree necessary actions.

The recreation field working group will work through the simple jobs, and Playquip will be asked to complete the remaining work.

22/109 **Tree Survey**
To receive the completed survey, and make arrangements for necessary actions.
The Recreation Ground working group to establish a programme of works, and the clerk will seek quotes for the initial round of work. All trees removed will be replaced.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all

22/110 **To consider Councillor roles and memberships.**
To fill roles, and set target dates for initial actions for each group/role. This item was deferred until the next meeting, due to apologies from 3 councillors.
Deferred.

22/111 **Crime Report**
Report form PCSO Pat Smith (appx 3**)

22/112 **Correspondence.**
Speeding - Correspondence was received from a resident regarding traffic speeds through the village. Their concerns will be passed to Essex Police.

22/113 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk. No update**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. No update**
- **Village Hall. No update**
- **Rubbish bins- see item 22/102**
- **Recreation area– MUGA cleaned by Cllr Jemmett and Cllr Nelson**

22/114 **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-
Rubbish bins
Pond ownership
Funding for a new mower.

22/115 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Monday 22nd August 2022

Closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meeting Act.

222/116 **To receive quotes and to appoint a contractor for remedial work on damaged ash tree**
Quotes were received and it was agreed to appoint Greenacre Arboriculture to complete the work, at £320
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all