



## WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (Chair), Cllr Kerry Mitchell (Vicechair), Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Matt Jones. Cllr Gill Isbell

22/131 **Apologies for Absence**

**Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Bob Stephens**

22/132 **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**

22/133 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

22/134 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

A resident asked for the pedestrian entrance to the field to be looked at, as the concrete pad is breaking up. The clerk has sought quotes for the pad to be replaced with geotextile matting.

**District Councillor Report Cllr Bush:**

- Chicken Farm- Cllr Bush was disappointed with support from Wix at the committee meeting. The Facility will now expand to process up to 1.5million chickens per year.
- Colchester Rd application, to the rear of the council houses. ECC highways are considering refusing permission as the splays to the highway give insufficient visibility.
- Pride of Tendring award- PC can submit a nomination
- Highways- Cllr Bush reported an issue with Honeypot Lane. He will forward this to the clerk to investigate
- Litter and fly tipping. Cllr Bush asked the PC if they would be interested in joining forces with the Oakley, to hold 3-monthly litter picks across the whole area. (Cllr Bush is looking for an Ambassador for Wix)

**County Councillor Report-** available on the website

22/135 **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported on the response from Playquip regarding the roundabout and gym equipment. Clerk to action appropriate repairs. **(Action:EC)**

The clerk attended the EALC AGM, which included a presentation for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, and the for representatives.

The clerk has asked Garry Godchild to replace/repair the MUGA timer.

22/136 **Harwich Turnpike Road and its Miles stones & posts**

Philip Cunningham from the Manningtree Museum & Local History Group spoke about the Turnpike Road (London to Harwich) but in particular the Ardleigh to Harwich Section. They have asked for support and a contribution to the casting costs of a replacement cast iron marker in the Parish of Wix.

Key points raised by councillors:

- It's a wonderful initiative. Site is the biggest issue.
- What's being done to raise the visibility of the route, in terms of a tourist attraction?
- Concerns regarding any perceived benefit that it brings to the village.
- Parishes like Mistley and Lawford are bigger, with a larger precept. Wix has a smaller precept by comparison, so funding it is more difficult. The response was that it is *up to us whether we want to contribute and by how much*.

Following a discussion, it was agreed in principle to support the project, and to look at part funding the casting costs. The PC will also investigate whether there are any grants available for this type of project. Ideal location would be opposite the Spinnels Lane junction. **(Action: MJ/EC)**

22/137 **Planning**

No planning items to discuss

**Finance**

- 22/138 a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **\*\***(appx 1)  
**Proposed: Cllr Nelson**  
**Seconded: Cllr Jones**  
**Agreed by all**

**Open spaces and environment**

11/139 **Planters**

Cllr Isbell gave an update on the project. The total number of planters has reduced as they will not be placed on the A120 site, the shop, or Swedish Est. The cost is now £1,064. Maintenance agreements for the pots are in place and a planter by the church is being considered. (Action: GI/ payment EC)

22/140 **Village Hall**

To receive an update following the VHMC meeting, in relation to items affecting the Parish Council

- a) Joint booking- this was not agreed at the VHMC meeting, but must be considered further. **(Action: EC/GN/VHMC)**
- b) Play area bin- Well received by the VHMC. No objection to either moving the fence, or putting it outside the fence.
- c) To consider installing, and including in the service arrangement, bins in the VH car park. The PC will install 3 new bins, the one by the play area, but will replace the green wheelie bin in the car park, and the tin bin by the side of the village hall and the pedestrian entrance to the field. **(Action: EC)**
- d) Planters- agreed. **(Action: GI)**

22/141 **Fireworks**

To receive an update on the planned display on 5<sup>th</sup> November, and form a working party to manage the day to day preparations for the event. To set a budget for sundries.

Key points:

Fireworks have been purchased.

Fireworks working group: Cllrs Nelson, Jemmett, Mitchell, Saich and Isbell; the clerk; Adam Mitchell, Jess Mitchell, plus volunteers.

Volunteers required. **(Action: ALL)**

Kerry- to purchase flashy stock. £500. **(Action: KM)**

Catering- Jess Mitchell to source **(Action: KM/JM)**  
Help will be required in the morning of the 5th, setting up the bonfire.  
Scouts-car parking and donation. **(Action: EC)**  
New banners and posters. **(Action: AM)**  
Parking, church. **(Action: EC)**  
Tickets, Entrac **(Action: EC)**  
Free children's tickets, school. **(Action: KM)**

22/142 **Crime Report**

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

22/143 **Correspondence.**

Corbeau Rally 2023- consultation- to check if this clashes with the Church 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **(Action: MJ/EC)**  
Wix5 Running Race event 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 temporary road closure consultation. **No objection**

22/144 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk. The hole created by Essex Highways remains at the Pond. We are waiting on a response from Anglian water, detailing the capacity for the village ??**
- **TDALC- Cllr Mitchell. Unable to attend.**
- **Village Hall- as above**
- **Rubbish bins- covered.**
- **Recreation area**
- **Tree survey**
- **Pond**

22/145 **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 councillor's  
Solar Working Group-

22/146 **Items of interest and note.**

**Next meeting- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7.30pm**