



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Stephens (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Gill Isbell, Cllr Tom Sebright- King, Cllr Purdie Linnell

24/018 Apologies for Absence

None

24/019 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.

24/020 Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 17th January 2024 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

24/021 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

- Issue with dog on Hunter Court which is barking constantly. TDC have been advised, and lost the evidence. All details will be passed to the clerk, who will follow up with TDC.
- Lisa Sinclair- Megan Cottage. In April 2023 the dip outside her house was reported to Essex Highways. It causes a large puddle, which splashes back and can reach their pathway. Clerk to investigate with EH
- Steve Wood- Dock Rover flooding incident reported to the Environment Agency.
- Steve Wood- regarding the planned garden party, he is sure the other village groups would help.
- Adrian- Swedish Estate. The footpath between Swedish and the school is very overgrown, and we are unsure who is responsible. It was agreed that the PC would carry out a land search.
- Mark De Roy- Mr De Roy has challenged ECC on the legality of the speed limit distances into the village, particularly on Colchester Rd. According to Mr De Roy, the best case scenario is 5.5m out, but could be as high as 8m or 12m wrong. He has invited Highways representatives to walk the route and are considering inviting TDC.

District Councillor Report- apologies sent.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

24/022 Clerks Report- general council business

24/023 Planning

a)

APPLICATION NO: 24/00095/FULHH

Mr Lee and Mrs Kirsty Tucker. Proposed ground floor rear extension following removal of conservatory structure.

LOCATION: Fieldon Bradfield Road Wix Manningtree Essex CO11 2SJ

Recommendation: no objection

APPLICATION NO: 23/01328/FUL

PROPOSAL: Proposed increase storey height, re-positioning of dwelling, internal and elevation changes and erection of garage (Material Amendment of approved planning 21/00854/FUL).

LOCATION: Abbey Bottom Farm Harwich Road Wix Manningtree

Recommendation: no objection. Comment regarding the stairs in the kitchen

For info only

APPLICATION NO: 24/00154/AGRIC

PROPOSAL: Prior Approval Application under Part 6, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for agricultural grain storage building.

LOCATION: Treestacks Farm Oakley Road Wix Manningtree

b) **Tendring District Council Local Plan Review Call for Sites 2024**

Potential to set up a safe zone, buffer area. Cannot identify any land. No infrastructure. Check the increase.

Garden Village Elmstead.

Events

24/024 **Summer garden party for 2024**

- a) To resolve to hold the garden party in 2024, at Wix Abbey. It was resolved to hold a party at Wix Abbey.
- b) To use funds raised at the event for the maintenance of the churchyard. It was resolved to hold a party at Wix Abbey
- c) To set a date (around the end of May) End of May bank holiday weekend 25-27. Day to be confirmed.
- d) To agree a budget £1700.00

Proposed: Cllr Isbell

Seconded: Cllr Nelson

Agreed by all

Facilities

24/025 **Play Area**

To resolve the following:

- a) Bonded mulch surfacing for the gym equipment area, inc path from MUGA (136m2) £12,512.00
AGREED BY ALL
- b) Bonded mulch surfacing under the spinning log (12m2) £1,104.00 **AGREED 6 IN FAVOUR.**
ABSTAINING 1
- c) Wet pour repair under the toddler swing £810.00 **AGREED BY ALL**
- d) Hopscotch- 2 options
 - i) thermal paint graphic in the MUGA £564.00.(low life expectancy. **NO**
 - ii) Hopscotch rubber tiles inserted into existing rubber surfacing. £966.000
AGREED - 5 IN FAVOUR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED

As part of the discussion, it was agreed that we would not use S106 initially for this (items a) b) and d). We will obtain a quote for the field drainage first, use S106 for this, and see if there are any funds remaining. Grant funding will be sought.

Item c) will be completed immediately and paid out of the maintenance budget.

Finance

24/026 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Isbell

Agreed by all

24/027 **TDC Draft Highlight Priorities consultation**

A consultation is underway on draft highlight priorities for Tendring District Council (TDC) for 2024/25; an exciting programme set against a challenging time for local government. In November TDC adopted a new Corporate Plan for the years 2024-2028 – called Our Vision – and has set out actions for the first year to deliver against the plan. Suggested highlight priorities include delivery of the Clacton Airshow and re-introducing the Tour de Tendring. Completing an enhanced CCTV project and looking at measures to tackle nuisance vehicles. Implementing Climate Change Action Plan measures and enhancing capacity to be tough on littering and fly-tipping. Revising the Council's Housing strategy. Delivering projects such as the major long-term sustainable projects in Dovercourt and Clacton around town centres.

Could we (TDC) please receive a response by the 25th February 2024:

[Highlight Priorities Consultation questionnaire \(Page 1 of 8\) \(office.com\)](#)

Noted.

24/028 **Crime Report**
Assault on 14th as a result of the A120 closure.
Burglary

24/029 **Correspondence.**

24/030 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**

- **Highways- Clerk.** Facilitate meeting
- **TDALC-**
- **Village Hall- Guy.** Heating broken in the small hall.
- **New Website-** ongoing.
- **Pond-** proposal to form a working party to maintain the pond. Proposed: Cllr Nelson. Budget of £500 for weed matting and topsoil. **AGREED BY ALL**

24/031 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**

Pond
Tree survey

24/032 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Tuesday 26th March 2024

Meeting closed: 21.35