



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30 pm in Wix Village Hall

25/001 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bob Stephens

25/002 **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**

25/003 **Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 18th November 2024 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

25/004 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

Chris Swinburne- 100 x 40ft HGV's/containers opposite his property. Letter received 24 /01870FUL, change of use. Objection as they have already started using the site, prior to planning consent. Planning notice has gone up on site, with an expiry of 29th January. Planning permission 13632177- changed to temporary use for 3 years.

Chris is also in touch with the police to ask if they can do anything about the alcoholic bottles, and human waste being left on Bowl Road.

Cllr Bush added that there should be a restriction on the hours of operations for the application above.

Mark De Roy- Will pick up proposed speed limit extension on Colchester Rd.. The council are asked to advise Mark their thoughts on the extensions. This will be discussed on the next agenda.

District Councillor Report

County Councillor Report- available on the website

25/006 **Clerks Report**

Budget preparations (see item 25/012 below)

Finance

25/007 **Payments**

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

Proposed: Cllr Linnell

Seconded: Cllr Jemmett

Agreed by all

- b) To award a donation of £800 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard

Proposed: Cllr Nelson

Seconded: Cllr Linnell

Agreed by all

- 25/008 **Planning**
To consider the following planning applications:
None
- 25/009 **Defibrillators**
a) Following a discussion, it was resolved to budget for three more defibrillators over the next 3 years at £2,000 each to include installation. These would be located at the Pond, Clacton Road and Bradfield Road
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Sinclair
Agreed by all

b) To note the installation of the defibrillator at the Plymouth Brethren Church (previously Methodist Church), and to thank Anthony Groombridge who kindly paid for the installation.
- 25/010 **Purchase of a vehicle for PC use.**
To receive a proposal to purchase Carolyn Murray's jeep. Carolyn Murray's jeep has been offered to the Parish Council for £1,000. It has 12 months' MOT and a tow bar. It would need insurance, tax and a new battery. **Full report- Cllr Nelson.**

Tax £220 Battery £80 Insurance unknown
Proposal withdrawn.
- 25/011 **VE Day 80 celebrations**
To resolve to hold a VE Day event, celebrating 80 years. If agreed, full details to be brought to the February meeting.
Light Beacon- 8th May 9.30pm
Garden Party Saturday 10th May

Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Isbell
Agreed by all
- 25/012 **Budget and precept**
To review the budget, and set the precept for 2025/26
Following a discussion, it was resolved to:
a) agree and accept the budget
b) set the 2025/26 precept at £28,832. £83.62 for a band D property per annum. This is a 6.4% increase or £5.02 increase for a band D property per annum.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Isbell
Agreed by all
- 25/013 **Crime Report**
None
- 25/014 **Correspondence.**
a) Thatchers Community Orchard Project- to resolve to apply.
b) Louisa Brewster asked if the Parish Council would support the set up of Community First Responders in Wix similar to the set-up in Great Bentley. Louisa is trying to find out more about setting up a scheme.
c) Chris Swinburne from Bowl Road and the new haulage yard off Bowl Road
- 25/016 **Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.**
● **Highways- Clerk. Monday-Friday 8pm-6am**

- TDALC- Cllr Stephens
- Village Hall
- New Website
- Pond

25/017 **Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference.**

Tree survey
St Marys compost toilet- February
New website

25/018 **Items of interest and note.**

Next meeting- Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th February 2025

To agree meeting dates for 2025

17th February

17th March

14th April

19th May

16 June

21st July

22nd September

20th October

17th November

Meeting closed at 21:40