



WIX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 21st July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Attendance; Cllr Guy Nelson (chair), Cllr Bob Stephens (vice-chair), Cllr Bob Jemmett, Cllr Kathy Saich, Cllr Liza Sinclair, Cllr Purdie Linnell,
District Councillor Mike Bush
Clerk: Emma Cansdale
Members of public: 2

25/087 **Apologies for Absence**

25/088 **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**

25/090 **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

District Councillor Report- Cllr Mike Bush gave a report on the following:

Local Government Reorganisation, and Devolution. Key points:

There are several models being put forward to government; ECC prefer 5 unitary model, TDC prefer 3 unitary model. If 3, we will be part of Uttlesford. (Uttlesford, Colchester, Braintree, Tendring) 5 is Colchester, Tendring, Braintree (These are not necessarily the final preferences)
Shadow authority will be set up for 2027.
Debt for Southend and Thurrock will be aggregated.

'Careline' is being shelved due to funding losses, and now being outdated, merged with Colchester's 'Helpline'

Local Plan/Planning Policy. Housing numbers have increased. Cabinet has been postponed due to the other ongoing projects.

Clacton Police Station is closing as a public facing station.

County Councillor Report- available on the website

Minutes: Agreed by all

25/091 **Clerks Report** Glebe Close issues reported to the appropriate people

Finance

- 25/092 **Payments**
a) To receive monthly finance update and approve payments **(appx 1)
Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Nelson
Agreed by all
- b) To receive a grant request form from Wix and Wrabness Youth Club, seeking £1000
Following a discussion, the council agreed they would support it in principle, but would prefer to pay for specific items.
Clerk to feed this back.
- Proposed: Cllr Linnell**
Seconded: Cllr Stephens
Agreed by all
- c) To resolve to replace the defibrillator battery and pads £336 EXCL VAT for pads and battery bundle
(This item replaces the resolutions at the June meeting, to place the pads)
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Isbell
Agreed by all
- 25/093 **Planning**
Application no: 25/00955/FULHH
Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Conversion of stables to four residential annexes (retention of).
Location: Briary Cottage Tendring Road Stones Green Essex
Recommendation: No objection.
Proposed: Cllr Stephens
Seconded: Cllr Nelson
Agreed by all
- 25/094 **Dog fouling**
To consider actions against dog fouling, including the following proposal.
To have a 6 week trial, where dog fouling incidents on the field are monitored, and if there is not a significant reduction on the occurrences of dog feces being left, the Parish Council will take steps to issue a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), banning dogs from the field. This will be heavily publicised.
- Following a discussion, it was agreed to increase the signage across the village and field, and to progress with the trial, and potential PSPO. Revised to 12 weeks, from advertising.
Proposed: Cllr Nelson
Seconded: Cllr Stephens
Agreed by all
- 25/095 **Insurance**
To review and resolve to renew/appoint a Parish Council insurer.
It was resolved to appoint Ecclesiastical at £927.43 in a 3 year agreement
- Proposed: Cllr Nelson**
Seconded: Cllr Jemmett
Agreed by all
- 25/096 **A120 Horsley Cross to Parkeston speed reduction**
This next phase of the scheme involves installing the new signage for the new 50mph speed limit.
Work is expected to start on **Monday 7 July**, working between **9pm** and **5am** on weeknights only. To work safely, sections of the road will be closed overnight
Work will take place in phases to keep disruption to a minimum helping residents to plan ahead. The table below shows what sections of the A120 will be done and when, so residents know what to expect at each stage.

Phase	Location	Dates
1	Horsley Cross Roundabout to Cansey Lane	Monday 7 July to Monday 14 July

2	Cansey Lane to Harwich Road	Friday 18 July to Friday 25 July
3	Harwich Road to Primrose Lane	Monday 28 July to Monday 4 August
4	Primrose Lane to Ramsey Roundabout	Tuesday 5 August to Tuesday 12 August
1	Horsley Cross Roundabout to Cansey Lane	Friday 15 August
5	A120 between Ramsey and Parkeston Roundabout	Monday 18 August

Full details including diversion routes and maps can be found at
<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/press/safety-boost-for-major-a-road-through-essex/>

Noted

25/097

Chief Inspector Austin's July Tour

New Chief Inspector Stuart Austin is undertaking a district-wide tour, meeting with councillors at the following venues, and will then be holding a meet and greet in the local area. Councillors to advise if they would like to attend the meeting.

Wednesday 16 July

Walton at 10am at the Emmanuel Church, New Pier St, Walton on the Naze CO14 8EB.

Frinton at 1pm at Frinton Fire Station, 138 Pole Barn Lane, Frinton, CO13 9NG.

Thursday 17 July

Clacton at 10am - Meeting at the Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton. (Whitelaw Room).

Friday 18 July

Jaywick at 1pm at the Jaywick Community & Resource Centre, Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2JP.

Monday 21 July

Great Bentley at 10am at Great Bentley Village Hall, Hall View Rd, Great Bentley, Colchester CO7 8LW.

Tuesday 22 July

Harwich at 10am at Harwich Town Council, The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, CO12 3DS.

Manningtree at 2pm at Manningtree Fire Station, 4 Quay Street, Manningtree CO11 1AU.

Thursday 24 July

Brightlingsea at 12pm at Brightlingsea Town Council, The Parish Hall, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, CO7 0BP.

25/098

Crime Report

White van in gardens

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Correspondence.

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Reports, updates and matters of continuing reference.

- Highways- Clerk.
- TDALC- Cllr Stephens
- Village Hall
- New Website
- Pond
- New noticeboards

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Items to be added to next/future Agenda/ matters of continuing reference. Tree survey.

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Items of interest and note. Next meeting- Monday 15th September 2025

Meeting closed 9pm