

WIXOE PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Location: St Leonards Church, Wixoe

Date: 5th October 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Agenda Items

1. Chairman – Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Minutes of meeting held 29.04.21. Published on website – wixoeparishmeeting.onesuffolk.net
3. Matter arising from the minutes of 29.04.21
4. Minutes Secretary – welcome to Tricia Hearn
5. Treasurer Report
6. County Councilor Report – Bobby Bennett
7. West Suffolk Councilor Report – Nick Clarke
8. Any other Business
 - a. Village Defibrillator – Chairman
 - b. Wixoe Open Gardens – Diana Bryant

Attending: Duncan Howlett – Chairman
Richard Jenkins – Treasurer
Minutes Secretary – Tricia Hearn
Nick Clarke – West Suffolk Councilor
Wixoe Villagers

Apologies: Bobby Bennett – Suffolk County Council
Marion Rushbrook – Ward Councilor
Karen Richards – Local Councilor
The village: Mr and Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Star, Matthew and Joyce (Rutherford Lodge)

1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the Autumn meeting.
2. Minutes of 29th April 2021 were approved.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of 29th April 2021
4. The Chairman thanked Lynn Bright for all her work as Minutes secretary and welcomed incoming Minutes secretary Tricia Hearn.
5. The Treasurer presented the accounts and advised nothing else to report.

6. The Chairman accepted apologies from Bobby Bennett and summarised her report (copy of report attached to these minutes). He commented on the Parliamentary Boundary changes – are currently under review. The initial boundary change proposed is to create a new area from Bury St Edmunds to Braintree. Which would cross county borders and possibly create two MP's for the new area (which in his view would not benefit anybody in our area). He also commented on the situation to limit HGV's on the A1092, parishes along the route were asked to put money in for an initial survey but Essex counterparts understandably have concerns that alleviating problems will increase the issues in Halstead. More evidence is being gathered.
7. Nick stated he has a lot going on although not much directly impacting Wixoe. He commented on the two GP surgeries in Clare, one is shut currently but that this is not permanent. There is proposed planning for 52 houses he guesses this will go through as was in the local plan. He raised concerns that they did not have broadband and this is now being implemented. He commented he was sad how many in our communities are still struggling in a wealthy area and was working to help. Nick suggested Wixoe have a Facebook page so he could share his popular blog with information that would be of interest with the village with them over Facebook. The Chairman advised this was being investigated. Nick is hoping to knock on doors in Wixoe to introduce himself over the coming weeks. He also advised there had been many car thefts recently in the surrounding areas and to stay alert.
8. Any other business
 - a. Wixoe Open Gardens – Diana Bryant - The Chairman apologised for misspelling Diana's name in the agenda. Diana wanted to raise with the council the possibility and to gather what interest there would be in the village for holding a Wixoe Open Gardens event in June 2022. There had previously been one in the village in the 1990s and Diana had discussed with villagers at the Village BBQ that it would be lovely to share our gardens and raise funds for the church. She had approached Clare in Bloom organisers regarding any pitfalls and they had said it would involve Public Liability insurance/issue of parking/have at least 10 gardens. Diana had contacted her insurance company who advised if it was not for profit they could open garden for 7 days per year at no extra cost. Attendees thought it was a good idea and due to parking would be best to keep within the village. Diana is going to prepare a proposal for the coffee morning to see what interest there is.
 - b. Village Defibrillator – Chairman – The Chairman asked attendees if the village needed/wanted a defibrillator for the village. The consensus was yes. He suggested the most central place would be the phone box as this also had an electricity supply that could potentially be reconnected. He advised possible costs were £600 to £1500 and that grants could be available although minimal cost of electricity would come from council funds. Attendees agreed for Chairman to investigate further and the Chairman will do this.
 - c. The village Christmas Tree – Trudi Nicoll – Trudi advised that the village Christmas tree would be supplied again this year.

Meeting closed at 7:40