



# Wixams News

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*Caring for the community - Without Prejudice*

## Talk to people



Photo credit: Andrea/facebook

Some children started throwing gravel at the bees. An adult said "please don't throw gravel at the bees". They said "thank you for telling us" and stopped.

If a child or teenager is being anti-social, try talking to them, in a respectful way. (If it is at no risk to yourself). Often people simply do not realise what they are doing. Wise advice in a friendly way can make a big difference. Of course, if there is a crime, report it. Don't just walk by on the other side.

**“We are committed to actively engage with the people of Wixams to build a safe, vibrant and thriving community of which everyone can be proud”**

**Tony Pedder**

Chair of Wixams Parish Council



## Keep your car keys safe

Many cars are difficult to steal without the keys. Criminals now break-in to houses to obtain them.

They can do this by:

- Fishing through a letterbox to get keys off a table or stairs
- Reaching through a cat-flap
- Forcing or smashing a window or door to grab keys on view
- On rare occasions - especially where the vehicle is particularly valuable - threatening the resident for the keys.

It's simple: put your keys somewhere safe and out of sight.

Source: [http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/pdf/advice\\_burglary\\_dwelling\\_cro2012.pdf](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/pdf/advice_burglary_dwelling_cro2012.pdf)

## Wixams Parish Council

### THE FIRST MEETING OF WIXAMS PARISH COUNCIL

This took place on Monday 18th May at Lakeview Village Hall, all seven elected Parish Councillors were present as well as the Clerk and six members of the public. Tony Pedder was elected Chair of the Council and Saqhib Ali Vice Chair, and the Council co-opted Chris Martin to join the Council as well. The Parish Councillors and their contact details are:

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### DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING

The Parish Council had a number of items to consider and approve, some of the main items were:

**Having an up to date useful parish website resource** – the Council feel this is a key way to keep in touch with residents, having up to date information readily available, not just about the Parish Council, but also about other community groups and events taking place. A Working Group of Councillors was set up to look at how this could be developed and how the needs of residents could be met. The Council do already have access to a free website which they can populate, so updates on progress with a website facility will be provided through future newsletters.

**Raising the profile of the new Parish Council** – ideas included understanding better the residents priorities such as having an open day and asking residents to help the Council understand this. As well as raising the profile locally that Wixams has a Parish Council, by Councillors attending events and meeting Borough Officers. **cont.**