

Present: Cllrs Nixon, O'Donnell, S Slodzik, Symes

In the Chair: Cllr Bell, Vice-Chairman

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also present: Cllr St Joseph

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Byatt, Crees, Goody, Plater, C Slodzik and Witney.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr O'Donnell declared interests as follows:

- personal in respect of item 14, planning application TCA/MAL/17/00725, as he is employed by Tollesbury Doctors Surgery.

Cllr Symes declared interest as follows:

- personal in respect of item 14, planning application FUL/MAL/717/00747, as the application is in the land behind his property.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. District Councillors

Cllr St Joseph reported:

- There is still opportunity for funding via the Bradwell Legacy Partnership.
Action: Clerk and Cllr St Joseph to arrange a meeting with Carol Reid.
- A meeting is being held with Bradwell Marina the following day to discuss the proposed trial removal of silt to provide a better flow of water. Cllr Nixon and the Vice-Chairman agreed to attend the meeting if possible.
- There had been no response/feedback regarding the Tollesbury Harbour Project following the details of the project being included in the Woodup Pool Event Programme.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 18th July 2017

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2017 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Vice-Chairman. Proposed Cllr Slodzik, seconded Cllr Nixon.

6. Finance

a) Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Reports were presented to the Council.

Councillors received the following monthly financial reports:

Bank Reconciliation – Closing balance of £69,207.53 as at 31st July 2017.

Expenditure to date – Budget £88,624 – Actual £27,521

Income to date – Budget £88,624 – Actual £45,838

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance £26,974.11 – Net movement £10,841.45

Resolved: to approve the finance report. The Vice-Chairman signed the reports.

b) Payments

The items for payment totalling £5,771.47 were presented for approval (Appendix A).

Resolved: to approve payments.

7. Recreation Ground Monthly Inspection Report

The Monthly Inspection Report dated 16/07/17 was received. There were no issues to report.

The Clerk reported the following:

- It had been brought to her attention that the toilet had been tipped over and she had received complaints regarding the cleanliness of the toilet.
Action: Council to monitor and to be reviewed by the Recreation Ground Committee.
- It was reported by the football team that someone had cut a hole in the nets of the portable goal posts.
- It was reported that the guttering on the pavilion had been damaged. The perpetrator apologised for the damaged that had been caused.
Action: Clerk to arrange for K Hobden to carry out necessary repairs.

8. Committees

Recreation Ground Committee

a) Minutes 19th July 2017

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Nixon presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2017.

Cllr Nixon advised that the main focus of the meeting was to discuss the play equipment which was aging in need in replacement.

b) Play Equipment - Project

Councillors considered the proposal from the Recreation Ground Committee to remove and replace some items of play equipment. Due to the cost, it would be necessary to carry out the project over a number of phases.

Resolved: to proceed with the quotation for the new fire engine play unit and roundabout costing £13,500 plus VAT from Caloo Limited.

Resolved: to apply for funding for £10,500 and the Parish Council committed to raising £3,000.

Action: Clerk to submit an Expression of Interest by Friday 25th August 2017 to the Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund for funding of £10,500.

c) Skate Park

Resolved: to accept the quotation from K Hobden for £390 to treat and paint the skate ramps.

9. Hasler Green

Resolved: to accept quotation from Bonz for £240 to cut back the trees on the boundary of 8 Hasler Road.

Action: Before instructing Bonz to proceed with the work, Clerk to seek permission from Moat Housing for Bonz to access the property, if required.

Action: Environment and Amenities Committee to carry out a general review of the open areas in the autumn as planned.

10. Tollesbury Sailing Club

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the Vice-Commodore who advised that the decision to pay the overdue fees was being reviewed by the Committee.

Action: Chairman to contact Vice-Commodore to discuss further.

11. Tiptree Parish Forum

The Vice-Chairman gave an overview of the Tiptree Parish Forum. The Vice-Chairman had distributed a draft report of the meeting to members.

Action: Vice-Chairman to refine the report.

Action: further consideration at the next meeting on the facilities used by Tollesbury residents in Tiptree and decide whether to respond to Tiptree Parish Council.

12. Coastal Path

At present, there are no signs on the Coastal Trail giving visitors to indication to come off the seawall into the village.

Resolved: to request from Maldon District Council that waymarking posts are installed on the seawall giving direction to the village.

13. Police

Cllr Slodzik reported the following:

- The Police and Crime Commissioner had taken over the responsibility for the County's fire and rescue service.
- The Maldon Police Station has now moved into the Maldon District Council offices.

The crime reports were received. It was noted there was an incident reported in Tollesbury and a number of incidents reported in Tolleshunt D'Arcy including burglary, theft.

The Vice-Chairman read out an email that he had received from a resident regarding Marine Police. Members noted the email and decided no further action was required.

14. Planning

Applications:

- TCA/MAL/17/00725
T1 – Remove
Tollesbury Surgery, 25 High Street
Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.
- FUL/MAL/17/00747
Proposed replacement detached two storey dwelling
Great Downs Farm, Station Road – Mrs J Kayode
Resolved: to recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:
 - Visual impact on landscape from the seaward side.

Appeals – None received

There were no planning decisions from Maldon District Council

There were no appeal decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate.

15. Administration

Woodrolfe Hard – Mr Frost had carried out an inspection of Woodrolfe Hard on 15th July 2017. It was reported that the hard could do with a wash down as the mud is starting to build. The Clerk advised Ben Parmenter was arranging with Tollesbury Marina for the Hard to be pressure washed.

Actions outstanding from the last meeting:

Footpaths – The Clerk had spoken with Barbara Hutton, Friday Walks, who has agreed to report back any issues with the footpaths.

Cllr Durham – The Clerk confirmed no further issues were submitted from members.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Durham to report back the three main issues affecting the village that were agreed at the previous meeting.

Litter Bin – Cllr Goody had arranged for the litter bin to be repaired and had painted the bin.

Action: Clerk to offer bin to The Centre.

Rangers – Clerk had emailed Adrian Rayner requesting patrols in the village as agreed at the previous meeting. The Clerk had also sent pictures of the cars parked on the corner of Elysian Gardens/West Street.

Anglian Water – The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Anglian Water regarding the burst pipe. Cllr Slodzik advised the letter should have been sent to Essex and Suffolk Water.

Action: Clerk to send letter to Essex and Suffolk Water.

Cockerels – The Clerk confirmed the correspondence from Mr Rose had been sent to Maldon District Council.

Pavilion – Signing off building regulations.

Action: Chairman to contact Maldon District Council.

16. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr Slodzik reported:

- Cllrs Nixon, O'Donnell and himself had attended a site visit with the RSPB at Old Hall Marshes. The visit was very informative and information on the proposed planning application was provided.

Cllr O'Donnell reported:

- It was reported that someone was using a canoe in the water which was very close to hitting a child on the head. It was suggested that signage should be displayed to say no canoes.

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Woodup Pool Committee would be carrying out a review of the signage at the end of the season.

The Vice-Chairman advised there were two canoes at the pool which needed to be removed.

Action: Cllr Nixon and the Vice-Chairman agreed to remove the canoes the following day.

The Vice-Chairman reported:

- It had been brought to his attention that the footpath between Wycke Lane and Woodrolfe Farm Lane was impassable. This was due to the footpath being boggy and a fallen tree.

The Clerk confirmed she had reported this to Jason Bothelho, Essex County Council.

- The recent water tests for Woodup Pool had returned satisfactory.

- There was a recent incident with a bus service not running due to the bus being held up in traffic and the driver having to take his legal break.

The Clerk had reported this to Hedinghams who responded saying that they hope matters like this will be overcome with the new timetable.

17. Date of the next Meeting

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Full Council Meeting (8.00pm)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....