

**Present:** Cllrs Bell, Chambers, Cole, Crees, Goody, Lankester, Nixon, O'Donnell, Slodzik

**In the Chair:** Cllr Plater

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**Also Present:** District Councillor St Joseph

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies of absence from Cllr Lowther.

There were also apologies of absence from District Councillors Bamford and Thompson.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

**3. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. District Councillors**

Cllr St Joseph reported the following:

- He had attended a meeting at Essex County Council regarding the Shoreline Management Plan. Cllr St Joseph gave an overview of the meeting.
- Ali Birlington and Spencer Clerk, from Maldon District Council, had suggested setting-up a meeting with the Police and the three District Councillors to talk about the drug issues. Cllr St Joseph suggested that there was also a representative from the Parish Council present.

Cllrs Chambers and Crees agreed to be the Parish Council representatives.

**5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Proposed Cllr O'Donnell, seconded Cllr Cole. Unanimously agreed.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**6. Finance**

**Monthly Financial Report**

The Financial Reports were presented to the Council.

Councillors received the following monthly financial reports:

**Bank Reconciliation** – Closing balance of £92,104.89 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**Expenditure to date** – Budget £112,573 – Actual £86,019

**Income to date (including precept £41,734)** – Budget £91,729 – Actual £113,360

**Earmarked Funds** – Closing Balance £34,140.88 – Net movement £11,976.64

The Clerk reported the following:

- Payment received from HMRC for £4,212.96 for the VAT recovered between October and December 2018.
- The first part of the Annual Audit will be carried out on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**Resolved:** to approve the finance reports. Unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed the reports.

## 7. Planning

### Application and Decisions

Applications:

- TCA/MAL/19/00015  
T1 – Common Hazel - Fell  
6 West Street, Tollesbury  
**Resolved:** to recommend approval of the application. Agreed by majority.

Appeals:

- None received

Planning decisions made by Maldon District Council:

- None received

Planning decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate:

- None received.

## 8. Woodup Pool Committee

Cllr Bell, Chairman of the Woodup Pool Committee, presented the minutes of the Woodup Pool Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Cllr Bell reminded members the working parties would be held as follows:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - to tidy-up the pool area in preparation for the season.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – pre-school holiday tidy up

Cllr Chambers will be looking at the possibility to arrange for the Youth Offenders to assist.

## 9. Tollesbury Youth Project

Cllr Chambers reported DBS checks are currently being carried out. It is anticipated to have 'The Hangout' up and running by March.

The issue with storage still needs to be resolved.

**Action:** to be progressed with the Recreation Ground Committee.

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported the Neighbourhood Plan met on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

It was agreed the Chairman would contact Ann Skippers to find out why she had taken the decision not to submit a tender for the Neighbour Plan works and to see if they could come to some arrangement.

## 11. Police

The police reports were received and noted.

Cllr Bell reported that he had attended the Neighbour Watch Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. The Marine Watch is being rolled out in the Spring and Cllr Bell has arranged that Cllr Lankester is the liaison for the Parish Council.

## 12. Administration

Defibrillator – An email had been received from Ben Lawrence, Tollesbury British Legion, to seek the views of the Parish Council with regards to having an additional defibrillator installed outside the British Legion. Mr Lawrence also suggested running a series of training sessions on how they are used for Parishioners.

Councillors considered the request and agreed they would support it providing there was no financial implication to the Parish Council and the British Legion commit to maintaining the

equipment. The Parish Council would endorse any applications submitted by the British Legion for the new equipment.

It was noted there were 5 defibrillators in the Parish of which 2 were available for the Community (one on the fire station and one at the sailing club).

**Action:** Clerk to advise residents via the Parish Magazine and Facebook of the location of the 2 community defibrillators and instructions on how to use them.

### 13. Community Concerns

The Clerk reported the following on behalf of Cllr Lowther:

- Drink driving continues to be an issue and it is suggested that the Parish Council write to the drinking establishments to remind them of their legal responsibilities with regards to drink driving.

**Action:** Clerk to bring this matter to the attention of the Maldon District Council Licencing Department.

- There have been a few complaints regarding the children (when walking home from the school bus) knocking on the doors of the flats of St Marys Mews.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Thurstable School and Plume Academy to bring this matter to their attention.

Cllr Lankester suggested:

- Electric cars are becoming more popular and suggested the Parish Council may consider putting in a charging area.

Councillors were supportive of the suggestion providing there were no financial implications to the Parish.

**Action:** Cllr Lankester to research further

Cllr Cole reported:

- Parking in Church Street is an issue and some vehicles have even parked across driveways blocking access.

The Chairman stated parking in the village is an issue and the Parish Council has no enforcement powers. Should a driveway be blocking by a parked car the person should report it direct to the Police as this is an obstruction. Parking is being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr O'Donnell reported:

- He had received a few complaints regarding vehicles speeding in East Street, particularly near the Primary School.

**Action:** Clerk to submit a request to Essex County Council Highways that a speed survey is carried in the vicinity of the School.

### 14. Date of the next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Recreation Ground Committee (6.30pm) - TBC

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Full Council Meeting (7.30pm)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....