

Present: Cllrs Bell, Byatt, Chambers, Crees, Goody, Nixon, C Slodzik, S Slodzik

In the Chair: Cllr Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also present: District Councillor Bamford
One member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs O'Donnell and Symes.

There were also apologies for absence from District Councillors St Joseph and Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Byatt declared interest as follows:

- Personal and prejudicial in respect of item 13 - HOUSE/MAL/17/01163 and LBC/MAL/17/00164, as he is the applicant.

The Chairman declared interest as follows:

- Personal and prejudicial in respect of item 13 - HOUSE/MAL/17/01163 and LBC/MAL/17/00164, as his Company Plater Claiborne are the agents for the application.

3. Public Forum

There were no comments from the member of the public

4. District Councillors

Cllr Bamford reported:

- At the last Maldon District Council Full Council Committee meeting, it was agreed that the 'parish trigger' in relation to planning would be replaced by a member 'call-in'. Members have 28 days to call-in an application. The new approach will be reviewed after 6 months.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th October 2017

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2017 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr S Slodzik, seconded Cllr Nixon.

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 £89,518.15 as at 31st October 2017.

Expenditure to date – Budget £88,624 – Actual £58,135

Income to date – Budget £88,624 – Actual £98,103

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance £25,960.09 – Net movement £9,827.43

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

7. Committees

Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2017.

Woodup Pool

Cllr Bell advised the meeting arranged for the 6th November did not take place, however, an informal meeting was held to discuss the season and finances. The figures had been circulated to the Committee who were happy with the proposals.

In the Earmarked Fund Pool Event, there is £2,065 and the Committee would like to purchase an additional bench and two picnic tables which would cost approx. £1,650.

The BBQ is in need of repair (approx. £200) and the rail around the sluice gate needs replacing as it is rusting (approx. £400). These repairs could be paid from the Earmarked Fund Woodup Pool.

Signage is also required for the sluice gate which is estimated at £75 which could be spend from this year's finances.

Proposed precept for 2018/19

	Budget 2018/19	Comments
Telephone	£400	
Rangers	£350	
Contract	£400	Grass cutting
Toilet	£1100	Includes additional toilet and cleaning during school holidays
Litter Collection	£250	Green wheelie bin from 29 th June – 3 rd September
Maintenance	£750	Includes annual sluice gate maintenance
Litter Pick	£165	Litter pick every Monday morning from end of May to the end of August (if agreeable by Litter Picker).
Earmarked Funds	£1,000	Funds set aside for Audit and Risk Assessment
TOTAL	£4,415	This is a reduction of £155 on 2017/18 budget

Cllr Bell advised that he had looked at the 1966 Byelaws for the pool and they still fit the needs but the level of fine needs to be increased.

Action: Clerk to seek further advice regarding changing Byelaws.

Cllr Bell advised he would arrange to meet Andrew Eastham, FACT, to seek their views on the season, empty and fill process and proposed schedule for usage of the pool for 2018.

Cllr Bell thanked Cllr C Slodzik for carrying out the safety checks at the pool. Cllr C Slodzik agreed that she would be happy to vary out the safety checks in 2018.

Cllr Bell thanked everyone who had helped at the pool making it another successful season.

8. Recreation Ground

Cllr Goody, Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee, reported that at the last annual inspection of the play equipment, it was raised that the bearings on the roundabout required replacing and the height on the roundabout no longer met current standards.

Cllrs Goody and Nixon had removed the roundabout and found that the bearing did not need replacing but the post in the ground had become loose. Having spoken to Gamart Engineering, they would be able to fit a steel rim to the edge of the roundabout which would lower the depth of the roundabout to meet the required standard.

It is believed with these works being carried out, this would prolong the life of the equipment.

Resolved: to accept the proposal to carry out the repairs to the roundabout which would cost approx. £500.

9. Tollesbury Harbour Project

Action: Chairman to contact Carol Reid to seek confirmation that the screening report includes the end of the north channel and the south channel.

10. Woodrolfe Hard

A quotation was received from Bonz, ref 4480, for £390 to fill the holes between the harbour wall and the road with type 1 compacted.

It was agreed before any decision is made to carry out repairs, the Parish Council need to find out who owns the land.

Action: Clerk to carry out a search via the Land Registry.

11. Robert Tailler (Taylor) – Taylor's Charity

The letter from the Trustees was received and noted.

Cllr Nixon advised that he would be willing to become a Trustee of the Taylor's Charity.

Action: Cllr Nixon to ask the Trustees to:

- 1) Approach the Vicar to see if he would become a Trustee.
- 2) Advertise the vacancies
- 3) Advertise the Charity

The Parish Council were generally in favour of transferring the administration role to the Clerk and further consideration would be required as how the Clerk would be paid for this additional duty.

It was requested that the Trustees change Bank preferably Unity or the Co-operative Bank.

Action: The Parish Council would like a further discussion with the current Trustees.

12. Police

Cllr S Slodzik reported that the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner was consulting to increase the precept for extra policing in the next financial year.

The Police reports were received. It was noted there were 3 incidents of theft from vehicles on 10th/11th October 2017.

13. Planning

Applications:

In accordance with the declarations declared the Chairman and Cllr Byatt left the meeting. Cllr Bell, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

- HOUSE/MAL/17/01163 PP-06448033 and LBC/MAL/17/01164 PP-06448033
Single storey rear extension and minor internal alterations
Bohuns Hall, 29 Church Street – Mr & Mrs Byatt
Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.

The Chairman and Cllr Byatt returned to the meeting.

- FUL/MAL/17/01196 PP-06473437
Demolition of an existing residential garage and the erection of a two storey two bedroom detached house with ancillary parking and hard standing areas
Land Adjacent 113A Mell Road – Mr & Mrs Stevenson
Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.

- LBC/MAL/17/01199 PP-06475253
Removal of section of internal wall
Bourchiers Lodge, Back Road – Mr & Mrs Martin
Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.
- FUL/MAL/17/01128 PP-06291462
Application to carry out preliminary ground investigations and associated works in connection with a potential new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea, use existing building as core storage area and form site compound with associated parking area.
Land East of Bradwell Power Station, Downhall Beach, Bradwell-on-Sea
Dr Stephen Manning – Bradwell Power Generation Company Ltd
Resolved: No comment on this application.

Appeals – None received

Planning decisions from Maldon District Council:

- TCA/MAL/17/01005 – Kings Head Hotel, High Street – Approved
- COUPA/MAL/17/00961 – Woodrope Building, Woodrolfe Road – Refused
- FUL/MAL/17/00620 – 62 New Road - Approved

Appeal decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate – None received.

14. Administration

Moat – The Clerk reported a letter had been received from Moat who advised that they had written to all of the residents in St Johns Court regarding the alleged fly-tipping.

Saltmarsh Coastal Hub – The Clerk advised the Saltmarsh Coastal Hub unveiling was being held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 12noon and members were invited to attend.

Remembrance Service – The Clerk reminded members that the service would be held on Sunday 12th November 2017.

Action: Clerk to reserve 6 seats for the service.

Hasler Green – The Clerk advised a letter had been received from a resident of Hasler Green. The resident was unhappy that the recent works to the trees along her boundary was to only cut back the overhang and not top the tree. Today on the opposite side of Hasler Green a tree had been cut back and reduced in height.

Action: Clerk to write to Moat to advise that the tree on the property boundary had been cut back as requested and on the advice of a local Tree Surgeon no other works were required to the tree. The tree had been cut back and balanced. Copy of email to be sent to resident.

Actions outstanding from the last meeting:

Pavilion – Signing off building regulations.

Action: Chairman to contact Maldon District Council.

15. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr S Slodzik reported:

- That he had noticed that the streetlights in Darnet Road were out but was unsure if this was due to planned works by Essex County Council.
Action: Cllr S Slodzik to monitor.

Cllr Chambers reported:

- Following the recent sad news in the village, the Youth Council are putting together a 'Help' leaflet to circulate to the youth in the village.

Cllr Crees reported:

- At the Hard on the right-hand side, there is a sign hanging off.
Action: Chairman to look into further.

The Chairman reported:

- That a resident had brought to his attention that signs had been put up at the footpath at Prentice Hall Lane but was unaware of any proposed works.
Action: Chairman to look into further.

It was **resolved** that having regard to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the meeting be closed to the public and press, pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

16. Employment Matters

The Clerk declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting.



It was **resolved** that the meeting be reopened to the public and press, pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Clerk returned to the meeting.

17. Date of the next Meeting

- Tuesday 21st November 2017 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 21st November 2017 – Environment & Amenity Committee – following main meeting
- Thursday 23rd November 2017 – Woodrolfe Hard & Marine Assets Committee – 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

Date