

Present: Cllrs Bell, Byatt, Goody, Nixon, O' Donnell, C. Slodzik, S. Slodzik and Symes

In the Chair: Cllr Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also present: District Councillors Bamford and St Joseph
Two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies of absence from Crees and Witney.

There were also apologies of absence from District Councillor Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nixon declared interests as follows:

- Personal in respect of agenda item 11a, Correspondence – Letter from Mr Rose, as his tenants live in the property that had the cockerels.

3. Public Forum

A resident reported that they had attended the Essex Local Access Forum. At the forum request were made to report back any rights of way improvements that were required. The resident advised there is a scheme called ROWIP, Rights of Ways Improvement Plans. The residents advised that many parishes have Footpath Officer and asked whether Tollesbury needs to consider appointing a Footpath Officer.

It was suggested that the Friday Walkers may consider taking on this role.

Action: Clerk to contact Margaret Shove to ask if this is something the Friday Walkers may be interested in.

Cllr St Joseph suggested that it may be worth considering liaising with Highways.

4. District Councillors

Cllr Bamford reported:

- The Inspector has found the Local Development Plan Sound and the report will now be considered by the Secretary of State who will make the final decision on the Local Development Plan's approval.
- The method of allocation for the rural housing has been agreed and there is no allocation for Tollesbury.
The Chairman stated that this was incorrect as there were still 100 houses to be allocated as part of the rural allocation and these houses will come through the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr St Joseph reported:

- Fly-tipping - There has been an increase in fly-tipping and the relevant contact numbers to report incidents have been forwarded to the Clerk.
- Bradwell Legacy Partnership - He would be attending the meeting of the Bradwell Legacy Partnership and asked is there was any further instruction regarding the proposed application for the Tollesbury Harbour Project.
The Parish Council requested that Cllr St Joseph continue to pursue the Tollesbury Harbour Project.
- Bradwell Marina – Is there any further instruction with regards to the offer of the use of kit to blast away the silt.

The Parish Council requested that Cllr St Joseph contacted Bradwell Marina to arrange for the use of their kit to blast away the silt on a small area of Woodrolfe Creek.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 4th July 2017

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2017 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr O'Donnell, seconded Cllr Nixon.

**6. Finance
Payments**

The items for payment totalling £7,400.96 were presented for approval (Appendix A).

Resolved: to approve payments.

7. British Telecom

The Clerk advised that kiosks are sold as seen. British Telecom confirmed they will replace the broken glass panels on receipt of the signed contract. In addition, they will send a paint kit.

Resolved: to adopt the kiosks. The Chairman signed the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Hasler Green

Several emails had been received by the Parish Council from a resident of Hasler Road. All emails received were forwarded to Moat Housing as the resident is one of their tenants.

In addition, a number of Freedom of Information requests had been received from the resident and the Clerk had responded to the requests.

An email had also been received from Moat Housing who has requested that the trees on Hasler Green were cut back as they are growing over the boundary and into the property. It would be appreciated if the trees were reduced to prevent them from interfering with the tenants driveway and boundary.

It was agreed these trees would be looked at by the Environment and Amenity Committee when they carry out their site reviews in September. The Environment and Amenity Committee will obtain quotations for any works required.

Cllr St Joseph suggested that whilst the Parish Council are in discussions with Moat, it would be an opportunity to ask them about a previous request sent to them regarding adjustments to their front gardens to provide off-street parking for any new tenants to which they did not reply.

Action: Clerk to contact Moat regarding previous request.

9. Police

It was reported the Police had been carrying out patrols outside Tollesbury School.

10. Planning

Applications:

- HOUSE/MAL/17/00716
First floor rear extension
5 Thurstable Close – Mr J Cain

Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.

- TCA/MAL/17/00759
T1 Magnolia – Crown reduction of 2m. Canopy uplift 1m.
34/36 High Street – Mr I Dibley

Resolved: to recommend approval of the application.

- LDP/MAL/1 7/00662 PP-06151997
Claim for lawful development certificate in respect of confirmation of the occupation of a bungalow with restriction pursuant to planning permission F/MAL/215/93A
The New Bungalow, Colchester Road – M & A Coe
Resolved: not to oppose the application for the certificate for lawful development. The person who has lived in the bungalow has been associated with the farm.

Appeals: None received.

Decisions made by Maldon District Council:

- COUPA/MAL/17/00598 – Barn At Great Downs Farm, Station Road - Refused

There were no appeal decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate.

11. Correspondence

a) Mr Rose – Cockerels

Cllr Nixon advised that it was his understanding that Maldon District Council had put an Order on the resident regarding the cockerels.

Action: Clerk to forward a copy of Mr Rose's letter to Maldon District Council.

12. Administration

RSPB – The site visit at the RSPB had been arranged for 31st July 2017. The Chairman and Cllrs Nixon, O'Donnell and S Slodzik agreed to attend.

County Councillor Durham – The Clerk advised County Councillor Durham had emailed as he was trying to arrange meetings with Parishes to discuss issues that are effecting the parishes. Cllr Durham had requested the Parish Council let him know the three most pressing matters that Tollesbury would like to discuss.

The following issues were identified:

- Policing
- Buses/highways (as previously advised)
- Coastal Trail

Action: Councillors to forward any further issues to the Clerk by the end of the month.

The Centre – The Clerk advised the litter bin at The Centre had recently caught alight and the Trustees of the Tollesbury Community Association has asked whether the Parish Council would be able to buy a replacement bin or make a contribution towards a new bin.

Cllr Goody reported that a bin had been removed from the Recreation Ground and was currently with Gamart to see if they would be able to repair it. If the bin is repairable, it could be donated to The Centre.

Members were happy for the bin to be donated to The Centre if it can be repaired.

Action: Cllr Goody to speak to Gamart Engineering.

Tiptree Parish Council – The first meeting of the Parish Councils forum that had been organised by Tiptree Parish Council has been arranged for Monday 31st July 2017 at 6.00pm.

Action: Cllr Bell to attend on behalf of Tollesbury Parish Council.

Woodup Pool Event – The Clerk advised the Pool Event held on 15th July 2017 had been a success, raising £1,600 to date. There had been good comments and feedback would be fed into the Woodup Pool Event Team for discussion.

Action: Clerk to write to Nik Bradbrook to thank him for organising the event.

13. Community Concerns

Cllr Nixon reported:

- He was disappointed that there had been no change following the concerns raised by at a previous meeting by Mr Olley. Vehicles are still parking on the pavement in Elysian Gardens (opposite the Doctors surgery) which leaves little room for him to go passed in his wheelchair resulting in him having to use the road.

Action: Clerk to refer to Rangers.

Cllr Bell reported:

- The Rangers would be carrying out additional patrols of the Pool during the school holiday. The patrols would include engaging, litter, dog fouling and parking. The day/time would be set by the Rangers but the Parish Council would prefer afternoon visits when the weather is warm. The Parish Council would like to request that one visit is on a Sunday when Tollesbury Sailing Club are having their activities.

The Parish Council would like to request that the monthly Patrol includes the area around the Square and the junction of West Street/Elysian Gardens.

Action: Clerk to arrange patrols by the Rangers.

Cllr Byatt reported:

- There were two vehicles for sale on the land outside the Cemetery.
Action: Clerk to report them.
- The water pipe has burst again near the junction of Prentice Hall Lane.
Action: Clerk to write to the Anglian Water as this is an ongoing issue.

Cllr Goody reported:

- The Recreation Ground Committee would be meeting the following evening to discuss proposals to replace some the existing play equipment. It is hoped a proposal will be submitted to the Parish Council at the next meeting and it is hoped to submit an application for funding.
- It was reported that cars were driving in and out of the car park, circling the Parish Rooms. It has been decided to lock the gate at the Parish Rooms end. The post has been knocked out of position, so the gate is currently secured by a chain and padlock.

The Chairman reported:

- Confirmation had been received from Lynn Highfield, Vice-Commodore, that Tollesbury Sailing Club has agreed to paid the overdue fees for the use of Woodrolfe Hard. Due to the club's financial position, they would like to pay the amount due in instalments. It is hoped that going forward Tollesbury Sailing Club and the Parish Council can work together and start to rebuild a relationship.

14. Date of the next Meeting

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

Tuesday 1st August 2017 – Full Council Meeting – 8.00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....