

Present: Cllrs Bell, Chambers, Lankester, Lowther, Nixon, O'Donnell

In the Chair: Cllr Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillors Bamford and Thompson
Jeremy Heigham – Parish Rooms Committee

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies of absence from Cllrs Coles, Crees, Goody, and Slodzik.

There were also apologies of absence from District Councillor St Joseph.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. Public Forum

Jeremy Heigham, Parish Rooms Committee, advised that Essex County Council would be starting works on the area outside the Parish Rooms the following Monday. They have asked if they would be able to use a small area of the Recreation Ground car park to store materials etc.

The Parish Council were happy for an area to be used providing Essex Council County agreed to accept responsibility should there be any damage to the car park.

Action: Clerk to take photographs of the car park prior to the works starting.

Jeremy confirmed he would be monitoring whilst the works were being carried out.

4. District Councillors

Cllr Bamford reported:

- Cllr St Joseph would not be standing for Tollesbury in the May Elections. Cllr Bamford had been asked to represent the Conservative Party in Tollesbury East.
- Maldon District Council had agreed a 2.3% increase in the Council Tax for 2019/20.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 5th February 2019

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2019 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Proposed Cllr Lankester, seconded Cllr Nixon. Unanimously agreed.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman

**6. Finance
Payments**

The items for payment totalling £5,329.19 were presented for approval (Appendix A).

Resolved: to approve payments and make online payments.

**7. Planning
Application and Decisions**

Applications:

- None received.

Appeals:

- There were no planning appeals.

Planning decisions made by Maldon District Council:

- FUL/MAL/18/01484 – 1A Woodrolfe Farm Lane – Approved

Planning decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate:

- None received.

8. Environment and Amenity Committee

a) Environment and Amenity Committee Meeting

In the absence of Cllr Slodzik, the Chairman presented the minutes of the Environment & Amenity Committee meeting held on 5th February 2019.

b) Devolution

The correspondence between the Parish Council and Cllr Bentley regarding Devolution was received and noted.

Action: To be brought to the attention of the village at the Annual Assembly.

Action: District Councillors Bamford and Thompson to correspond with Cllr Bentley on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. Recreation Ground

Monthly Inspection Report

The Monthly Inspection Report dated 17/02/19 was received. There were no issues to report.

10. Woodup Pool

a) Monthly Inspection Report

The Monthly Inspection Report dated 07/02/19 was received. There were no issues to report.

Cllr Bell advised he would check the bottom of the pool at the end of the month and would purchase new rope for the life buoys.

b) Quotation – BBQ

Resolved: to accept the quotation from K M Hobden for £62 to repaint the 2nd BBQ.
Unanimously agreed.

11. Street Lights

Resolved: to enter into a 3-year fixed rate agreement with E.On for the electricity supply to the street lights from 01/03/2019 until 28/02/2022.

Charges: 57.650p per day and 11.530p per kWh.

Unanimously agreed.

12. Informal Consultation – Footpath Diversions

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed footpath diversions.

Action: Cllr Bamford to show proposed diversions to the Friday Walking Group and feed any comments back to the Clerk.

13. Tollesbury Youth Project

Cllr Chambers reported a Volunteers evening had been arranged for 25th February 2019. The opening night of 'The Hangout' will be on Thursday 21st March 2019.

With regards to storage, it has been agreed that the front section of the store shed will be used.

It was reported the British Legion were also allowing the youth to use the British Legion and were offering free games of pool on a Thursday which is the same evening as 'The Hangout'.

Action: Chairman to speak to the British Legion to see if they will consider changing their day.

14. Saltmarsh

The Saltmarsh IFCA Information Leaflet was received.

Action: Clerk to write to Sandra Cowper to express an interest in joining the Suffolk Saltmarsh Group.

15. Letter to the Environment Agency

The letter to the Environment Agency regarding the Shoreline Management Plan and Old Hall and Tollesbury Wick Marsh was amended.

Action: Clerk to send final letter to the Environment Agency.

16. Police

The police reports were received and noted.

The Clerk reported a 'Coffee with the Cops' event was being held the following day at The Loft Tea Rooms. The Clerk advised she had emailed Essex Police to request that the Parish Council are notified of such events so they can be publicised well in advance.

Cllr Bell advised the Community Protection Officers were active dealing with dog fouling, parking and VMOs (vehicle move ons).

17. Administration

Highways – Cllr Durham had advised that Tollesbury Road has been put forward to be included in the 2019/20 Surface Dressing Programme.

18. Community Concerns

The Clerk reported the following on behalf of Cllr Crees:

- Tollesbury School – The Primary School has requested to put up some recycling and environment posters that the children had designed in the Parish Council noticeboard. Councillors were happy for the posters to be displayed.
- Church Summer Fete – The PCC has requested permission to erect some marquees/gazebos on the Recreation Ground on the Friday evening (7th June) before the fete. The marquees/gazebos would be manned and would be covered under Scouting insurance. Councillors were happy for the marquees/gazebos to be erected the night before.

Cllr Lankester reported:

- Climate Change – Recently there had been national demonstrations regarding Climate Change. Cllr Lankester suggested that the Parish Council contact the schools to let them know that the Parish Council are aware and discussing the issues. Cllr Chambers advised the Primary School do projects on Climate Change.

Cllr Bell reported:

- East Street – He had received a reported from a resident regarding the blue campervan parked on East Street. It has been reported that the vehicle has no MOT. The Clerk had contacted the owner who had advised that the MOT would be carried out this week.

Cllr Nixon reported:

- Woodrolfe Green – A timber post had been knocked over and needs replacing. **Action:** Clerk to arrange for a replacement timber post.

19. Date of the next Meeting

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on:
Tuesday 5th March 2019 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....