

TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Notes of the meeting of Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Wednesday 1st May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Rob Crees (RC), David Hillyer (DH), Roger Lankester (RL), Simon Lewington (SL), Sue Palmer (SP), Simon Plater (Chairman), Andrew St Joseph (ASJ)

Admin: Michelle Curtis (MC)

Rob Crees, Roger Lankester, Simon Plater, Steve O'Donnell, Andrew St Joseph are members of Tollesbury Parish Council.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Gail Norton and Steve Smith.

2. Notes of the Meeting

- a) The notes from the previous Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 27th March 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- b) The notes from the previous Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 3rd April 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Crees reported since the last meeting, Planning Direct, had been appointed as the Planning Consultant to progress the Neighbourhood Plan and they had started work on the Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman advised Planning Direct hope to have the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan completed by the end of the following week.

The Chairman reported that the Planning Consultant had stated that the Committee needs to identify site/s for development in the Neighbourhood Plan. A plan with no specified area would not be accepted.

There was a detailed discussion regarding the various sites which had been put forward to Maldon District Council in the 'Call for Sites - SHLAA'.

A resident asked for the Planning Consultant to give an explanation why there was a need to allocate a site.

Action: The Chairman to speak to Planning Direct

The following points were considered:

- the Housing Needs Survey pointed overwhelmingly to any future development being outside of/at the very outskirts of the village.
- avoiding further traffic through the village and worsening the (already strained) parking problems has consistently been raised as a significant concern by residents
- the Housing Needs Survey and the detailed public meetings have all indicated that there is no desire for any material development in Tollesbury - a significant number of respondents were opposed to any development at all and those that were amenable to some development suggested that it would be small scale (e.g. the Housing Needs Survey suggested less than 25 houses)
- the ability to access a small-scale development from either North Road or West Street was identified as being a significant requirement, to take into account the wishes of the village and try and reduce further traffic throughput

Taking into consideration the views of the Village, the Committee agreed that the preferred area to be allocated was Quadrant A – as demarcated in the Housing Needs Survey (April 2017).

A Public Consultation Meeting had been arranged for Friday 17th May 2019 and it was agreed to postpone the Meeting until mid/end June. The Meeting will give residents the opportunity to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and to give their feedback. The Consultation will last for a 6-week period. Once the feedback has been collated by the Planning Consultant, the Draft Plan will be amended before being submitted to Maldon District Council.

The Committee discussed housing numbers and whether it was a requirement to include the number of units in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: The Chairman to discuss further with the Planning Consultant.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be arranged once the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Document had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.