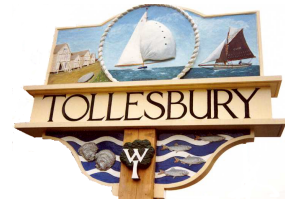


TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Notes of the first meeting of Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 30th June 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Matthew Byatt, David Hillyer, Roger Lankester, Simon Lewington, Gail Norton, Simon Plater (Chairman), Steve O'Donnell, Claire Slodzik and Steve Slodzik

Admin: Michelle Curtis

Matthew Byatt, Simon Plater, Steve O'Donnell, Claire Slodzik and Stevan Slodzik are members of Tollesbury Parish Council.

Andrew St Joseph is a District Councillor – Maldon District Council.

Simon Plater opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Bill Berry, Sue Palmer and Steve Smith.

2. Public Forum

There were 4 members of the public present.

3. Neighbourhood Plan

a) Housing

The Chairman reported that Cllr Byatt and himself had attended a meeting with David Steedman from Moat and they have agreed to pay for the housing needs survey. The survey will be carried out by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE), the survey will cost approx. £2,000.

A further meeting is being arranged to discuss the survey, which will need to be adapted to the needs of the Tollesbury.

The Chairman advised a number of members attended an event organised by Jamie Baxter. Debbie Wildridge from Community Land Trust East gave a presentation on the options of community led building. This maybe something the Committee wish to consider.

RL suggested a managed retreat for houseboats. The Committee discussed the idea and felt that it would be costly for infrastructure and the necessary surveys/reports that would be required. It was agreed the Committee members would consider the suggestion and would discuss further at the next meeting.

b) Employment

SP reported with the closure of the Heddinghams bus depot, a number of jobs would be lost. We are unsure what impact on employment this will have.

The following questions were raised:

- Will the closure of the bus depot affect the village's status as being sustainable?
- Will this take people away from working in Tollesbury?

SO reported another business in the village was due to close which employs approx. 12 members of staff.

The Chairman reported the housing needs survey will be adapted to include employment.

c) Tourism & Leisure (Including Hasler Green & Recreation Ground)

DH distributed a summary of the last question from the groups/organisations.

The main issues are traffic and parking.

The next stage is to think about how to distil the information into the plan.

d) Marine Environment (including flood risk and coastal defences)

RL advised that we have until 5th August 2016 to submit evidence of marine assets to the MMO Marine Plan.

Action: Clerk to re-circulate list for discussion at the next meeting.

RL advised that he had attended an event called New Blue Deal on 8th June 2016 and put forward an idea for members to consider.

The Committee said it was a very interesting idea but this would need to go to the village.

e) Rural Area (including Woodrolfe Green)

No update.

f) School & Doctors

SL provided copies of the response from Tollesbury Surgery (attached).

SL explained if there was any expansion of the surgery, it is a very lengthy process.

The surgery advised they would be able to accommodate a further 700 patients.

RL advised he had downloaded a manual on footpaths that he will forward to the Clerk for distribution to the Committee.

The Chairman agreed to contact Jamie to request he attends a meeting of the Committee.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would be held on Thursday 28th July 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.