

**Present:** Cllrs. Bell, Nixon and Lankester  
Mr A Eastham and Mr B Parmenter

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Plater

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

The Chairman reported that due to Cllr Crees' work commitments he had resigned from the Parish Council and the Committee.

**1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Plater was nominated to be Chairman of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Plater was **declared** to be Chairman of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

**2. Election of Vice Chairman**

Mr Parmenter was nominated to be Vice-Chairman of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee. This was unanimously agreed. Mr Parmenter was **declared** to be Vice-Chairman of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies of absence.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lankester disclosed a personal interest, as he moors his boat on Tollesbury Saltings.

Mr Parmenter disclosed a personal interest, as he is the Secretary for Tollesbury Fairways Committee and is a member of Tollesbury Sailing Club and Tollesbury Cruising Club.

Mr Eastham disclosed a personal interest, as he is a member of Tollesbury Sailing Club and Tollesbury Cruising Club. Mr Eastham works for Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust and is a Director for Tollesbury Saltings.

**5. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**6. Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 approved as a true record of the Meeting subject to the following amendment:

To read as follows:

Present:

Unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**7. Woodrolfe Hard**

a) Update on Gabion Project

The Chairman advised that since the last meeting, Cllr St Joseph and himself had attended a few meetings with Anglene Crowley, Liaison Officer – Maldon District Council, who assists organisations to submit bids for funding from the Bradwell Legacy Partnership.

There had been a minor issue with regards to the length of the lease on the land owned by

FACT and it is hoped to have this concluded the following evening when the Trustees of FACT meet. It is hoped a 10-year lease with FACT will be sufficient with the funders.

The project will now include the opposite side of the creek to provide protection to the saltmarsh. This will be done by the installation of brushwood or faggots.

Anglene has prepared the application which will to be sent to Haf Morris, Magnox, to review. The application will then be amended as required and then submitted to the main panel for consideration.

b) Tollesbury Harbour Project

The Chairman reported as discussed at the last meeting due to focussing on the gabion project this had delayed the progress of the Tollesbury Harbour Project.

Cllr St Joseph and the Chairman are to arrange a meeting with Port Flair to discuss further maintenance/mud disturbance.

Andrew Eastham stated the south channel is really silting up and suggested this area should be considered for the work by Port Flair.

Cllr Bell suggested that a meeting of Tollesbury Harbour Project was arranged to consider the best area for works to be carried out by Port Flair.

**Action:** Chairman to arrange a meeting of the Tollesbury Harbour Trust Stakeholders, once the application for the gabion project had been completed.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to invite the RSPB and EWF.

c) Parking/Signage

Cllr Bell asked whether the current signage for "ROAD LIABLE TO FLOOD" needed to be amended to read "BEWARE ROAD LIABLE TO TIDAL FLOODING".

As this was a Highways sign, the sign couldn't not be altered.

**Action:** Clerk to put together temporary signage to advise of tidal flooding and there is parking available at Woodrolfe Green.

**Action:** Ben Parmenter to look at the signage used by other tidal communities.

It was noted during the previous season, parking at Woodrolfe Hard/Woodup Pool was an issue. The Parish Council has requested that the Community Protection Officers (CPOs) carry out additional patrols in the school holiday period. It was agreed to request that the CPOs patrol the road/pool area during the weekend of the late May bank holiday and the first weekend of the school holidays in July.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange patrols with the CPOs.

Cllr Lankester reported that Cllr St Joseph and himself had attended the Essex Coastal Forum and had raised the issue that additional parking was required for Tollesbury as the Coastal Footpath and Tollesbury being designated as a 'hub' had attracted more visitors to the village.

Cllr Nixon suggested that Maldon District Council could give the strip of land to the left as you drive into Woodrolfe Green to the Parish Council which would provide additional parking spaces.

The Clerk advised at the last meeting of the Parish Council she had been asked to write to Matt Wilson to request funding towards the Car Park should Essex County Council grant them any funds from the £600k to support the Coastal Footpath.

d) Climate Change

Cllr Lankester advised he had attended a recent meeting of the Essex Coastal Forum and was concerned that Cllr Howard, Castle Point, stated that too much fuss was being made of sea-level rise and didn't wish to spend money on further defences.

Cllr Lankester reported that he had an analysis of the 2013 tidal surge and advised that a lot of the tidal surge did not manifest in places it had in the past and was concerned that the representation at the Essex Coastal Forum did not contain a substantial amount of informed opinion.

Cllr Lankester advised there is a Draft National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England produced by the Environment Agency and the document is current under consultation.

**Action:** Cllr Lankester to forward document to the Clerk for circulation to the Committee.

Cllr Lankester reported on 16<sup>th</sup> July he would be attending a conference – The Restoration of Estuarine and Coastal Habitats.

Cllr Nixon stated from the point of Tollesbury he felt that we needed to look at things we can protect i.e. the sewage plant.

Cllr Lankester explained he was hoping to obtain an ordnance survey to do some comparisons.

**8. Other Issues**

Cllr Nixon advised that Paul Frost would be willing to push the mud on the bottom of the Hard with his tractor.

Members were happy to accept the offer from Paul Frost. It will be necessary to liaise with Tollesbury Sailing Club before this is done.

It had been brought to the attention of the Committee that there is a large container on Frost and Drake's land.

**Action:** Andrew Eastham and Ben Parmenter to look into further.

**9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....