

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies of absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Crees declared a personal interest, as he is a member of Tollesbury Sailing Club and Tollesbury Cruising Club.

Mr Parmenter declared a personal interest, as he is a member of Tollesbury Sailing Club and Tollesbury Cruising Club.

Mr Eastham declared 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.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes

Resolved: the minutes for the 17th May 2017 represented a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Crees, seconded Mr Eastham.

5. Woodrolfe Hard

a) Tollesbury Harbour Project

The Chairman advised at the end of August, a meeting was held with the various Stakeholders and Carol Reid, Consultant Ecologist, to discuss the Tollesbury Harbour Project.

At the meeting, data was available showing the depths of the creeks and the north and south channels. There were two sets of data; one from approx. 15 years ago and the other from 2016. The data indicates that the south channel has considerably silted up and shows the north channel has silted up at the entrance.

At the meeting it was recognised by the Stakeholders that if no dredging is carried out, there will be a serious problem.

The Chairman advised that Carol has worked on various other projects up and down the coastline. Carol would be able to produce a screening report which could be sent to the MMO. This would allow the MMO to view the information and decide whether an environmental assessment would be required for the dredging and reuse proposal.

A quotation was received from Carol Reid to carry out a screening request for £1,920.00.

The Chairman advised that the Stakeholders (Tollesbury Marina, FACT, Fairways Committee and Tollesbury Sailing Club) had previously agreed to make a £300 contribution towards an aerial survey. As this survey was no longer required, it was suggested that the funds could be used towards the screening request.

The Chairman advised at the Full Parish Council meeting Members felt that as any work being carried out would be of greater benefit to the marine community, the Stakeholders should make a higher contribution with the Parish Council contributing the outstanding balance. The Chairman would be contacting to the Stakeholders to ask if they would be willing to make a higher contribution to the screening request.

The Committee agreed that they would be happy for the outstanding balance to be paid from the Woodrolfe Hard earmarked fund.

The Chairman advised that the quotation only mentioned the south channel and the Clerk would be contacting Carol to ask for confirmation that the screening report includes the end of the north channel.

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Carol and requested that the Chairman contact Carol to discuss further.

Action: Chairman to contact Carol.

Mr Lankester suggested that Tollesbury Mud Club could contribute to the screening report.

Action: Mr Lankester to contact the Tollesbury Mud Club.

It was suggested that a Trust could be formed for the project. It was agreed this could be an option and would need to be explored further.

b) Woodrolfe Hard Fees

The Clerk advised that Tollesbury Sailing Club had paid the outstanding fees.

Cllr Cress suggested that an alternative approach was considered going forward in relation to the fees for the Sailing Club. Rather than charging an annual fee for the use of Woodrolfe Hard, assistance could be requested for washing down the hard/general maintenance which would be of a greater benefit.

The Committee agreed this was a good idea and could be trialled for a year.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting.

c) Completion of further works

The Hard had been washed down by Tollesbury Marina.

Mr Parmenter confirmed that the buoys were ready for installation.

Action: Mr Parmenter to contact Gamart Engineering to arrange installation of the buoys.

Cllr Bell confirmed that he had spoken with FACT about emptying the pool once a month during the winter, to continue the work that had been carried out during the year with flushing the creek.

Cllr St Joseph had previously advised that a company would be willing to carry out an experimental dredge on the hump at the bottom of the Hard.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr St Joseph for an update.

d) Provision of gabion baskets to end of the smack dock

Action: Mr Parmenter to provide drawings and pricing.

It was suggested funding options would need to be considered for the works.

e) Condition of road adjacent to harbour wall

This Chairman advised that this had been discussed at the Full Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to find out who owns the strip between the road and the harbour wall.

f) Inspections of Woodrolfe Hard

The Clerk confirmed Paul Frost had been carrying out weekly inspections of the Hard.

g) List of marine assets

It was agreed a further meeting would be arranged to discuss the marine assets which would be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Chairman to confirm in what context the list of marine assets would be discussed for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Other Issues

Cllr Bell suggested that the Committee consider patrols by the Rangers to deal with the parking at the Hard for next season.

The Clerk advised that the Committee needed to give consideration as to what funds would be required for Woodrolfe Hard in the next financial year 2018/19.

Action: Meeting to be arranged in November.

7. Date of next meeting

Meeting to be arranged for November.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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