

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies of absence from Mr Eastham.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

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

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

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes

Resolved: the minutes for the 10th May 2018 represented a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Crees. Unanimously agreed.

5. Woodrolfe Hard

a) Hard Wash Down

Cllr Crees advised he was liaising with Clare Whitaker, Secretary – Tollesbury Sailing Club, to arrange the wash down of the hard. This will take place in October and details will be circulated to members once a date has been agreed.

b) Parking

It was reported there were 30 fixed penalty notices issued by the Community Protection Officers for parking on yellow lines around the Hard/Pool area during August.

The Clerk reported she had received a letter from a visitor to the Hard area who pointed out that the parking restrictions are unclear.

Action: Cllr Bell and Clerk to discuss further with the CPOs.

The Chairman advised parking is an issue and this is being discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

It was suggested there was no parking at all times on one side of the road to avoid the road being blocked.

Action: To submit a request to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for no parking on one side of the road.

It was suggested putting a sign up at Woodrolfe Green to notify visitors parking was available.

c) Tollesbury Sailing Club (TSC)

To monitor until the end of the season.

It was suggested a further wash down of the hard could be carried out at the beginning of April

2019.

d) Installation of 2nd Buoy

Mr Parmenter advised the buoy was at Gamart Engineering.

Action: Cllr Crees and Mr Parmenter to confirm location for new buoy.

e) Design and Funding for Gabion Project

The Chairman presented drawings and costings for the gabion project which would cost approx. £30k. The Chairman reported Cllr St Joseph had submitted the application to the Bradwell Legacy Partnership (BLP) for funding and it was suggested that the project could be expanded.

The following ideas were discussed to expand the project:

- Inclusion of a pedestrian footpath towards the Hard.
- Extending the water supply to the dock
- A height restriction bar at the entrance of Tolfish Hump providing access for low cost water sports i.e. paddle boarding, kayaking

Action: Mr Parmenter to provide costings for the expanding the project.

Cllr Crees suggested that should the application be successful; a long-term lease should be agreed with FACT as they own Tolfish Hump.

The Chairman reported the project will be revised and submitted to the BLP at their next meeting in October.

f) Potential Future Projects

No further projects at the moment.

g) Dinghy Renewals

The Clerk advised the dinghy renewals had been sent out and fees collected.

Paul Frost would not be using the Hard this year for launching.

h) Road Adjacent Harbour Wall

The Clerk advised an emailed had been received from Jon Simmons, Essex County Council, who confirmed that the seawall at the Hard is owned/maintained by ECC and is known as the Tollesbury Retaining Wall ECC No. 1311.

Jon has requested a plan showing the extent of the highway alongside the seawall from the Highways Records Team. This will be forwarded to the Parish Council and ECC can then see if there is a feasible LHP scheme that can be considered.

i) General Condition of Waterfront

No further action.

j) Tollesbury Harbour Project

i) Update on Project

The Chairman reported due to focussing on the gabion project this had delayed the progress of the Tollesbury Harbour Project.

Mr Parmenter advised he had met with Peter Riches, Crown Estate, who advised that they need to be kept informed of any works.

There was a general feeling that it wasn't appropriate for the Parish funds to be used towards the dredging project.

The Chairman advised that in some areas, there is a levy charge to boat users which is used towards maintenance etc.

Cllr Crees stated that he was not in favour of a levy or anything else that would create any additional costs for parishioners or boat owners, as Tollesbury is one of increasingly few places where ordinary public can enjoy boat ownership with modest overheads.

Action: Chairman to arrange a meeting of the Tollesbury Harbour Committee.

ii) Harbour/Navigation Authority

Cllr Lankester advised he had received a letter from the Chairman of the Tollesbury Fairways Committee (TFC) who advised that the TFC administer the moorings for private landowners and have never been involved in navigation matters.

Mr Parnenter advised all Fairways Committees operate differently and TFC has never been involved with navigation.

It was reported that the Tollesbury Marina voluntarily lay buoys to help with navigation and Oysterman put withes in. It was suggested Cllr Lankester speak to Tollesbury Marina.

6. Other Issues

a) Nature Communications – Predicting marsh vulnerability to sea-level rise using Holocene relative sea-data level

The document submitted by Cllr Lankester had been submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Cllr Lankester stated that the report advises that all of Great Britain has a >80% probability of a marsh retreat under Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 by 2100, with areas of southern and eastern England achieving this by 2040. Cllr Lankester asked, as a Parish Council is this something we should ask Natural England and the Environment agency to do something about the saltmarsh.

The Chairman advised, as a Parish Council we do not have any legal responsibility.

Cllr Lankester advised that he had forwarded the paper to FACT, as they are landowners for some of the saltmarsh.

b) Other Issues relation to Woodrolfe Hard

No further issues relating to Woodrolfe Hard.

7. Date of next meeting

Clerk to arrange a meeting in November 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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