

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Chambers

In the Chair: Cllr. Lowther

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies of absence from Andrew Eastham (FACT).

Cllr O'Donnell was not present at the Meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

4. Minutes

a) Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th October 2019

Resolved: the minutes for the 15th October 2019 represented a true account of the proceedings of the Meeting and were subsequently signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.

b) Matters arising from the Minutes

Text Donations – The Clerk reported that FACT had set-up the text donation service and will feedback to the Parish Council.

Action: to be reviewed at the Committee Meeting in April 2020.

Precept – Cllr Bell reported that the proposed precept for Woodup Pool for 2020/21 had been agreed by the Finance Committee.

5. General Maintenance

Servicing of the Sluice

The Clerk advised she had spoken to Gamart Engineering regarding servicing of the sluice and they will liaise directly with FACT.

Depth Gauges

Action: Cllr Lowther to ask FACT if they would be willing to clean the depth gauges as per previous years.

Pool Check

Cllr Bell agreed to check for the bottom of the pool for any debris.

FACT Usage

FACT had forwarded their schedule for the use of the pool for their kayaking activities. The schedule will be submitted to the Full Council for approval.

Ropes for the Lifebelts

The safety checks of the pool indicated that the condition of the rope of lifebelt station (1) was fair.

Action: Clerk to ask FACT to elaborate.

Risk Assessment

The Audit and Risk Assessment is scheduled for February/March.

Action: Clerk to make arrangements for the Assessment.

Litter bin and toilet hire requirements for the new season will be discussed at the Meeting in April.

8. Other Matters

Donations

At the previous meeting, it was suggested a heavy-duty donations box could be installed at the pool. Possible location at the entrance near to where the Ice-Cream Man operates on Frost and Drake's land.

The Clerk reported the box would cost approx. £40.00

Action: to be considered at the Meeting in April.

Grassed Area

At the previous meeting, the Committee discussed turfing some of the area where the grass had died to tidy up the pool.

Action: The Chairman to contact a local turf supplier to see if they would be happy to provide a small area of turf free of charge and in return, they would be able to display their advertising boards at the pool for the season.

Internet

An email had been received from a resident expressing concern that Woodup Pool was being promoted by www.daysoutwithkids.co.uk and was attracting more visitors to the pool who were not respectful of the facility (littering, drinking, smoking cannabis). The resident suggested that either the Parish Council writes to the website to request that the pool is removed from the site or residents collectively wrote to the website.

Action: Clerk to reply to resident to advise the following:

- The Parish Council pays the Maldon District Council Community Protection Officers to deal with littering, dog fouling, parking, anti-social behavior and public engagement. The patrols have proven to be successful and in August 2019, 36 parking tickets were issued for illegal parking by the pool. During the school holidays the patrols are carried out more frequently.
- Woodup Pool is mentioned on a number of websites which are out of the Parish Council's control. The Committee do wish not to pursue it and will seek the views of the Full Council.
- As Woodup Pool is an open public space, the Parish Council is unable to charge for people using the facility.
- Should the resident be witness to drug taking at the pool, they should report this to the Police via 101.

9. Date of the next Meeting

Tuesday 7th April 2020 – 6.30pm (Readying for the new season)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....