

**Present:** Cllrs Lankester, Lowther, Rogers

**In the Chair:** Cllr Plater – Chairman

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**Also Present:** Cllrs Bell, Clare, St Joseph

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence from Committee Members, all Councillors were present.

All other Councillors were invited to the meeting and Cllr Chambers had sent her apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

**3. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Environment and Amenity Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed

The Chairman would sign the minutes as soon as possible.

**5. Environment and Amenities**

**5.1 Allotments**

Approved works still to be carried out:

- Topping of oak trees

**5.2 Hasler Green**

No issues to report.

**5.3 Woodrolfe Green**

Approved works still to be carried out:

- Work to the willow tree
- Laying of road planings
- Repositioning of recycling bins

**Action:** Clerk to ask District Councillor Thompson to chase up Richard Holmes, Director of Service Delivery – Maldon District Council.

**5.4 Cemetery**

Approved works still to be carried out:

- Topping and facing leylandii trees – This work was due to be carried out the previous weekend but due to adverse weather conditions would need

- to be rescheduled.
- Planting of hedge mix

The Clerk advised that some trunks of the trees removed at the Recreation Ground had been moved to the Cemetery to provide wildlife habitats.

#### **5.5 Highways/Footpaths**

There were no new issues to report.

#### **5.6 Street Lighting**

The streetlight on the corner of East Street/New Road. This has been out for quite a while. The Clerk advised she had raised this with Cllr Durham as the light was not showing on the Essex County Council online reporting tool.

#### **5.7 Dog/Litter Bins**

Additional dog bin to be installed in the corner of the Recreation Ground/Church Street. The Clerk advised Bonz had quoted £40 to install the bin.

**Resolved:** to recommend to the Full Council to accept the quotation from Bonz to install the dog bin. Unanimously agreed.

#### **5.8 Defibrillators**

No issues to report. New pads had been installed on the defibrillator at the Sailing Club.

### **6. Litter Issues**

Cllr Lowther reported that on a recent walk back from Salcott to Tollesbury, he had noticed lots of litter in the grass verges. Cllr Lowther suggested that the Parish Council purchased some litter pickers, hi-vis vests and some gloves and ask residents if they would volunteer to carry out some litter picking.

Cllr Rogers advised that Keep Britain Tidy usually run a Spring campaign and suggested that members look on their website.

**Action:** Clerk to advertise via Facebook and the Parish Magazine for volunteers. The Parish Council would be happy to provide the equipment.

### **7. Ocean Recovery, Tollesbury CSO and Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

#### **7.1 Ocean Recovery**

The paper (Appendix A) prepared by Cllr Lankester was received and noted.

#### **7.2 Tollesbury CSO (Combined Sewerage Outfall) – Marine Litter**

The paper (Appendix B) prepared by Cllr Lankester was received and noted.

#### **7.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

The paper (Appendix C) prepared by Cllr Lankester was received and noted.

### **8. Other Matters**

#### **Tollesbury Climate Change Partnership**

The Chairman reported that agenda items 7 came under the remit of the Tollesbury

Climate Change Partnership. The Chairman had prepared notes (Appendix D) of the informal meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to discuss the Tollesbury Climate Change Partnership. The notes had been distributed to all Councillors before this meeting.

The Chairman reported that by the end of the month it is hoped to send out a Parish Council Newsletter which primarily explained the idea of the Partnership and perhaps suggested some form of village meeting. It would also explain the emphasis we would like to start putting on things e.g. the short-term, medium-term and long-term. We also really want to encourage young people in the village to be involved.

Councillors discussed how the Partnership could work and whether there was a need for a smaller steering group. This required further consideration and discussion.

It was suggested that a list of topics was put out to the village and residents were asked to choose what was important.

With regards to Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP), the Chairman suggested that we could consider parking at the top end of the village at the Cemetery and install EVCP. This would stop visitors from having to travel through the village which would be a benefit. If publicised properly, we could provide car parking in the village, we could install EVCP to entice people to park there, provide a directional board letting visitors know they can access the seawall on various footpaths from the car park and we could also put in a tree-screening belt. We would be doing several things to encourage a sustainable future, helping the environment and stopping traffic through the village. This is a small thing the Parish can do as it is land, we control. This could also form part of the Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that items in the Essex Climate Action Commission (ECAC) Interim Report Appendix 3: The eight key steps of the Community Engagement Model was a good starting point but it was felt that the language could be simplified.

**Action:** Councillors to send to the Clerk a list of topics that they feel are important.

**Action:** Article for the Newsletter to be redrafted.

**Action:** A further informal meeting of the Tollesbury Climate Change Partnership to be arranged by the Clerk.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be scheduled.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....