

Minutes of the Woodup Pool Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 held virtually via Zoom commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs. Bell, Chambers
Non-Voting Members: Andrew Eastham (FACT)

In the Chair: Cllr. Lowther

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Hawes.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Eastham disclosed personal interests as follows:

- Membership of Tollesbury Sailing Club and is also a Committee Member.
- Mr Eastham works for Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust (FACT) and is a Director for Tollesbury Saltings.

3. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

4. Minutes

Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th December 2020

Resolved: the minutes for the 15th December 2020 represented a true account of the proceedings of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman would sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

5. Sluice Gate

The works to the Sluice Gate are near completion.

The grill is still to be installed.

Cllr Bell suggested that upon completion the gate is tested.

Action: Clerk to enquire as to when the gate will be tested.

The Committee would meet with the Contractors on-site once all works have been completed.

6. Opening of Woodup Pool for the 2021 Season

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Risk Assessor and he had recommended that the pool remains closed until after the 21st June 2021 providing all Covid restrictions have been lifted by the Government.

It was agreed to work towards opening the pool from 21st June 2021 with the pool being available to the public from Saturday 26th June 2021.

7. Maintenance

Fencing – some posts require replacing.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation.

The floor of the pool needs clearing

Action: once the gate has been repaired, flush the pool out.

Beach area – one of the sleepers was loose

Action: Chairman to look into further.

Seawall – retaining tiles have come loose

Action: Chairman to look into further.

The ramp near the telephone – metal socket protruding out the ground

Action: Chairman to look into further.

Litter Bin near the Marina is leaning over

Action: Chairman to take a look at the bin.

Signage in need of repair

Action: Andrew Eastham offered some replacement material to carry out some repairs to the signs/lifebelt housing.

Action: to look at funding options for replacement signage.

Action: Clerk to ask Risk Assessor for his opinion on current signage.

BBQ

Action: Chairman to clean and reinstall the BBQ racks.

Telephone

Action: Clerk to ask the Risk Assessor if it is still necessary to have the emergency phone at the Pool.

To arrange a Working Party for a general clean up of the pool before the start of the season. Date to be agreed nearer the start of the season.

8. Water Sampling

The letter from Maldon District Council regarding the water testing was received. MDC has agreed to pay for the water testing from April – September 2021 but moving forward the sampling of Woodup Pool will not be funded by the authority past 2021 and the Parish Council will need to make arrangements to meet the financial obligation in 2022.

Action: To send a letter to the County Councillor and District Councillors requesting their support for Maldon District Council to continue paying for the water sampling of Woodup Pool. The pool is an asset not only to the village but to the District. Draft to be circulated to the Committee before sending.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th June 2021 at Woodup Pool.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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