

Present: Cllrs Bell, Chambers, Clare, Hawes, Lowther, St Joseph

In the Chair: Cllr Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillor Stephens
Helen Tidswell and Matt Button – Lewis & Scott Retirement Living
3 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Rogers.

There were also apologies from County Councillor Durham.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. Public Forum

Helen Tidswell, Lewis and Scott Retirement Living gave an overview of her working background. Helen thanked Councillors for attending the public meeting held the previous evening and stated the concerns expressed by the Parish Council with regards to flooding were not an issue. Their flood data indicated this site was suitable for the proposal.

4. County Councillors and District Councillors

Cllr Stephens stated there was no new information to report.

5. Minutes

Resolved: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Lowther seconded Cllr Clare. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

Application No: FUL/MAL/21/00702 PP-09991099

Proposal: Create residential specialist neighbourhood for older people, consisting of 29 affordable dwellings and community hub building, with associated landscaping and infrastructure.

Location: Land North Of 48 Woodrolfe Road Tollesbury

Resolved: Agreed by the majority (4 in favour and 2 against) to recommend refusal of this application as follows:

- The Parish Council recognises that there are a number of positive

aspects to the design of this scheme, which we would commend. However, our concerns are with the strategic and contextual elements of the proposal. In particular, a) sustainability and potential for flooding, b) location and c) integration.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/21/00951 PP-10208736

Proposal: Part conversion of existing car port into ground floor gym and first floor non habitable space

Location: Orchard House 41 West Street Tollesbury

Resolved: to recommend approval of this application. Unanimously agreed.

6.2 Planning Decisions

HOUSE/MAL/21/00828 – 7 New Road – Refused

FUL/MAL/21/00785 - Ashtec Automotive Unit 4 Woodrolfe Road - Approved

6.3 Planning Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/21/3273965

Application Ref: 20/01314/HOUSE PP-09322908

Site Address: 33 New Road Tollesbury Essex CM9 8RE

Proposal: First floor side extension

6.4 Planning Appeal Decisions

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3262027

Application No: FUL/MAL/20/00060

Location: Gorwell Hall, Tollesbury Road, Tollesbury

Decision: Appeal Granted

6.4 Tree Preservation Orders for information – None received

7. Administration

Cemetery – The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a visitor to the Cemetery as follows:

“I feel I must tell you how well-kept the Cemetery looked when I visited yesterday. Because of lockdown, I have not been for nearly two years, and the difference on entry was remarkable. For the past 10-15 years, it was scruffy and uncared for. Well done to the groundsman for an excellent job.”

The Clerk advised she had forwarded the comments to the Contractor.

Royal British Legion (RBL) – The Clerk reported following the last meeting, she had sent a letter to the Committee of the RBL expressing residents’ concerns that some patrons are seemingly drink driving.

The Chairman of the Committee had emailed to advise that the RBL noted the concerns of the Parish Council. They had displayed new signage and would do all they could to address the matter.

Queens Green Canopy – The Clerk reported that the Tollesbury Climate Partnership (TCP) had agreed to take on the project for tree planting. TCP had requested a letter from the Parish Council granting permission for tree planting at the Recreation Ground to

support their application to the Woodland Trust for some trees. TCP will submit a proposal of the scheme to the Parish Council in due course.

Action: Clerk to provide a letter permitting for trees to be planted at the Recreation Ground.

Anglian Water – Copies of correspondence from Anglian Water and neighbouring parishes regarding the proposed closure of Factory Hill for six weeks in January 2022 for works to be carried out had been circulated to Councillors.

Action: Clerk to write to Anglian Water to express the concerns of the Parish Council as the closure of Factory Hill will be a considerable disruption and inconvenience to the village.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Durham what plans are in place for the buses. How will the bus timetable be affected during this period as several residents from the village and surrounding villages use the bus service that links to the railway station and pupils going to the secondary school in Tiptree.

8. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr Clare reported:

- At the previous meeting, he had reported incidents of trespassing at Tollesbury Marina. There had been a reoccurrence, and the owner reported this to Essex Police via 101. The youths had also been captured on the CCTV. An Officer from Essex Police would be visiting the parents to remind them of their parental duties. Cllr Clare advised that the Youth Working Group would be meeting the following evening.
- The recent communication from the Mersea Harbour Protection Trust (MHPT) did not provide sufficient information for the Mariners.

Action: The Chairman, who is also a Trustee of the MHPT, would report back to the Trustees.

Cllr Chambers reported:

- There was an issue with vehicles parking outside the school.

Action: Clerk to request that the CPOs carry out patrols outside the school.

9. Dates of the Next Meetings

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

Thursday 4th November 2021 – Woodup Pool Committee – 7.30 pm in the Pavilion

Tuesday 9th November 2021 – Recreation Ground Committee – 7.30 pm in the Pavilion

Tuesday 16th November 2021 – Full Council Meeting – PLANNING ONLY – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 16th November 2021 – Environment and Amenity Committee - Following the Full Council Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....

Date