

Present: Cllrs Bell, Chambers, Clare, Goldie, Hawes, Lowther, Rogers

In the Chair: Cllr Plater

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr St Joseph.

There were also apologies from District Councillor Stephens.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Chambers disclosed interests as follows:

- Personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 7.1, planning application HOUSE/MAL/21/01173, as this is her property.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. County Councillors and District Councillors

There were no County or District Councillors present.

5. Minutes

Resolved: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th December 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Clare, seconded Cllr Lowther. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

6. Budget/Precept 2022/23

6.1 Draft Minutes

The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 8th December 2021 were received and noted.

6.2 Fees 2022/23

Resolved: to agree on the proposed fees for 2022/23. Unanimously agreed.

6.3 Budget/Precept

The Finance Committee proposed the precept for 2022/23 of £92,599.50. Compared to the precept for 2021/22, this was an increase of £2,697.50 (3%). This resulted in an increase of £1.09 (1.19%) per household (based on a Band D property).

The Finance Committee advised that a grant was included in the budget to the Tollesbury Climate Partnership for £750.

Resolved: to set the precept for 2022/23 at £92,599.50. Proposed Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Clare. Unanimously agreed.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/21/00982

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 20 Hunts Farm Close Tollesbury

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

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/21/01170

Proposal: Proposed outbuilding for multi-use of garden room, workshop/studio for applicant use

Location: 3 Station Road Tollesbury

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

Following the declaration disclosed, Cllr Chambers left the meeting.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/21/01173

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension and refurbishment of existing outbuilding.

Location: 60 West Street Tollesbury

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

Cllr Chambers returned to the meeting.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/21/01260

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: Whippetree 50 Church Street Tollesbury

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

7.2 Planning Decisions from Maldon District Council

TCA/MAL/21/01036 – 12 Station Road - Approved

HOUSE/MAL/21/00661 – 49 North Road – Refused

HOUSE/MAL/21/00964 - Alma Cottage 1 The Chase – Approved

OUT/MAL/21/00900 - Land Adjacent To 31 Woodrolfe Road – Refused

HOUSE/MAL/21/01063 - Lavena 38 Woodrolfe Road – Refused

7.3 Planning Appeals – None received

7.4 Planning Appeal Decisions – None received

7.5 Tree Preservation Orders for information – None received

8. Administration

Santa Visit – The Clerk advised that representatives from the Royal British Legion and Tollesbury Fire Brigade had arranged the annual Santa Visit. Councillors expressed thanks to all those involved in the event.

Queens Green Canopy – The Clerk reported that the date for the onsite meeting to discuss the proposed Queens Green Canopy is on 3rd January 2022 at 10 am. The Clerk advised representatives from the football teams had also been invited to the meeting.

Bin Cemetery – The Clerk advised that the green wheelie bin at the Cemetery was full and needed emptying. The current contractor, D W Maintenance, would empty the bin for £65 and the Clerk would arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

9. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr Clare reported:

- Due to the new Covid variant, the Youth Working Group agreed to cancel the second Youth Consultation Evening. The event will be rearranged in the new year.
- The Taylor’s Charity Trustees are working and have recently provided a loan and a grant to assist families in the village.
- It has been reported via Facebook that there were issues with the postal service provided in the village. There has been a change to the postal structure, and the village which four postal workers previously serviced is now only serviced by two.
Action: to monitor.

Cllr Hawes reported:

- It has been noted that there is a new Manager in McColls and the service has improved.
Councillors recognised that the current staff are doing a great job and their work is valued by the village. However, due to staff shortages, it has been necessary to close the shop early on some occasions.
Action: Clerk to write to Manager of McColls to thank her and her staff for their hard work.
Action: Cllr Clare to write to the Director of Transformation at McColls to bring to his attention.

The Chairman reported:

- He had drafted a letter to the landowner regarding the access to Woodup Pool. A copy of the letter had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
Action: Clerk to send the letter to the landowner and arrange a meeting in the new year with the landowner.

10. Dates of the Next Meetings

Tuesday 11th January 2022 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – The Centre

Tuesday 18th January 2022 – Full Council Meeting – PLANNING ONLY –
7.30 pm – The Centre

Tuesday 18th January 2022 – Environment & Amenity Committee – Following main Full Council Meeting – The Centre

Tuesday 1st February 2022 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47 pm.

Signed.....

Date