

Present: Cllrs Bell, Clare, Ferneyhough, Goldie, Lowther, Page, Rogers, St Joseph

In the Chair: Cllr Plater - Chairman

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: 43 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Hawes and Chambers.

There were also apologies for absence from District Councillor Stephens.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. Public Forum

Of the 43 residents attending the meeting, 41 were present to object to the planning application reference 22/00976/OUT PP-11511826 on the Land Between Wycke Lane and Woodrolfe Farm Lane.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had received several letters from residents objecting to the application. The Chairman advised residents to submit their letters to Maldon District Council (MDC) Planning Department so they can be considered by the Planning Officer/Committee when considering the application.

4. County Councillors and District Councillors

There were no County or District Councillors present.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th October 2022

Resolved: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2022 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Lowther, Seconded Cllr Clare. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

Application No: OUT/MAL/22/00976 PP-11511826

Proposal: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a mixed housing development.

Location: Land Between Wycke Lane And Woodrolfe Farm Lane Tollesbury

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the following reason:

- The proposal is contrary to policies S1 (subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13), S2, S3, D1 (subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, 2, 3, 4, 5), H4, N1 and N2.

- Because of its scale, width, design and position, the proposed development would appear as a cramped form of development that would dominate the site to the detriment of the surrounding area.
- This proposal is not in an area of strategic growth.
- The proposal on this parcel of land would represent an undesirable form of backland development that would be out of character with the prevailing pattern of development within the vicinity of the site and have a harmful effect on the amenities of occupiers of nearby dwellings.
- The proposed area for development is an important open green space, and the Parish Council would suggest that the MDC arboriculturist amenity inspect the trees and consider applying TPOs on some of the trees on the site.
- Some supporting documentation was dated 2012 and considered out of date.
- To date 43 letters have been received from residents objecting to this application.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to request that the District Councillors ‘call-in’ the planning application.

41 members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Clare advised that some residents had approached him and suggested that the Parish Council purchase the land between Wycke Lane and Woodrolfe Farm Lane.

Councillors suggested that the residents talk to TCP regarding this.

Application No: TCA/MAL/22/00995 PP-11548450

Proposal: T1 Juglans Regia - sensitively reduce the entire canopy by approximately 1.5 - 2 meters.

Location: 51 East Street Tollesbury

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

Application No: WTPO/MAL/22/00300

Proposal: T1 Silver Birch TPO 4/10 - 8 metre reduction and 3-metre crown lift.

Location: Graces 40 Church Street Tollesbury

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. The Parish Council was disappointed MDC had refused the previous application for this work, as the safety of the property and the resident are paramount.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/22/01010 PP-11565020

Proposal: Single storey rear/side extension with flat roof with rooflights and flue pipe. Changes in fenestration

Location: White Leighs 44 Woodrolfe Road Tollesbury

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. The Parish Council believes this application complies with all relevant policies.

6.2 Planning Decisions

HOUSE/MAL/22/00842 – 1 Sceptre Close – Refused

HOUSE/MAL/22/00850 – 2 Thurstable Close – Refused

HOUSE/MAL/22/00793 – 20 Hunts Farm Close – Approved

FUL/MAL/22/00542 - Caravan Adjacent Barn A Guisnes Lodge Back Road - Approved

VAR/MAL/22/00852 - White Leighs 44 Woodrolfe Road - Refused

6.3 Planning Appeals – None received

6.4 Planning Appeal Decisions – None received

6.5 Tree Preservation Orders for information – None received

7. Climate Change

7.1 Climate Change

The Apple Day held on 16th October 2022 was successful and well attended.

Tollesbury Climate Partnership (TCP) continues to be very active.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Marine Stakeholder Group (MSG) the previous evening. Ian Marwood, who is also part of TCP, chaired the meeting. At the meeting, there was various discussion about how the TCP Marine Group and MSG overlap and it was agreed to explore further how the two groups could work together.

Cllr Bell suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Pavilion in the future.

The Chairman reported that Gibbons Engineering Group is considering providing funding for an electric vehicle charging point.

7.2 Spotlight on Tollesbury energy-saving

The email from Tollesbury Climate Partnership (TCP), "Spotlight on Tollesbury energy-saving", was received.

It was noted that TCP had submitted an application to decarbonise Tollesbury School.

7.3 Bus Shelter

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to grant permission for the internal wall of the bus shelter to be used by TCP to display some TCP-related work.

8. Royal British Legion

The information on the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 13th November 2022, was received and noted.

The Chairman agreed that he would attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Clare, also the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, reported he would also be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to donate £75.00 towards the wreath.

The Chairman reported that works on the war memorial were progressing and should be finished in time for the Remembrance Service.

9. Administration

Parish and Town Council Engagement Workshop – The Clerk reported that District Cllr Stephens, Cllrs Bell, Page and herself had attended the workshop held in the Pavilion on 11th October 2022. Josh Fulcher, MDC, agreed to look into providing an update on grant availability and assistance, which would be a significant benefit to the Parish Council.

Internet – The Clerk reported that TCP had asked whether the Parish Council would consider installing an internet connection at the Pavilion.

Action: Clerk to explore options and report back at a future meeting.

Street Football – The Clerk reported that MDC would be holding a street football session at the Recreation Ground on 25th October (school half term) between 10.00 am and 11.30 am. The activity would be free of charge to attend and open to all ages.

10. Community Concerns

Cllr St Joseph reported:

- The additional five bags of stone were laid at Woodrolfe Hard by members of Tollesbury Sailing Club and Frost and Drake.

11. Dates of the Next Meetings

Thursday 20th October 2022 – Finance Committee – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 1st November 2022 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 8th November 2022 – Recreation Ground Committee – 7.00 pm – Pavilion

Monday 14th November 2022 – Woodrolfe Hard Committee – 7.00 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 15th November 2022 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 15th November 2022 – Environment & Amenity Committee – Following Full Council Meeting – Pavilion

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.54 pm.

Signed.....

Date