

**Those present:**

Cllr Hawes (Chair)  
Cllr. Goldie  
Cllr Rogers  
Andrew Eastham – Non-voting member  
Michelle Curtis (Parish Clerk/RFO)  
2 Members of th public

**1. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received; all members were present.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Goldie declared a personal interest as follows:

- Owner of Tollesbury Marina

Andrew Eastham declared a personal interest as follows:

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

**3. Public Forum**

The Clerk advised that there were no requests from residents to address the Committee.

**4. Minutes**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Woodup Pool Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Goldie and unanimously agreed by those who attended.

The Chair signed the Minutes.

**5. Finances/Earmarked Reserves**

The Committee reviewed the Finances and Earmarked Reserves (Appendix A).

**6. Maintenance**

**6.1 Working Party**

Cllr Rogers reported that the working party held on Saturday, 26th April 2025, was a success. The system in place, the advertising of the jobs to be carried out, and the equipment required are working well.

Several people who attended the working party had commented that the closure of the pool over the winter had made a significant difference to the amount of weed in the pool.

**6.2 Sluice Gate**

The Chair reported that the pool had been leaking. The Contractor had a look at the gate; there were no issues with the gate. The pool was refilled, and the issue seems to have rectified itself. There is a small trickle of water, which is expected.

**Action:** To be monitored.

The Contractor pointed out that the grills for the sluice gate were coming to the end of their life and indicated that replacement grills would cost in the region of £3,000.

**Action:** To be explored further by the Committee out of season.

**6.3 Maintenance**

When the Contractor was onsite investigating the issue with the sluice gate, they pointed out that the railings near the marina office end were rusting. It was agreed to have maintenance works carried out at the end of the season.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain quotations for the rusting area to be treated and repainted.

**7. Request to use Woodup Pool**

The Committee were happy with the proposed schedule for the use of Woodup Pool between 5pm and 9pm by First Blackwater Scouts:

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Action:** Clerk to update the website with the usage dates for 2025.

**8. Woodup Pool Event 2025**

The Chair reported that the Organisers were busy planning the Woodup Pool Event for 2025. The format will be as per the 2023 event. Tollesbury Climate Partnership has agreed to help with recycling. The Parish Council has agreed to cover the cost of insurance for the event and provide black sacks for rubbish.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange for the green wheelie bin to be delivered week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**9. Other Matters**

Toilet Working Party – The Chair advised that a Working Party has been formed to explore the options for providing a permanent toilet facility (container style) at Woodup Pool. It is proposed that the toilet is only available during the season, as per current arrangements. Quotations are currently being obtained for jetting the pipes and the toilet unit.

**10. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on:  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 6.30pm – Woodup Pool

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....

Appendix A

**Woodup Pool Finances  
As At 28th April 2025**

	<b>Expenditure to Date</b>	<b>2025/26 Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Contract	£0	£270	£270	Currently £22.50 per month
Gen Maintenance	£0	£1,500	£1,500	Invoice due for sluice gate works £220
Litter Collection	£0	£500	£500	
CET	£0	£480	£480	
Toilets	£0	£1,800	£1,800	
Water Testing	£0	£400	£400	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£4,950</b>	<b>£4,950</b>	
<b>Earmarked Funds</b>				
W/Pool c/f from 2024/25	£5,989			
Budget 2025/26	£3,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,989</b>			
Less Committed Expenditure:				
Audit Assessment 2026	-£2,000			
Sluice gate maintenance	-£3,000			
Weed control maintenance	-£2,000			
Woodup Pool Event Funds	-£14			Remaining balance
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,975</b>			