

Those present:

Cllr Clare (Chair)
Cllr Bartlett
Cllr Goldie
Andrew Eastham – Non-voting member
Ben Parmenter – Non-voting member
Michelle Curtis (Parish Clerk/RFO)
1 member of the public

1. Chair

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Clare as the Chair of the Woodrolfe Hard Committee. Unanimously agreed.

2. Vice-Chair

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Bartlett as the Vice-Chair of the Woodrolfe Hard Committee. Unanimously agreed.

3. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received; all members were present.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Goldie disclosed a personal interest as follows:

- Owner of The Marina.

Cllr Bartlett disclosed a personal interest as follows:

- Membership of Tollesbury Sailing Club
- Berth holder in Tollesbury Marina and Tollesbury Saltings

Andrew Eastham declared personal interests as follows:

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

Mr Parmenter disclosed personal interests as follows:

- Secretary for Tollesbury Fairways Committee
- Membership of Tollesbury Sailing Club

The Chair disclosed a personal interest as follows:

- Berth holder in Tollesbury Marina

5. Public Forum

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

6. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Woodrolfe Hard Committee Meeting held on 3rd February 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Goldie.

The Committee acknowledged the hard work of Andrew St Joseph, who had now stepped down from the Parish Council.

7. Operational Update

Cllr Goldie and the Clerk reported that some boat users had expressed concern regarding some swimmers who had, on occasion, been swimming in the mouth of the Marina, which is a danger to both boat users and swimmers.

The Committee discussed options to raise awareness of the danger and agreed that another sign on the Hard's side would be appropriate.

Action: Committee to agree on wording for a new sign.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for signage.

Action: Clerk to do an online campaign at the start of the season, reminding users of the dangers.

Action: To be monitored by the Committee.

Ben Parmenter reported:

- There was some wear and tear in the mooring chains, and he would arrange for them to be replaced.
- There was no additional stone required on the Hard.
- Due to less usage on the Hard this season, there was some silt buildup.

Action: Hard washdown to be held on Saturday, 14th March 2025.

Action: Cllr Barlett to liaise with Tollesbury Sailing Club.

Andrew Eastham reported:

- People continue to throw mud and jump into the creeks, damaging the salt marsh and causing issues for Tollesbury Saltings
As a result, the salt marsh is eroding, and items buried in the mud can pose a hazard. Signage had been put up.

Action: To be included as part of the online campaign at the start of the season, to remind people of the hazards. Damage to boats, risk of injury and risk of being struck by a boat.

The Chair advised that the new speed buoys need cleaning.

Action: Cllr Goldie agreed to arrange for Tollesbury Marina to clean the speed buoys.

8. Fairways Committee/Crown Estates

Ben Parmenter gave an overview of the current situation regarding the Fairways Committee.

Ben Parmenter reported:

- It is the intention to progress setting up a Community Interest Company.
Action: Ben to progress and report back to the Committee.
This would help delineate what belongs to Atkinsons and what doesn't. It would also help with discussions with the Crown Estate.
- Ben to supply the Committee with a copy of the insurance policy for the operation of the Fairways Committee.

Ben's hard work was acknowledged for all the hard work in operating the Fairways Committee.

9. Finance – Earmarked Reserves

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

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to propose to the Finance Committee that £1,000 held in the Woodrolfe Hard EMR be transferred out, as these funds were no longer required.

10. Precept 2026/27

The Committee considered the funds required for Woodrolfe Hard's general running in the next financial year.

Rent	£644
Misc.	£385

The Clerk reported that 28 dinghies were registered in 2025/26.

The Committee discussed the mooring fees for 2025/26 and would propose to the Finance Committee that the fees be increased to £80, inclusive of VAT.

11. Other Matters

There was a report of one jet-ski during the season. A Councillor approached the jet-ski owner, who left without launching.

The Chair thanked Ben Parmenter and Andrew Eastham for their hard work.

12. Dates of the Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Woodrolfe Hard Committee will be held on:
Monday 2nd March 2026 – 7.00pm – Pavilion

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.11pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....

Appendix A

WOODROLFE HARD FINANCES AS AT 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

	Expenditure to Date	2025/26 Budget	Difference	
Rent	£572	£585	£13	Rent for Tolfish Hump to be paid in January 2026
Maintenance	£363	£350	-£13	
TOTAL	£936	£935	-£1	
	Income to Date	2024/25 Budget	Difference	
Dinghy Fees	£1,808	£2,067	-£259	
Earmarked Funds				
C/F from 2024/25	£1,553			
TOTAL	£1,553			
Less Committed Expenditure:				
Woodrolfe Hard Improvements	-£1,500			Continuation of improvement works
TOTAL	£53			