

# TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Notes of the meeting of Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

**Present:** Rob Crees (RC), David Hillyer (DH), Roger Lankester (RL), Gail Norton (GN), Simon Plater (Chairman), Andrew St Joseph (ASJ)

**Admin:** Michelle Curtis (MC)

Rob Crees, Simon Plater, Steve O'Donnell are members of Tollesbury Parish Council.

Andrew St Joseph is a District Councillor – Maldon District Council.

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The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

There were 2 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Sue Palmer and Simon Lewington.

2. **Notes from the previous meeting**

The notes the previous Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Neighbourhood Plan – Environment and Sustainability**

The Committee had a general discussion regarding Environment and Sustainability.

The Committee referred to the Maldon District Council (MDC) Local Development Plan (LDP) for the clarification of the term Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure and existing Policies.

Proposed Policies:

- A strategic multi-functional network of green infrastructure will be identified, managed and where possible, enhanced. Open spaces and areas of significant biodiversity or historic interest will be protected. Development which results in the creation, restoration, enhancement, expansion and interconnection of these sites will be encouraged.
- To preserve and enhance the Saltmarsh.
- To protect and enhance the green and blue infrastructure to provide accessibility.

- Sympathetic to initiatives that enhances the indigenous shellfish species industry in the Parish.
- Presumption against large scale wind turbines in any part of the parish.

The Committee agreed with some of the Environmental Objectives (Page 140) in the LDP and agreed they should be included in the plan.

#### **4&5. Neighbourhood Plan/Planning Consultant**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council initially spoke to Allies and Morrison when starting on the NP. The Parish Council were then approached by the University of East London (UEL), who they decided to work with. Following advice from Sarah Sapsford from the RCCE, it was recommended that the NP Committee consider using an alternative Consultant.

**Action:** Chairman to contact Allies and Morrison who produced the Burnham NP.

Once a decision has been made whether to work with a Planning Consultant, this would allow the NP Committee to put together a timescale for the completion of the NP.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – General Development of the Neighbourhood Plan – 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

**Action:** Invite Viki Chambers on behalf of the Youth Council to give an overview of the needs of the youth.

It was suggested to hold a stand at Tollesfest on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to engage with the Village and seek their opinions on the draft policies. The Chairman agreed to attend the event.

**Action:** Clerk to notify event organisers that the NP Committee wish to hold a stand at Tollesfest.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.