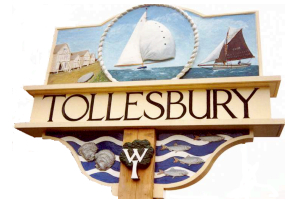


# TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Notes of the meeting of Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

**Present:** Roger Lancaster (RL), Simon Lewington (SL), Simon Plater (Chairman), Andrew St Joseph (ASJ)

**Admin:** Michelle Curtis (MC)

Rob Crees, Simon Plater, Steve O'Donnell, Claire Slodzik and Stevan Slodzik 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 4 members of the public present.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Rob Crees, Gail Norton, Sue Palmer, Steve O'Donnell, Claire Slodzik, Steve Slodzik, and Steve Smith.

**2. Notes from the previous meeting**

The notes from the previous Housing meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Neighbourhood Plan – Tourism and Leisure**

Maldon District Council (MDC) in the Local Development Plan (LDP) are encouraging more tourism into the District.

The Committee discussed the current position with regards to Tollesbury. Tourism has increased in the village which is mainly due to Tollesbury being identified as a 'Hub' for the coastal footpath. The recent filming in the village has also encouraged more visitors to the area. Woodup Pool is also very busy with people travelling from outside the District to use the facility. Parking in the village is very limited.

It was agreed parking is a major issue in the Parish and any additional visitors to the village would require parking facilities. DH advised when ASJ and himself carried out the survey, the main issues were parking and traffic.

The Committee agreed that any additional parking provision should be near to the marine/leisure activities and suggested possible areas:

- Expand the car park at Woodrolfe Green
- Land at the far end of Tollesbury Sailing Club (TSC) which is not being used
- Rear of the Marina

As TSC and the Marina are privately owned, this would require consultation with the owners.

Various issues were discussed:

- The Chairman advised that over the next 15 years, there will be an additional 180,000 houses between Chelmsford and Colchester. What effect will this have on the village?
- Do we want a policy to encourage visitors?
- Do we need to grow organically?
- What is happening around us – Leisure activities are currently moving up the coast. Do we expect sailing activities in Tollesbury to increase?
- Is Tollesbury naturally self-limiting?
- If we encourage tourism, do we need more facilities i.e, restaurants, toilets etc.
- Do we expand the docking area?

After general discussion, it was agreed the following should be included in the policies:

- Maintain and improve Woodrolfe Hard and public access.
- Support 25 additional car parking spaces over the next 5 years.
- Encourage alternative transport i.e. cycling, water.
- Maintain low water access.
- To maintain areas in their current planning class use
- Continue to support existing facilities.

DH agreed to draft some policies for consideration by the Committee.

RL advised that DH and himself had attended a Policy Writing Workshop organised by the RCCE. RL provided a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation from the Workshop.

DH advised that they recommended looking at other approved Neighbourhood Plans.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Pavilion to discuss Rural Areas.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.