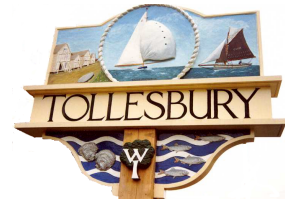


TOLLESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Notes of the first meeting of Tollesbury Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 5th May 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Bill Berry, David Hillyer, Roger Lankester, Sue Palmer, Simon Plater (Chairman), Steve O'Donnell, Steve Smith and Andrew St Joseph

Admin: Michelle Curtis

Matthew Byatt, 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.

Simon Plater opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Matthew Byatt, Gail Norton, Simon Lewington, Claire Slodzik and Stevan Slodzik

2. Public Forum

There were 4 members of the public present.

3. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that he had met with Jamie Baxter, University of East London and it is hoped Jamie will be able to attend the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Jamie has agreed to put together a programme to map out the next 3-4 months on how to develop the policies.

ASJ reported that he had met with Nick Fenwick, Maldon District Council (MDC), and advised that the Committee would like to have input to the rural allocation. Nick would be happy to be in touch if the Committee had a definite view on housing. i.e. where/social element.

a) Housing

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged for Thursday 12th May 2016 with David Steedmen, Moat Housing Ltd, and it is hoped that Moat will agree to carrying out the Housing Needs Survey.

The Chairman explained that Moat already have housing in the village and had been recommended by MDC.

SP expressed concern regarding the development of 24 houses in Woodrolfe Road.

The Chairman explained that MDC did not have a Local Development Plan (LDP) in place; the National Planning Policy Framework states that if no LDP is in place, it is the presumption to approve sites in sustainable locations.

ASJ reported that MDC had considered appealing against the decision in Woodrolfe Road but decided against it.

The Chairman confirmed that the appeal decision would not be included as part of the rural allocation.

The Chairman stated that he had requested a meeting with MDC via ASJ, as Tollesbury would like to be included in the discussions regarding the rural allocation.

b) Employment

SO reported a further survey had been carried out which indicates no one would like large industry.

35% (59) who work in the village indicated that they would also like to live in the village.

SO stated that he may require help in seeing what type of work people would like in the village.

The Chairman stated that it was very clear from the workshop that smaller flexible work units were required and possible work/live units. The class uses for employment would also have to be considered, as the class use is very broad.

ASJ stated appropriate restrictions would need to put in place for work/live units.

c) Tourism & Leisure (Including Hasler Green & Recreation Ground)

The Chairman advised that in light of the Essex Coastal Path, MDC Leisure and Tourism department has decided that Tollesbury will be one of the three hubs for people wanting to access the seawall walks. Information boards will be displayed in the three hubs, which are in Burnham, Heybridge and Tollesbury.

It is assumed that Leisure and Tourism in the district is going to grow and MDC are making every effort to raise the profile of the district.

SP suggested dredging the river.

DH advised this is a topic of the Mersea Harbour Protection Trust and dredging and access is becoming an issue that is being discussed.

DH reported that he had a very positive meeting with Patrick Welsh, Natural England. DH stated he would be happy to share the notes of the meeting once they had been received.

DH reported that Patrick was unaware that Tollesbury was going to be a hub and will make contact with MDC.

RL suggested that the land via Bohuns Farm could be used as an access point to the seawall. ASJ suggested RL put together a business plan and approach the landowners.

DH advised the following groups had not responded to the questionnaire:

Action for Carers	BodyHit
Martial Arts Club	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
Sea Scouts	Slimming World
Tollesbury Amateur Players	Tollesbury Badminton Club
Tollesbury Juniors Football Club	Tollesbury Photographic Club
Tolleywood Film Club	

DH reported the theme rating from the 33 completed questionnaires.

<u>Topic of Concern/Need</u>	<u>#Mentions</u>
1. Traffic	10
2. Parking	8
3. Children and youth	7
4. Infrastructure	7
5. Homes for young and old	4
6. School	4
7. Funds	3
8. Volunteers	2
9. Transport	2
10. Footpaths	2
11. Dredging	1
12. Landing ashore	1
13. Disabled audit	1
14. Doctors	1

RL stated that he was disappointed that the costal footpaths are not disabled friendly. Is there a specific place for disabled people to go?

DH suggested that a disabled audit was required and there is disability awareness group in Maldon that may be able to assist/guide us to carry out a disable audit.

d) Marine Environment (including flood risk and coastal defences)

RL advised that he had spoken with Peter Cosgrove who had taken the lead for the Marine Management Plan for the Thames Estuary. RL stated he asked about the Shoreline Management Plan and was advised that the Marine Management Plan is a statutory document and the Shoreline Management Plan is an advisory document.

RL reported there is a consultation document that includes integrated coastal management – response required by 19th May 2016.

RL asked if we lost a seawall around Tollesbury Wick, this would make mooring untenable. Do we need to enforce a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan, if there is a breach, it should be retained to protect the asset.

ASJ suggested a policy to hold the line.

RL referred to the list of assets that he had produced and advised the MMO are keen to hear from local interest and have stated that evidence should be based in local knowledge.

The Chairman stated that the Committee need to establish the local assets and this needs to be discussed and agreed at the next stage.

e) Rural Area (including Woodrolfe Green)

No update – SS and CS were not present at the meeting

f) School & Doctors

SP provided copies of the responses from Tollesbury School and Tolleshunt D'Arcy School.

SP was still waiting for a response from Tollesbury Doctors surgery.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would be held on Thursday 9th June 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.