

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the remote meeting held on 21st September 2020

Planning

Decisions by Maldon District Council:

10 Barnhall Road – Proposed loft conversion, rear dormer, and a single storey rear extension. Approved.

Monastery of St John The Baptist Rectory Road – extension to car park. Refused on the grounds that the large area of hardstanding and high-level lighting columns would have an urbanising effect on the rural character of the area.

The following new planning applications were considered:

Land at Oaklands Park, Park Lane – Proposed formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use. For information only.

Grove Hall Blind Lane – conversion of existing buildings to granny annex. The Parish Council made no comment.

Red Roof 25 Strawberry Lane – raise the roof to the existing bungalow, construction of front extension and detached cart lodge together with associated area of additional porous block paving driveway. Mobile home to be situated on site during the course of building works, to be occupied by a family member. This application was supported.

Land south of Panorama Barnhall Road – Change of use of land to private garden and domestic garage. It was noted that this application has been withdrawn.

Maldon District Council is investigating possible breaches of planning conditions at Meadow Nursery Park Lane and 26 Top Road.

Highways

Monthly reports of Trucam patrols:

June 2020 – 33 captures of speeding vehicles

July 2020 – 17 captures

August 2020 – 41 captures

Playing field

Work on repairs to the playing field driveway will now have to be deferred for some time due to manpower issues with the contractor and the impending winter weather. It is now hoped to carry out this work in the spring of 2021.

Dog fouling issues in the play area and playing field remain a problem; Maldon District Council has now advised that evidence from CCTV footage can be used to impose fines on irresponsible dog owners, and the Parish Council will actively pursue this. You may think that you can't be seen failing to pick up your dog's mess, but the camera may well see you. Be warned!

The Parish Council considered a request from the Village Hall Management Committee to plant memorial trees in remembrance of Sheila Hillen and Clive French, both very active in the village during their lifetimes. The Council felt that benches would be more appropriate, and this will now be put in hand with plaques on each bench.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November. The Council will consider arrangements for this at its next meeting. Obviously, government guidelines and restrictions will have to be taken into account when this is done.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a remote meeting using Zoom on Monday 19th October 2020. Remote meetings will continue to be held until restrictions are lifted by the National Association of Local Councils. Residents are welcome to join the meeting – please contact the clerk several days beforehand to obtain joining instructions.