

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26.7.2021 in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights

PRESENT:

CHAIR – COUNCILLOR D TUNGATT

VICE CHAIR – COUNCILLOR M PORTER

COUNCILLORS MR COOK, MRS DENNIS, MR LONG AND MRS THOMPSON

The Parish Clerk Miss Banyard

No members of the public were in attendance.

To receive questions/enquiries from members of the public, to receive an answer at an appropriate time in the agenda.

No issues were raised.

3190/01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest from Members on any of the agenda items set out below.

There were no apologies for absence.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3191/01 To approve the Minutes of the Annual remote meeting held on 6.5.2021 (no meeting was held in June).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3192/01 To receive information on matters contained in the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3193/01 Planning

a. Decisions by Maldon District Council. The following were received:

FUL/MAL/21/00267 Meadow Nursery Park Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Retention of existing dwelling	Refused 10.5.21. The owner of Meadow Nursery has now been asked to remove the breach of planning control (relating to demolition of the existing dwelling). Should this request not be complied with, Maldon District Council will consider the expediency of taking further enforcement action in the form of a Notice.
HOUSE/MAL/21/00310 37 Strawberry Lane Tiptree	Single storey front and rear extension. Changes to fenestration. New patio.	Approved 10.6.21.

b. New applications. The following were considered:

21/00547/COUPA	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 5no. dwelling houses (Class C3)	Gobolts Farm Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights It was RESOLVED to object to this application as it is cramped, contrived and of poor design. Furthermore it is known that these barns have been used for some time by bats and barn owls which are protected species. <i>Decision taken between meetings.</i>
21/00575/HOUSE	Single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration. New porch (amendments to previous refused scheme 21/00170/HOUSE)	25 D'Arcy Road Tiptree It was RESOLVED to object to this application as it is cramped, contrived, too close to the neighbour's boundary, of poor design and out of keeping with the area. <i>Decision taken between meetings</i>

201401 (Colchester Borough Council)	Amended application. Outline application for 7 detached bungalows with associated access, layout, parking, amenity and landscaping.	Brook Hall Cottages Factory Hill Tiptree. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds given in Appendix A of this agenda. <i>Decision taken between meetings.</i>
21/00654/FUL	Evershot Hall Park Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Full planning application for the rebuild of the dwelling following fire damage, second storey extension to the approved single utility projection and the retrospective approval for the outbuildings. It was RESOLVED to make the following comments: The proposed elevation overlooking the adjacent property has windows which will cause overlooking. The Council is also aware that music has been heard throughout the day from the gym which appears to be in commercial use.
21/00666/COUPA	Park Farm Park Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible use within shops (Class A1), financial and professional services (Class A2), restaurants and cafes (Class A3), business (Class B1), storage or distribution (Class B8), hotels (Class C1) or assembly and leisure (Class D2). It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

c. Councillors noted the following Appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate:

Land at The Barn Honeypot Lane Tolleshunt Knights – enforcement notices	APP/x1545/c/20/3249912 and APP/X1545/C/20/3249913 App/x1545/c/20/3249914 and APP/X1545/C/20/3249915 APP/X1545/C/20/3249916 and APP/X1545/C/20/3249917 The appeals are allowed and the enforcement notices are quashed following corrections of the enforcement notices in the terms set in the formal decision. The application for the awards of costs is refused.
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- d. To receive any updates on planning enforcement issues.
There was nothing further to report.

3194/01 To consider any items of correspondence received or reports from the clerk
St Lukes PCC has provided costs of the new gates in the cemetery which will be covered by the annual grant provided by the Parish Council.

3194/02 It was **RESOLVED** not to order any road salt from Essex County Council for the coming year as there is still plenty left over from last year.

3194/03 Village Hall – claim for subsidence caused by trees under the Parish Council’s ownership. Nothing further has been heard from the Parish Council’s insurers.

3195/01 To consider any highways issues
Trucam patrols in May made 20 captures of speeding vehicles.

3195/02 An overgrown hedge outside no 11 Barnhall Road is encroaching on the road and will be reported to Highways.

3195/03 It was noted that the recent verge cutting in Barnhall Road was very uneven with many areas missed. This will be reported to Highways who will also be asked when the white lines will be reinstated in Barnhall Road.

3195/04 A letter will be sent to the occupant of 4 Hawthorns asking them to clear the hard core which they left on the verge at the entrance to the road.

3195/05 A letter will be sent to the occupant of Sunbeams Barnhall Road asking them to desist from regular bonfires at the site which are causing annoyance to neighbouring properties, especially in the recent hot weather.

3196/01 To consider any issues concerning public rights of way.
There was nothing to report.

3197/01 Report of the Road Safety Officer.
The pavement in the vicinity of the Brook Road roundabout has become narrow due to overhanging vegetation. This will be reported to Highways.

3198/01 Report of the Press Officer.
There was nothing to report.

3199/01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative
A new committee is now in place with new trustees appointed.

3200/01 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

- a. The financial statements were approved.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary + expenses July	£ 251.84
HMRC	Clerk's tax July	£ 59.71
St Luke's PCC	Grant for T Knights cemetery upkeep	£ 200.00
Zoom Video Communications	Monthly fee July	£ 14.39
One.com	Annual website fee	£ 62.24

3201/01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field, Village Hall car park and CCTV system.

It is hoped that the repairs to the Village Hall drive will take place in late August, subject to dry weather. Notices will be put up advising the public of the exact dates for the closure of the drive to vehicles and the entrance gate to the drive will be locked with a new padlock.

3201/02

Mr Berriman has advised that TK Eagles Seniors will not now be using the playing field for practices over the summer.

3201/03

THFC Juniors will not now be using the field for their Fun Day.

3201/04

It was **RESOLVED** that the play group should be asked to give a donation to the Village Hall in lieu of a hire fee for use of the field for their fete on 22nd August. It was noted that the play group has not yet given the Parish Council exact details of what activities they will be holding.

3201/05

A complaint has been received that the grounds maintenance team are not removing cuttings from the field after mowing. In fact they are not required to do this and the extra grass is due to the recent wet weather. It was **RESOLVED** to ask Maldon District Council for an on-site visit on the field to discuss setting up a new Service Level Agreement for grounds maintenance.

3202/01 To consider and approve the draft Risk Assessment with the amendments proposed by the internal auditor.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft policy as presented.

3203/01 To set the date for the Council's August meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 16th August in the Village Hall.

3204/01 To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda.

No issues were raised.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.