

**TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16.8.2021**

A discussion was held with representatives of the Village Hall Management Committee concerning the insurance claim for subsidence at the Hall. It is not yet certain if the problem is caused by the Parish Council's oak trees or whether there is a problem with the building methods used in the Hall. The Parish Council's insurers are dealing with the matter and their report is awaited.

It was noted that Tiptree Heath FC has held matches on the field during mid week without permission. The Club will be reminded of the terms of its Hire Agreement which limit play to weekends only.

#### Planning

The application for a change of use of an agricultural building at Park Farm Park Lane has been withdrawn.

The following decision by Maldon District Council was noted:

25 D'Arcy Road – single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration. New porch. Refused. There were no new planning applications to consider.

#### Highways

In July the Trucam patrols made 14 captures of speeding vehicles in the village.

Various issues have been reported to Highways: Overgrown hedge in Barnhall Road, vegetation overhanging the pedestrian footway near the Brook Road roundabout, and the poor standard of grass cutting of the verges in Barnhall Road.

#### Blind Lane cemetery.

Each year the Parish Council makes a grant towards the upkeep of the cemetery, and this year the money was used to put in new gates.

#### Playing field

Maldon District Council has provided a quote for additional grounds maintenance work in the playing field, and this was approved by the Parish Council.

The Council now has a new policy for hiring out the playing field. An application form can be obtained from the clerk or downloaded from the website and this must be completed in full together with sight of insurance cover and a Risk Assessment before the hire can be considered. This is necessary to comply with the Council's insurance cover.

Repair works have now been carried out on the Village Hall drive.

#### Village Hall Management Committee

A new committee is now in place and hire charges for the Hall have been reviewed in line with other local Halls. The ash trees in front of the Hall are to be lopped as they may have some connection with the subsidence issues at the Hall and they are also dying.

#### Parish Council meetings

These will be held on the third Monday of each month and the agenda will be published a few days beforehand on the Council's website and the notice board at the entrance into the playing field driveway. Members of the public are welcome to attend.