

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th July 2021

Planning

Decisions by Maldon District Council:

37 Strawberry Lane – single storey front and rear extension. Changes to fenestration. New patio. Approved.

Meadow Nursery Park Lane – retention of existing dwelling. Refused. The owner of Meadow Nursery has now been asked to remove the breach of planning control relating to the demolition of the existing dwelling. If this is not done Maldon District Council will consider further enforcement action.

New applications considered by the Parish Council:

Gobalts Farm Barnhall Road – change of use of agricultural buildings to 5no. dwelling houses. Objection on the grounds of design and disturbance to bats and barn owls known to use the buildings.

25 D'Arcy Road – single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration. New porch (amendments to previously refused application). Objection on the grounds that it is cramped, contrived and of poor design.

Brook Hall Cottages Factory Hill. The previous application for this site has now been amended, but the Parish Council continues to object on the grounds made for the previous application. Of especial concern is the erosion of the buffer zone between Tiptree and Tolleshunt Knights.

Evershot Hall, Park Lane – rebuild of the dwelling following fire damage with an additional second storey extension and retrospective approval for outbuildings. The Parish Council makes the comment that the elevation overlooking the neighbouring property has windows which will cause overlooking, and loud music coming from the original gym which is in commercial use.

Park Farm Park Lane – change of use of agricultural buildings for flexible use. The Parish Council has no comment to make.

Appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate over a number of issues at The Barn Honeypot Lane Tolleshunt Knights. Appeals are allowed and enforcement notices quashed. Awards for costs by the applicant have been refused.

Tolleshunt Knights cemetery.

Each year the Council makes a grant of £200 for the upkeep of the cemetery. This year the money has been used to replace the gates.

Insurance claim by the Village Hall Management Committee alleging subsidence caused by oak trees under the control of the Parish Council. This matter is now in the hands of the Parish Council's insurers and a decision from them is awaited.

Highways

In May the Trucam patrols made captures of 20 speeding vehicles over a 2-hour period.

Village Hall

It was noted that a new committee has now been appointed to run the Hall.

Repairs to Village Hall driveway

Repairs are scheduled to take place in late August and will require the drive to be closed for three days. During that time there will be no access to vehicles and the gates will be locked. The public will be given notice of the exact dates as soon as this is known.

Playing field

The Council will approach the contractors who cut the grass to make a new Service Level Agreement about the work to be done.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on 16th August in the Village Hall. Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend, and the agenda will be published on the Parish Council's website and the notice board at the entrance to the playing field.