

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Annual Meeting held on 16.5.2023
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Councillor D Tungatt was elected as Chair for the forthcoming year and Councillor M Porter as Vice Chair.

Planning

Decisions from Maldon District Council:

The Foxes Tudwick Road Tiptree – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and alteration to the front including porch. Approved.

Land at Lower and Middle Farm Blind Lane – demolish five existing silos and conversion of one silo into habitable accommodation. Refused.

1 Barnhall Road – claim for lawful development certificate for proposed solar panels. Approved.

New applications:

Lower Farm Blind Lane – retrospective application for an outbuilding for the use of a psychotherapy practice on an ancillary basis. The Parish Council supports this application as it provides a valuable service for local people.

Land at Hylands Rectory Road – new hall building. The Parish Council neither objects to or supports this application but is concerned at the height, size and scale of the proposed building in a rural setting, and the intensification of use which will lead to a greater volume of traffic in what is a narrow rural lane.

Land at Dodo Mansion Kelvedon Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy. The Parish Council objects to this application. The site is not sustainable, is not provided with an adequate public transport system, has no pedestrian footways and could result in the social isolation of the inhabitants. The access would also come out at what is already a dangerous bend in the road.

Highways

The Trucam patrols report for the year April 2022 – March 2023 inclusive showed a total of 417 captures of speeding vehicles. Of these 382 drivers were sent on a speed awareness course, 1 was prosecuted and 34 were made a conditional offer of a course or prosecution. Obviously the problem of speeding in the village remains serious, so patrols will continue. It is very disappointing that the number of offenders is so high.

Two residents in Barnhall Road spent some time removing litter from the sides of the road and sent photos of the sacks they collected to the Parish Council. Their efforts were applauded and Maldon District Council will now be asked to carry out a sweep of litter along the road.

Essex County Council will be asked to improve the entrance to the footpath from the Brook Road roundabout towards the fishing lakes as this has become very muddy.

It was noted that some potholes in the roads have been repaired but many remain.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been installed in the porch of the Village Hall and was recently deployed for an emergency but not actually used. It is comforting to know that such an important community asset is now available. Dates for the training courses will be known shortly.

Playing field

The Council has made the decision that in future no inflatables of any kind (including bouncy castles) will be allowed when hiring out the playing field. This decision was taken for insurance and health and safety reasons. If anyone wishes to hire out the playing field for any events they can find the application form to do so on the Parish Council website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council

will be held on Monday 19th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be posted on the Council's website and on the notice board at the entrance to the Village Hall driveway a few days before the meeting.