

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the meeting held on 18.9.2023

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were received:

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

Hylands Rectory Road – ancillary building in place of existing former chicken shed storage building. Refused.

The following new application was considered:

Hallfield Gate Barnhall Road – demolish existing dwelling with a replacement 4 bed dwelling and separate annex along with external landscaping, new lake, BBQ outbuilding and solar panels. The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that the proposal is incompatible with the rural setting and would have an urbanising effect on the street scene. Furthermore it is felt to be of a poor design and out of character with existing buildings in the area.

Enforcement. A large mobile home has appeared at Mayfield Park Lane. As this does not have planning permission it will be reported to Maldon District Council.

Appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate: Gobolts Farm Barnhall Road – change of use of agricultural buildings to 5no dwelling houses. Appeal dismissed.

Highways/public rights of way

A report has been received of littering with laughing gas canisters at the bottom of Rectory Road. The police will be informed.

Trucam patrols in August made a total of 64 captures over four patrols (two hours). The Parish Council remains concerned at the number of speeding vehicles in the area, despite monthly patrols, and it is considering the purchase of wheelie bin stickers to try and deter speeding in the village. See Facebook for further details.

A large pothole outside 83 Barnhall Road will be reported to Highways.

A damaged bridge on footpath 13 (running parallel to the old railway line) has now been repaired.

Training on the use of the defibrillator by the Community Heartbeat Trust

A free course will be held on Tuesday 19th September and there has been a good uptake from various organisations which use the Village Hall and playing field. It is important that if the defibrillator is deployed in an emergency and the pads of the machine used, that this is reported to the contact number shown on the defibrillator in order that new pads can be sent for and the machine put back into use.

Remembrance Day service

A short service will be held outside the Village Hall on Sunday 12th November, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 30th October (a week later than normal) and the agenda will be displayed on the Parish Council's website and notice board.