

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the meeting held on 30.10.2023

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were received:

Land south west of Lower Farm Blind Lane – change of use of agricultural land to provide stable block, yard and manege. Refused.

Hylands Rectory Road – new hall building. Refused.

The following new applications were considered:

Land rear of The Sunbeams Barnhall Road – construction of 2 four bed dwellings using the existing driveway from Barnhall Road, and adjacent to the build line of the

newly erected neighbouring home. The Parish Council objects to this application which constitutes backland development and additional dwellings in the countryside.

The site is not sustainable as it is remote from existing facilities and services and would require the use of private cars to access the same. There is also concern at a pinch point in the existing driveway which will limit access to the proposed site.

3 Woodacre Place – first floor extension over existing carport, incorporating front and rear dormers. The Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.

Land south west of Lower Farm Blind Lane – change of use of agricultural land to provide stable block, yard and manege. This application is supported as the new proposal has taken into consideration

the concerns raised by the District Council on an earlier application.

End of Langford waterpipe Hatfield Road Langford- sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed to install a new water main. This application is supported.

The following decisions by the Planning Inspectorate were received:

Grove Hall Blind Lane – conversion of annexe to a private two bed dwelling. Appeal allowed.

Highways/public rights of way

A report has been received of littering with laughing gas canisters at the bottom of Rectory Road. The police have confirmed that they will carry out patrols in the area.

Trucam patrols in September made a total of 27 captures over four patrols (two hours).

A resident has raised concerns about speeding in Barnhall Road and the increase in the number of HGVs using the road. It is believed that the latter is due to traffic going to the construction of a nearby solar farm is

being diverted away from other villages and is coming through Tolleshunt Knights instead. The Council will report a number of speed limit signs which are hidden by overgrown vegetation, and others which have been damaged.

Village Hall It has now been reported that the subsidence in the Hall appears to be due to heave exacerbated by the removal of ash trees at the front of the Hall, and not the nearby oak trees owned by the

Parish Council. The two insurance companies hope to hold a meeting to discuss the way forward.

Remembrance Day service

A short service will be held outside the Village Hall on Sunday 12th November at 10.45 am, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th November 2023 and the agenda will be displayed on the Parish Council's website and notice board.