

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 30.10.2023

Present: Chair – Councillor D Tungatt
 Vice Chair – Councillor M Porter
 Councillors R Browning, G Cook, J Dennis, R Long and M Thompson.
 Parish clerk – V Banyard.
 No members of the public were present.

To receive questions/enquiries from members of the public, to receive an answer at an appropriate time in the agenda.

No issues were raised.

3563/01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Thompson.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3564/01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18.9.2023

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3565/01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3567.01 To consider planning issues:

a. Decisions by Maldon District Council.

FUL/MAL/23/00699 Land south west of Lower Farm Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Change of use of agricultural land to provide stable block, yard and manege	REFUSED Date of decision: 19.9.2023
FUL/MAL/23/00736 Hylands Rectory Road Tolleshunt Knights	New hall building	REFUSED Date of decision 19.9.2023

b. New applications– The following were considered:

23/00466	Land rear of The Sunbeams 29 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Construction of 2no 4 bedroom bungalows, using existing driveway from Barnhall Road and adjacent to the build line of the newly erected neighbouring home. It was RESOLVED to object to this application as it would constitute back land development on an unsustainable site which is remote from community services and facilities and would require use of the private car to access the same. The Council is also concerned at the pinch point in the present driveway which would restrict access to the proposed site.
23/00973/HOUSE	3 Woodacre Place Tolleshunt Knights	First floor extension over existing carport, incorporating front and rear dormers. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
23/00929/FUL	Land south west of Lower Farm Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Change of use of agricultural land to provide stable block, yard and manege Decision taken between meetings – it was RESOLVED to support this application.

23/00928/HRN	End of Langford Waterpipe Hatfield Road Langford	Sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed in order to install a new water main Decision taken between meetings – it was RESOLVED to support this application.
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c. To note the following decisions by the Planning Inspectorate:

Appeal A ref: APP/X1545/W/22/3304219 FUL/MAL/22/00337	Grove Hall Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights Conversion of annexe to private two bedroom dwelling	Appeal allowed
Appeal B ref: APP/X1545/Y/22/3304801 LBC/MAL/22/00338	Grove Hall Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights Conversion of annexe to private two bedroom dwelling	Appeal allowed

d. Enforcement issues – any updates. It was noted that a large mobile home has appeared at Mayfield Park Lane. This has been reported to Maldon District Council’s enforcement team (case ref: ENF548738408).

e. To consider any other planning issues which may be raised.
There was nothing to consider.

3568.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.

A resident has raised concerns via the Parish Council website about dog fouling and the prohibition of drones in the playing field. He will be advised of the Council’s position on these two issues. The Ride London Women’s pro cycling race will pass through Tiptree on 25.5.2024. It was noted that a person has been allowing their dog to foul in the playing field without clearing up afterwards. Trucam will be asked to carry out a patrol in the field in place of one speed patrol.

3569.01 To consider any Highways issues.

A resident has raised concerns about the increase in speeding in Barnhall Road and the number of large vehicles passing through. Some speed limit signs are damaged or obscured. The signs will be reported to Highways and a letter will be sent to the resident to explain the use of Trucam in the village.

The Trucam patrols in September made a total of 27 captures of speeding vehicles over two hours.

3570.01 Public rights of way report.

The entrance to the footpath from the Brook Road roundabout towards Park Lane is very muddy but it is unlikely that anything can be done given the cutbacks in the budget of the Rights of Way team at Essex County Council.

3571.01 Road Safety report

No issues were raised.

3572.01 Press Officer’s report

No issues were raised.

3573.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative

Insurance claim re subsidence at the Hall: it now appears that the subsidence is due to heave caused by the felling of the ash trees outside the Hall, and the oak trees are not involved. It is hoped that the two insurance companies and other interested parties can meet to discuss the way forward with this issue.

The VHMC is considering a Beer Festival in 2024.

3574.01 To receive the financial reports for October and to approve cheques for payment.

The financial reports for October were received.

3574.02 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk’s salary and expenses October	£ 269.27
HMRC	Clerk’s tax October	£ 61.55

Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£ 25.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection fee	£ 40.00
Maldon District Council	Play area inspection	£ 78.12
Maldon District Council	Trucam July – Sept 2023	£ 291.82
Safety Signs	Dog sign for playing field	£ 37.18
Maldon District Council	Grounds maintenance Q2	£ 815.60

It was noted that there will be some budget overspend this year on Trucam patrols and grounds maintenance. Maldon District Council will be asked when they set the new rates for the coming year as the Parish Council will find it helpful to know this when setting the budget for 2024-2025.

3575.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems

Tiptree Monarchs Youth FC will be asked to make sure that all holes for goal posts are either covered or filled in, as a number of residents have expressed concerns that loose dogs could trip in the holes and be injured.

3575.02 Playing field Deeds. The clerk has been in touch with the two solicitors who were involved with the sale of the land for the new Hall, and they will look in their archives to see if they can locate the Deeds of the field.

3576.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda.

The Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday 12th November at 10.45 am. At the November meeting of the Council a date will be set for the budget working party.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.46 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 20.11.2023 and recorded as Minute Reference 3578.01.