

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 3.1.2024 (December 2023 meeting postponed to this date)

Chairing the meeting – Councillor M Porter (Vice Chair)
Councillors G Cook, 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.

3591/01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr Browning, Mrs Dennis and Mr Tungatt.
No Declarations of Interest were made.

3592/01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20.11.2023

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

3593/01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3594.01 To consider planning issues:

Decisions by Maldon District Council.

FUL/MAL/23/00929 Land south west of Lower Farm Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Change of use of agricultural land to provide stable block, yard and manege	APPROVED Date of decision 23.11.2023
HOUSE/MAL/23/00973 3 Woodacre Place Tolleshunt Knights	First floor extension over existing carport, incorporating front and rear dormers	APPROVED Date of decision 18.12.2023
FUL/MAL/23/00466 Land rear of The Sunbeams 29 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Erection of 2no four bedroom bungalows	REFUSED Date of decision 21.12.2023

New applications – The following were considered:

23/01207/FUL	Temporary site access off Rectory Road Tolleshunt Knights	Construction of temporary double access – work to install new pipeline Langford to Abberton. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
23/01208/FUL	Temporary site access off Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Construction of temporary single access – work to install new pipeline Langford to Abberton. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

c. Enforcement issues – progress report (if any). No update was available.

d. Councillors noted the following decision by the Planning Inspectorate:

APP/X1545/W/23/3325960 FUL/MAL/22/01252 Land adjacent to 56 Top Road Tolleshunt Knights	Three new dwellings and landscaped proposals	APPEAL DISMISSED Date of decision 14,12,2023
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e. To consider any other planning issues which may be raised.
There was nothing to consider.

3595.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.

No issues were raised.

3596.01 To consider any Highways issues.

Damaged signs and potholes in Barnhall Road. These have been reported to Highways but are not considered to be a priority for repair.

The Trucam patrols in November made a total of 20 captures of speeding vehicles over two hours.

3597.01 Public rights of way report.

Residents have raised concerns over an electric fence close to the footpath from the Brook Road roundabout towards Park Lane. However, as this fence is enclosing a field of sheep users of the path are reminded to keep all dogs on leads.

3598.01 Road Safety report

No issues were raised.

3599.01 Press Officer's report

No issues were raised.

3600.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative

Insurance claim re subsidence of the Village Hall. It was noted that a heave test was recently carried out and the VHMC is awaiting the report.

The Parish Council is concerned at the length of time that it is taking to finalise this claim, and the lack of information from its own insurers. It will therefore ask the VHMC if they would work with the Parish Council to get a meeting convened between all parties to see if any progress can be made.

3601.01 To receive the financial reports for December and to approve cheques for payment.

The financial reports were received.

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

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses December	£ 269.27
HMRC	Clerk's tax December	£ 61.55

3602/01 To consider the working party's report on setting the budget for the year 2024-2025 and to approve the budget for that year

Consideration was given to the draft budget and it was **RESOLVED** to approve it as presented.

3603/01 To set the precept for the year 2024-2025

Having considered the budget it was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for the above year at £15,000.

In doing this the Council had regard for the present rate of inflation in providing services such as the grounds maintenance of the playing field and the provision of monthly Trucam speed patrols, as well as the fact that in recent years there has been no increase in the precept. The Council is also mindful of the ongoing insurance claim for subsidence of the village hall for which funds have to be set aside. It is also hoped to carry out new white lining of the playing field car park at some time in the future.

Tolleshunt Knights Parish Council is still one of the lowest costs per resident in the Maldon district with the rise taking the parish precept to an average of £37.50 per household for the year.

3604.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems

Defibrillator. It was noted that the defibrillator was recently deployed although it is not known if it was used. The machine was checked and is now operable again.

Playing field Deeds. Nothing further has been heard.

3590.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda.

The clerk's contract is due for renewal. Details will be sent round to Councillors.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting held on 15.1.2024 and recorded as Minute Ref: 3592.01