

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the meeting held on 19.2.2024

Planning

Decisions from Maldon District Council:

Construction of temporary site accesses off Rectory Road and Barnhall Road to allow work on the new water pipeline from Langford to Abberton – approved.

Little Acres Barnhall Road – single storey rear extension, swimming pool enclosure and alteration to fenestration. Approved.

Amended application – Hallfield Gate Barnhall Road. Demolish existing dwelling with a replacement 4 bed dwelling and separate annexe along with external landscaping, new lake, BBQ outbuilding and solar panels. The Parish Council's objection to this proposal stands – that it is of a poor and urbanising design and would be incompatible with the rural surroundings.

A number of enforcement issues have been reported to Maldon District Council in the last few months but very little action has been taken to date. It was agreed that Tolleshunt Knights should join with Little Totham and Tolleshunt Major Parish Councils to try and get more meaningful responses from the enforcement team at Maldon District Council.

Highways/public rights of way

Trucam in January made a total of 7 captures over four patrols (two hours). This is a significant reduction in the number of speeding vehicles but it remains to be seen whether this trend continues.

Village Hall Insurance claim for subsidence of the Hall – a verbal update has been received from the VHMC but the Parish Council waits to have this confirmed in writing.

The VHMC has suggested that a bottle bank is provided in the playing field car park. The Parish Council will investigate this but has significant concerns about possible broken glass and bottles left on the ground which could lead to injuries to people and dogs using the car park.

Playing field

A quote for crown lifting and the removal of deadwood from the oak trees next to the Hall has been approved and work will be carried out as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow. At the same time the Parish Council noticeboard will be relocated to the car park.

The Parish Council has accepted a quote from Maldon District Council for grounds maintenance in the playing field for 2024-2025.

Users of the playing field are reminded that dogs should be kept on leads whilst in the playing field car park. A number of patrols have taken place to check that owners are picking up dog waste – those who do not do so will be fined.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall committee room. The agenda will be displayed on the Parish Council's website and notice board a few days before the meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.