

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the meeting held on 15.4.2024

Planning

There were no decisions from Maldon District Council and no new applications to consider.

The Council is working with Tolleshunt Major and Little Totham Parish Councils to try and achieve a more meaningful and robust performance from the planning enforcement team at Maldon District Council. Too often in the past little has been done to enforce any breaches of planning permissions or conditions in the three villages.

Highways/public rights of way

Trucam in March made a total of 34 captures of speeding vehicles over four patrols (two hours). Speeding remains a significant problem in the parish and the local police have been invited to carry out speed traps in the village.

A pothole outside 16 Barnhall Road was recently repaired but the surface has already started to disintegrate. It will again be reported to Highways.

Village Hall

A litter pick is to be held on 12th May.

Playing field

Now that the weather has improved repairs to the play area and fence, dead wooding and crown lifting of the oak trees near the hall and the relocation of the Parish Council noticeboard can take place very shortly.

The Council will seek to obtain tree protection orders for the four oak trees next to the Village Hall.

Subsidence of the Village Hall and alleged involvement of the oak trees. This matter has now been dragging on for a number of years – it was first reported in 2019. The Parish Council, as owners of the oak trees, remain frustrated at the procrastination and the lack of information coming from both of the insurance companies involved.

Users of the play area are reminded that **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PLAY AREA AND SOME EQUIPMENT IS NOT SUITABLE TO BE USED BY ADULTS.** The play area is covered by CCTV cameras and any damage will be followed up.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30 pm. The public are invited to attend and the agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website and this notice board in due course.