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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 15.4.2024

Present: Councillor D Tungatt (Chair) Councillor M Porter (Vice Chair) Councillors J Dennis, R Browning, 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.

<u>3647.01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.</u> There were no apologies for absence. No Declarations of Interest were made.

<u>3648.01</u> To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15.4.2024 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

<u>3649.01</u> To receive items of information on the above Minutes. No issues were raised.

3650.01 To consider planning issues:

Decisions by Maldon District Council. None had been received.

New applications. There were no new applications to consider.

Enforcement issues – progress report (if any). No update has been given by Maldon District Council. Nothing further has been heard from Little Totham Parish Council concerning a joint approach to improve planning enforcement.

Other planning issues. No issues were raised.

<u>3651.01</u> To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received. There was nothing to consider.

3652.01 To consider any Highways issues.

The Trucam patrols in March made a total of 34 captures of speeding vehicles over two hours. A new agreement has now been made with the District Council to continue Trucam patrols for the coming year.

Essex Police have carried out some speed patrols in the village but the results are not yet known.

3653.01 Public rights of way report.

It was noted that due to the recent very wet weather the entrance to the footpath from the Brook Road roundabout is very muddy. Councillor Long will report this to Essex County Council.

<u>3654.01 Road Safety report</u> There was nothing to report.

<u>3655.26 Press Officer's report</u> There was nothing to report.

3656.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative

Councillor Porter was unable to attend the last meeting but advises that a litter picking event will be held on 12th May. There is nothing further to report on the Hall subsidence and it is not clear if the VHMC has agreed to root barriers for the oak trees rather than felling. The clerk will ask the Parish Council insurers for an update on this issue.

Steps will also be taken to have the oak trees registered as protected trees by Maldon District Council.

<u>3657.01</u> To receive the financial reports for April and to approve cheques for payment. The financial reports were received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses April	£ 299.07
HMRC	Clerk's tax April	£ 69.00
Microsoft	Subscription renewal	£ 59.99
Maldon DC	Trucam patrols Jan – Mar 2024	£ 291.82

It was **RESOLVED** to look into the adoption of internet banking for the Council,

<u>3658.01</u> Internal audit of the accounts for the year ended <u>31.3.2024</u> – update The internal audit is due to take place on <u>23.4.2024</u>.

<u>3659.01</u> To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems

<u>Tree work.</u> Bonz is due to carry out the crown lifting and dead wooding of the oak trees, play area repairs and the relocation of the notice board as soon as the weather allows.

<u>Use of the field by hirers</u>. The Monarchs Youth FC has advised that they will no longer be able to use the field as they do not have enough players.

The dog trainer has not made any further bookings for the use of the field.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mr Porter should purchase some more dog waste bags for the dispenser in the car park.

<u>Playing field Deeds</u>. Bawtrees solicitors have advised that they are looking to see if they hold the deeds.

<u>3660.01</u> To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda. No issues were raised.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.29 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 20.5.2024 and recorded as Minute Reference 3662.01.