

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Annual Meeting held on 20.5.2024

Councillor Doug Tungatt was elected as Chair and Councillor Michael Porter as Vice Chair for the year 2024-2025.

Planning

Decisions from Maldon District Council:

10 Barnhall Road – single storey front, side and rear extensions and alteration to fenestration. Approved.

23 Hawthorn Road – single storey rear extension. Prior approval granted.

Land north of Grove Hall Blind Lane – change of use of an agricultural building into one dwelling. Refused.

New application.

91 Brook Road. Demolition of conservatory to facilitate single storey rear extension. Dormer to rear. Relocate entrance door, addition of roof light to front and new window and door to side. The Parish Council has no comment to make.

The Council is now 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.

Highways/public rights of way

Trucam in April made a total of 47 captures of speeding vehicles over four patrols (two hours). Speeding remains a significant problem in the parish and the local police have recently been carrying out speed traps in the village

Councillor Mark Durham (Essex County Council) has advised that he is able to provide Highways crews to carry out repairs in the villages under his jurisdiction. The Parish Council will make a list of issues such as potholes and missing road signs to pass on for his attention.

Playing field

Subsidence claim by the Village Hall against the Parish Council. The insurers have now advised that there are only two options to settle this claim: felling of the three oak trees alongside the Village Hall or installing root barriers. The Parish Council is anxious to carefully consider each option before a final decision is made, but obtaining quotes for a root barrier can only be done via the insurers, who are not being at all proactive in dealing with this. The situation is extremely frustrating.

The annual play area inspection is due to be carried out very shortly.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 17th June 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.