

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17.6.2024

A member of the public raised concerns over speeding and the lack of signage in Barnhall Road. This has been of great concern to the Parish Council for many years but Highways does not seem to consider it a priority to take any action. The Parish Council pays for Trucam patrols to take place along the road and has also asked the police to carry out speed checks and repeatedly reports faults to Highways. Their reply is often that the problem is not considered a priority. The Council will continue to bring any matters to the attention of the County Council but does not have any powers to deal with these issues itself.

Planning

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

The Council remains very dissatisfied with the way in which Maldon District Council carries out planning enforcement, and will contact other Councils in the district to find out the overall situation.

Highways/public rights of way

Trucam in May made a total of 45 captures of speeding vehicles over four patrols (two hours).

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 has made a comprehensive list of issues which have been reported but not dealt with, and this will be passed on to Councillor Durham.

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 awaiting quotes for both felling and root barriers but it looks increasingly likely that the latter will be too expensive and felling will be the only option.

The annual play area inspection has now been carried out and the report will be discussed fully at the Council's July meeting.

The Council has given permission for the Torquespeed FC under 14 girls' team to carry out training sessions on the field on a weekly basis from June until September (Tuesdays 6 pm to 8 pm).

The internal audit of the accounts for the year ended 31.3.2024 has now been completed and all the relevant documentation will be published on the Parish Council's website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 15th July 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.