

## TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 17.3.2025

Present:

Councillor D Tungatt (Chair)

Councillors G Cook, N Lewis, 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, and to receive an answer at an appropriate time in the agenda.

No issues were raised.

3800.01.01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Dennis and M Porter.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3801.01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17.2.2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3802.01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3803.01 To consider the date of the Council's April meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the April meeting should take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to avoid a clash with the Easter Monday bank holiday.

3804.01 To consider planning issues:

Decision from Maldon District Council – The following was noted:

24/008932/FUL Palmers Farm Top Road Tolleshunt Knights	Demolition of existing house and outbuildings, erection of replacement dwelling and associated garage/home office	<b>Approved Date of decision: 12.3.2025</b>
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New applications. There were none to consider.

Enforcement issues. There was nothing to report from Maldon District Council. Councillor Mrs Thompson will obtain a list of current issues in the parish and these will be passed on to members. Councillors noted the response from MDC regarding Tolleshunt Major Parish Council's Freedom of Information request on planning enforcement issues in the district. Tolleshunt Knights will now do the same, asking for information for the month of March. It is hoped that by doing this the enforcement procedures in the parishes will become more robust.

Other planning issues. Maldon District Council has made a call for all local councils to provide details of brown field sites in their parishes. Members are not aware of any such sites in Tolleshunt Knights.

3805.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.

There was nothing to consider.

3806.01 To consider any Highways issues.

The Trucam report for February 2025 showed that four patrols totalling two hours over two different locations made captures of 13 speeding vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 41mph in a 30 mph speed limit.

It was **RESOLVED** to renew the contract for the Trucam patrols for 2025 – 2026 on the same basis as before (two hours per month). The police will also be asked to carry out speed checks in Barnhall Road and Brook Road following further concerns raised by a resident.

Councillor Mr Porter looked at the hedges in Top Road and has reported to Highways those which are overhanging the road. Various potholes in Tudwick Road have also been reported but so far no repairs have been carried out.

3807.01 Public rights of way report.

Footpaths are now drying out due to the recent lack of rain.

3808.01 Road Safety report

There was nothing to report due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Dennis.

3809.01 Press Officer's report

There was nothing to report.

3810.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee's representative

There was no report due to the absence of Councillor Mr Porter.

3811.01 To receive the financial reports for March 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 Mar	£ 308.47
HMRC	Clerk's tax Mar	£ 69.00
Maldon District Council	Grounds maintenance Q4 Jan – Mar 2025	£ 875.94

The list of payments above has been examined by the Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer, verified and certified against invoices where present.

It was **RESOLVED** that if the invoice for Trucam provision (Jan – Mar 2025) is received before the end of the current financial year it should be paid.

The clerk reported that she has now been approved as a signatory to the Council's Barclays account.

3812.01 To review the Parish Council's Register of Assets..

It was **RESOLVED** that following the advice of the internal auditor for the previous year, that the Asset should be based on historical purchase prices rather than depreciation values.

3813.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems

Regular checking of the defibrillator takes place and all has been found in order.

Quotes for a new play area fence and gates will be obtained by Councillor Mr Cook for discussion at the April meeting.

Playing field Deeds. Quotes for the obtaining of new Deeds (solicitor's fees and land valuation etc) were discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that ways to obtain these more cheaply should be explored.

3814.01 Update – insurance claim VHMC versus the Parish Council.

There is nothing further to report as yet. The council's insurers are waiting to hear from the claimant.

3815.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion in a future agenda.

The government's policy on local council devolution and reorganisation was briefly discussed, but information remains sparse at present.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.