

**TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL REMOTE MEETING OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 6.7.2020**

**Attending the meeting:**

Chair – Councillor T Payne  
Vice Chair – Councillor T Deer  
Councillors M Coster, W Frost, K Neath and A Taylor  
V Banyard – parish clerk  
Three members of the public were in attendance.

**Prior to the commencement of the meeting- Public session.**

To allow members of the public to ask or answer questions or give evidence or information on matters relevant to the business of the Council.

Residents gave their views on the current application for the expansion of Beckingham Business Park (see below). Issues discussed were:

The height of the office blocks which would be tall on already high skyline.

Operating hours of the new units.

The proposed cafe is only for staff and visitors to the Business Park and not open to members of the public. Some business units on the Park are already vacant and this number is likely to increase given the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the economy.

It was noted that Tolleshunt Major Parish Council will liaise with Little Totham Parish Council when formulating its response this application.

**4267.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr Wood.

Councillor Mr Frost declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application below as his family rent farm from the Business Park for farming.

**4268.20 Planning**

a) To consider the following planning application –

20/00493/FUL	Land south of Beckingham Business Park Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Erection of 13no business and general industrial units (use classes B1b, B1c and B2), office block (use class B1a) and cafe (use class A3), complete with related infrastructure including road, parking spaces, drainage, landscaping and ecology area.
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A draft response to this application (compiled by Councillor Ms Neath) was considered. Points raised in discussion were:

The site for the industrial units is designated employment land but the proposed ecology area lies outside the employment land as shown in the Local Development Plan.

A development of this size will be a clear harm to Tolleshunt Major and surrounding villages given the amount of traffic likely to be generated.

It was noted that an application has been made for HGVs to work from Wicks Manor on Witham Road which will further increase lorry movements in the parish.

The proposal does not provide enough car parking for all employees.

The use of the proposed new industrial units has not been identified in the application documents and it is therefore difficult to assess risks to the environment, but it is likely to cause an increase in noise and light pollution.

It was felt important that residents should be made aware of this application and the one for Wicks Manor. The Parish Council also discussed the need for mitigation measures should the application be successful, and will ask for feedback from Little Totham Parish Council's meeting held to discuss this application.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the draft document presented by Councillor Ms Neath will serve as the basis for the Parish Council's objection to this application, and that it will be further discussed at the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

**4269.20 To consider any items to be included on a future agenda.**

No other issues were raised.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.42 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Council at its meeting dated 21.7.2020 and recorded as Minute Ref: 4273.20