

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3.8.2021 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt
Major

Present:

Chair – Councillor T Payne
 Councillors M Coster, K Neath and A Taylor
 Parish clerk V Banyard
 No members of the public were present.

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.
 No issues were raised.

4412.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items

Apologies were received from Councillors T Deer and M Thompson (Ward Member).
 No declarations of interest were made.

4413.21 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6.7.2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes with the amendment that Min 4403.21e should read that Stigs must respond to the Traffic Commissioner’s Office by 19.7.21.

4414.21 To consider arrangements for the filling of the two vacancies on the Council by co-option.

There was nothing to report.

4415.21 Planning

a) The following planning decisions from Maldon District Council were received:

HOUSE/MAL/21/00183 Lyncroft Bakers Lane Tolleshunt Major	Two storey front extension with new vehicular access to Bakers Lane	Approved 6.5.2021
Balmoral Bakers Lane Tolleshunt Major For information only	Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey garden room/gym	Refused 6.7.2021
AGR/MAL/21/00687 Beckingham Hall Church Road Tolleshunt Major	Prior notification for an agricultural grain and machinery store	Approved 26.7.2021
FUL/MAL/21/00472 East Cottage Witham Road Tolleshunt Major	Replacement dwelling	Approved 27.7.2021
FUL/MAL/21/00545 Willows Brick House Road Tolleshunt Major	Retrospective planning permission for alterations to existing canopy	Approved 29.7.2021

b) Latest planning applications – the following were considered:

21/00679/HOUSE	Glenholme Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road Tolleshunt Major	First floor extension over existing bungalow. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that it would be an over-development of the site, and out of keeping and character with the rows of adjacent bungalows.
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21/00631/FUL	Longwick Farm Joyces Chase Goldhanger	Proposed bag/bladder tank storage with bunding. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
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c) Enforcement issues.

Stigs Grab Services Ltd Wicks Manor Witham Road Tolleshunt Major. It was noted that the Office of the Traffic Commissioner has refused the application for an HGV licence, and that a public inquiry will now be held to consider the existing licence and its holder.

Two Acres Bickleigh Lane. Maldon District Council has confirmed that there is permission for a mobile home at this site. The Council will monitor this issue as it is difficult to see into the site to verify that this is a replacement mobile home and not an additional one.

4416.21 Finance

- a) The financial report and bank reconciliation for August were received.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following expenditure:

1.	£ 239.52	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance August
2.	£ 55.38	HMRC	Clerk's tax August
3.	£ 5.07	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's expenses August – internet

It was noted that the grant for the new play equipment will be paid as soon as the invoice for the work is received. The Council will then be able to reclaim the VAT.

The clerk reported that HMRC considers that there is an underpayment of tax from November 2021 but it appears that the figures they hold do not agree with those held on the Parish Council's Basic PAYE files. This matter is now being investigated.

4417.21 Update on the insurance claim from the owners of The Old School House and Oak House Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road alleging that cracks in the walls of the property are due to oak trees in the control of the Parish Council.

Report on quotes received for the felling of the oak trees. The Council now has three quotes for the tree work and a decision on which one to accept will be taken at the September meeting. Councillor Mr Payne will speak to the residents concerned about access to their properties to carry out the work, and discussions on replacement trees for those being felled will take place at a future date.

4418.21 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:

- a) Play area – rust proofing and painting work. Some work has been carried out and a new basketball net has been donated.
- b) Installation of new equipment in the play area and playing field – update. It is hoped that the new equipment will be installed by 16th August.
- c) Any other issues concerning the playing field. Hedging work in the playing field can be carried out in September. The Council will look into planting some nut trees and other shrubs in the wild area to encourage wild life.

4419.21 To consider any Highways issues

- a) Trucam report for June: over a space of one hour (two patrols in total) five captures of speeding vehicles were made.
- b) Update on resumption of Community Speedwatch. There was nothing to report.
- c) To consider further information on speed cameras and Speed Indicator Devices. This scheme has now

- been put forward to the Local Highways Panel and is awaiting validation.
- d) Any other issues concerning Highways or public rights of way. Potholes in Witham Road have again been reported and it is understood that repairs will be carried out at some point in the future.

Rights of way. Throughout the parish there are instances of overgrown vegetation and hidden finger posts. Councillor Mrs Taylor undertook to follow this up.

4420.21 To note any other issues which may be raised.

No issues were raised.

4421.21 To further consider arrangements for a Post Covid Village Party.

It was agreed that the party will be held on the afternoon of 28th August with possible activities to include catering, a BBQ, music by a live group, a Covid Memory Board of lockdown memories, rounders matches, dance displays by children and the unveiling of the new gym equipment in the playing field. Marquees can be used if the weather is wet. The event will also be used to advertise the two vacancies on the Parish Council.

4422.20 To set the date and frequency of future meetings.

The next meeting will be held on 14.9.2021.

4423.20 To consider other items for information or for inclusion on future agendas

Councillor Mr Coster will bring to the meeting ideas for a new "Lest We Forget" sign for the Solitary Soldier. Councillor Mr Payne will ask a resident to remove an advertising sign from the Soldier's triangle.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the Council's meeting held on 14.9.2021 and recorded as Minute reference 4425.21.