

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14.9.2021 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present: Chairing the meeting – Councillor T Deer (Vice Chair)
 Councillors M Coster, K Neath and M Thompson (Ward Member)
 V Banyard (Parish clerk)
 Two members of the public

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.

4424.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Payne and A Taylor.

4425.21 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3.8.2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.
 No Declarations of Interest were made.

4426.21 To consider possible candidates for the two vacancies on the Council and to make any co-options if required.

The Chair welcomed two members of the public who had expressed an interest in joining the Council. They were advised that a letter of application should be made and this will then be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

4427.21 Planning

Decisions by Maldon District Council:

HOUSE/MAL/21/00679 Glenholme Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road Tolleshunt Major	First floor extension over existing bungalow	Refused Decision date 9.9.2021
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New applications:

21/00793/FUL	Farm shop at junction of Braxted Road and Maldon Road Tolleshunt Major	Change of use of existing agricultural barn to retail (class A1). Resurfacing of existing car park and extension of car park. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds: The Parish Council feels that an additional retail unit at this site would inevitably lead to an increase in car movements on a very busy and hazardous junction. Furthermore the Council cannot recall the barn ever having been used for agricultural purposes. <i>Decision taken between meetings.</i>
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Appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate:

APP/X1545/W/21/3267932 OUT/MAL/20/01112	3 Highams Farm Cottages Maldon Road Tolleshunt Major Erection of 4 bed detached house with double garage, and single garage to existing dwelling	Appeal dismissed 20.8.2021
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Enforcement issues.

Issues at Wicks Manor Witham Road Tolleshunt Major are ongoing. It appears that Stigs' lorries have now ceased operating from this site.

To consider any other planning issues.

No issues were raised.

4428.21 Finance

The financial report and bank reconciliation for September were received.

The following expenditure was authorised:

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

4429.21 Update on the insurance claims 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.

The Council considered three quotes for the required tree work and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £4,680.00 plus VAT from Maldon District Council as this was considered to be very comprehensive.

4430.21 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:

Play area – rust proofing and painting work. This has nearly been completed.

Installation of new equipment in the play area and playing field. Installation of the new equipment should take place in the week beginning 20.9.2021 with a finish date of 27.9.2021.

Any other issues concerning the playing field. Two posts leading into the car park are not very visible and Councillor Mr Coster undertook to paint them. The post to the entrance to the playing field is rotten and will be replaced by Councillors Mr Deer and Mr Coster using an old log from defunct play equipment.

It was noted that the trees by the power lines have now been cut back.

4431.21 To consider any Highways issues

Trucam report for August: over a space of one hour (two patrols in total) four captures of speeding vehicles were made.

Update on resumption of Community Speedwatch. Councillors K Neath and M Coster will have a practice run with Councillor T Payne.

The request for speed cameras and a Speed Indicator Device from the Local Highways Panel is going through the system, and Councillor K Neath will find out more about the policy to give Councils more autonomy to set these up. The Parish Council prefers a portable device which can be moved to different locations.

A rights of way report was provided by Councillor A Taylor regarding two footpaths in Little Totham. Essex Highways are investigating the issues.

Any other issues concerning Highways or public rights of way. Councillor Mr Coster will report the condition of the footway opposite Gate Farm, and he and Councillor Deer will deal with an issue of brambles overhanging the pedestrian footway opposite Beckingham Business Park.

4432.21 To note any other issues which may be raised.

It was noted that the recent disruption to the green waste collection service is due to a lack of staff and vehicle issues.

It was reported that the Post Covid party was a great success, with over 70 residents attending. Wicks Manor was thanked for supplying food for the event, and excess food was donated to charity.

4433.21 To receive information on a new sign “Lest We Forget” for the Solitary Soldier (Councillor Mr Coster)

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the purchase of a new sign costing £42.00.

4434.20 To set the date and frequency of future meetings.

Meetings will now revert to the usual time of the first Tuesday in each month.

4435.20 To consider other items for information or for inclusion on future agendas

At the next meeting the purchase of a new notice board and its possible relocation will be considered. It is felt that not all residents are aware of the board in its current location as it is set back from the roadway.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the Council's meeting dated 12.10.2021 and recorded as Minute Ref: 4437.21