

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12.10.2021 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present: Chair: Councillor T Payne
 Councillors M Coster and A Taylor
 V Banyard (Parish clerk)
 One member 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.

4436.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Deer, K Neath and M Thompson (Ward Member). There were no Declarations of Interest.

4437.21 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14.9.2021.

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

4438.21 To consider possible candidates for the two vacancies on the Council and to make any co-options if required.

Two members of the public have expressed an interest in joining the Council and they were asked to send in a letter of application to be considered at the Council's November meeting.

4439.21 Planning

Decision by Maldon District Council:

FUL/MAL/21/00631 Longwick Farm Joyces Chase Goldhanger	Proposed bag/bladder tank storage with bunding	Approved Decision date 17.9.2021
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New applications:

21/00985	14 Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Proposed two storey side and part single storey, part two storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED to object to this application as little has been changed from the previous application which was refused on Appeal.
21/00954/HOUSE	Balmoral Bakers Lane Tolleshunt Major	New single storey outbuilding with decking It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

Enforcement issues.

It is understood that Maldon District Council has now appointed some new enforcement officers but nothing further has been heard about issues in the village. Planning will be asked for an update on these.

To consider any other planning issues.

No issues were raised.

4440.21 Finance

The financial report and bank reconciliation for October were received.

The following expenditure was authorised:

1.	£ 239.52	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance October
2.	£ 55.38	HMRC	Clerk's tax October
3.	£ 12.99	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's expenses October – internet, 12 x 2 nd class stamps

The clerk reported that Maldon District Council has again fallen behind in issuing invoices for grounds maintenance and Trucam patrols. It was also noted that there are issues with HMRC who wrongly claim that the Council has not paid its full tax amount, and this is being investigated by its back office.

4441.21 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.

Four oak trees which the insurers identified as the cause of the subsidence have now been felled, and a further four trees will be pollarded shortly. The Council's insurers will be notified of this action.

4442.21 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:

Play area – rust proofing and painting work. Some work remains to be done.

Installation of new equipment in the play area and playing field. This has now been postponed on two occasions but it is hoped that the work will take place in the week commencing 18.10.2021.

Any other issues concerning the playing field. The gate into the play area is often left open and will be repaired with a reusable cable tie.

Another post preventing cars from going onto the playing field requires replacement, and Councillors Mr Payne, Mr Deer and Mr Coster will do this as soon as possible.

The limbs of some trees in the playing field may be low enough to impede the grounds maintenance tractor, and Councillor Mr Payne will raise this issue with Peter Clarke of Maldon District Council.

4443.21 To consider any Highways issues

Trucam report for September: over a space of one hour three captures of speeding vehicles were made.

Update on resumption of Community Speedwatch. There was nothing to report.

The request for speed cameras and a Speed Indicator Device from the Local Highways Panel is going through the system for validation.

Rights of way report. The Parish Council is aware that dogs caused an injury to a member of the public on a public footpath near New Farm. Signs that had been posted warning of dogs running free have now been removed and the dog in question is no longer permitted to be uncontrolled in a public area.

Any other issues concerning Highways or public rights of way. Councillors have been advised by a neighbouring Parish Council that Anglian Water intends to close Factory Hill in Tiptree for a space of six weeks while it carries out work to improve the local water network. This will inevitably mean an increase in traffic going through Tolleshunt Major and using roads in the parish

which are not at all suitable for much larger volumes of traffic. Anglian Water will be asked to provide the diversion routes intended to be used, and also whether traffic control devices will be provided to prevent speeding through the village. It was also felt that the Community Speedwatch Group will need to be up and running at this time. This matter will again be discussed at the Council's November meeting.

The damaged kerb on the footway opposite St Nicholas Hall has now been marked out for repairs by Highways, and the damaged speed limit sign outside the nursing home in Brickhouse Lane is also scheduled for work. It was reported that BT moved a telegraph pole in Witham Road and left a large hole in the verge. A resident placed a cone in the hole and BT fenced the hole off, but the fence has now been removed. The issue will again be reported to Highways.

4444.21 Remembrance Day

A new poppy wreath has been obtained and a new sign has been purchased to replace the damaged one.

There are no plans for a formal event at the Solitary Soldier on 14th November. Councillor Mr Payne will ask the owners of the advertising sign which has been put up on the triangle to remove it.

4445.21 To note any other issues which may be raised.

No issues were raised.

4446.21 To consider the purchase of a new Parish Council notice board and its possible relocation.

It was felt that a new notice board outside The Beckingham Bell would be more visible to members of the public. Councillor Mr Coster advised that a new board made of oak and with the village name carved on it would cost in the region of £900 (no posts included). He will try to ascertain why the notice board was moved from Beckingham Green in the past. It was agreed to consider this again when the Council is setting its budget for next year. A suggestion was made that a list of houses in the village could go on the board to help delivery drivers to find addresses, but this might need the permission of all house owners to do this (Councillor Mr Payne to investigate).

4447.21 To consider other items for information or for inclusion on future agendas

No issues were raised.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.31 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Council at the meeting dated 2.11.2021 and recorded as Minute Reference 4449.21.