

# TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4.1.2022 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

### PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor T Payne  
Vice Chair – Councillor T Deer  
Councillors M Coster, K Neath and A Taylor  
Miss 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.

### 4472.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Sutton.

### 4473.21 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7.12.2021.

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

### 4474.21 To consider any applications from candidates for the vacancy on the Council and to make any co-option if required.

Councillors considered an application from Neil Burrell and it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Burrell onto the Council to fill the remaining vacancy. Councillor Mr Burrell then filled in the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed onto the Council.

### 4475.21 Planning

a) Councillors received the following planning decisions from Maldon District Council:

FUL/MAL/21/00754 Greengates Tudwick Road	Proposed car port and annex, new access and alterations to	<b>Refused</b> <b>Date of decision: 9.12.2021</b>
21/05150/DET 15 Beckingham Business Park Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Compliance with conditions notification 20/01017/FUL (demolition of existing industrial unit and construction of replacement units) Condition 10 – Construction Management Plan	<b>The Condition cannot be discharged</b> <b>Date of decision 20.12.2021.</b>

b) Latest planning applications. The following were considered:

21/01265/HOUSE	Brackens Plains Road Tolleshunt Major	Proposed cart lodge. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make no comment on this application.
21/01111/FUL	Wicks Manor Witham Road Tolleshunt Major	Extension to existing stables and provision of a 25m x 40m surfaced manege. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application.

c) Enforcement issues. Update. There was nothing to report.

d) To consider any other planning issues. No issues were raised.

### 4476.21 Finance

a) The financial report and bank reconciliation for January were received,

b) It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following expenditure:

1.	£	239.52	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance January
2.	£	55.38	HMRC	Clerk's tax January
3.	£	37.47	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's expenses January – internet; travelling expenses 1.4.21.-31.12.21 inclusive

Councillor Mr Payne reported that the invoice for the village Christmas tree had not yet been received and therefore payment will be deferred until the February meeting.  
The clerk reported that she is still pursuing Maldon District Council regarding its invoices not being sent on time.

#### **4477.21 Update on tree works arising from insurance claims in Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road**

Work on the final tree at Oak House has again been delayed by the contractors but should be done shortly. Councillor Mr Payne will ask if a second tree has been correctly reduced by the required amount. Bonz has quoted £500 for work to be done to tidy up a further tree behind The Old School House and it was **RESOLVED** to accept this quote and ask for the work to be done in the spring.

#### **4478.21 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:**

- a) Play area – rust proofing and painting work. It was reported that some work still remains to be done.
- b) Any other issues concerning the playing field. No issues were raised.

#### **4479.21 To consider any Highways issues**

- a) Trucam report. It was noted that in Nov 2021 five captures were made over a period of one hour (two patrols).
- b) Community Speedwatch report. A further session will be held on 5.1.2022.
- c) To consider further information on speed cameras and Speed Indicator Devices. Councillor Neath reported that she had obtained the forms to apply for a SID and would also pursue the idea of a mobile device. This requires the support of Councillor Durham of Essex County Council and this would be sought. Councillor Mr Deer undertook to find out the costs of a speed device which could be included in the 2022-2023 budget. The Parish Council is still on the Local Highways Panel's list for a SID, and this will require a speed test at the proposed site. It was uncertain whether this test had already been done. Councillor Neath was thanked for her work in investigating the provision of a speed device.
- d) To consider any issues on public rights of way. Councillor Mrs Taylor has reported to Essex Highways that the footpath from Sawyers Road to Witham Road has been ploughed right to the edge of the field.
- e) Proposal by Anglian Water to close Factory Hill Tiptree to allow works to improve the water network in Tiptree. Update.  
The closure is now intended to last for 3 weeks. "Not suitable for HGVs" signage will be put up at either end of Tudwick Road/Strawberry Lane to try and prevent HGVs using Tudwick Road, but Anglian Water states that although it will try to prevent alternative routes being used it will not be able to stop this if drivers choose to go elsewhere.. The situation will be monitored.
- g) Highways Rangers service. Councillors to report back on what work they consider could be done by the Rangers within the parish. Councillors felt that due to restrictions of working the Rangers would be limited in what they could do. However, a list of work will be compiled at the next meeting and Councillors could possibly walk around the parish with the Rangers to point out what needs to be done.
- h) Any other issues concerning Highways.  
Highways needs to be reminded about the hole in the verge in Witham Road which was left by BT. It was reported that there was an accident in Witham Road on Christmas Day.  
It was reported that a resident was nearly hit by traffic at the bus stop outside the Farm Shop at the junction of Maldon Road and Witham Road. This was due to the fact that there is so much signage at the site that visibility is impaired.  
Councillors applauded the fact that the Tolleshunt Major litter pickers had collected fifty sacks of rubbish on a stretch of Loamy Hill Road along with items of animal waste, bottles and fly tipping. Members felt that there were issues of safety when the litter pickers were at work. This will be kept under review and Councillor Mr Deer will contact the local PCSO regarding the nature of some of the rubbish found.

**4480.21 To finalise the budget for 2022-2023 and to set the precept for the same year.**

Councillors considered the draft budget presented by Councillor Mr Payne. It was **RESOLVED** that the cover for play equipment in the playing field should be increased to £50,000 to allow for the new equipment. This will cost an extra £25 per annum. A payment of £12 for the remainder of this financial year will be made at the February meeting.

It was then **RESOLVED** to set the precept for the year ending 31.3.2023 at £8,900.

**4481.21 To further consider the purchase of a new Parish Council notice board and its possible relocation.**

Councillor Mr Coster reported that the cost of an aluminium/metal board (including locks, keys, posts and the Council's name on the board) would be £1,377. It could also be provided with a solar light.

**4482.21 To note any other issues which may be raised, including County Broadband's Community Broadband project in Tolleshunt Major**

Details of this scheme will be included in the next edition of Major News to make residents aware of the project and to ascertain the level of support in the parish.

Councillor Mr Coster reported that the cost of replacement trees in the playing field would be £200 per tree which would include a plaque if the tree is sponsored. Details of this will be included in Major News and facebook.

**4483.20 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 9.20 pm.

**The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 1.2.2022 and recorded as Minute reference 4485.21**