

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1.3.2022 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt
Major

PRESENT: Chair – Councillor T Payne
Vice Chair – Councillor T Deer
Councillors N Burrell, M Coster, K Neath and A Taylor
V Banyard – Parish clerk
No 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.
No issues were raised.

4495.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items
There were no apologies for absence and no Declarations of Interest were made.

4496.21 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1.2.2022.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

4497.21 Planning

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

DEMPA/MAL/21/01323 Longwick Farm Joyces Chase Goldhanger	Prior notification for the demolition of the farmhouse	Approved Date of decision: 7.2.2022
HOUSE/MAL/21/01265 Brackens Plains Road Tolleshunt Major	Proposed cart lodge	Approved Date of decision: 9.2.2022

- b) Latest planning applications – to comment on any planning applications received before the date of the meeting. There were no applications to consider
- c) Enforcement issues. Update.
To further consider the placing of containers at the Farm Shop junction of Maldon Road and Great Braxted Road. The Council was concerned to note that there are now four containers on site. This situation will be monitored.
- d) To note that Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/21/3276774 (erection of 13no. business and general industrial units, land south of Beckingham Business Park) will take place on line on 8th March 2022 at 10 am. Councillor Mr Payne will apply to take an active part in the hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.
- e) To consider the Parish Council's final response to the Maldon District Local Plan review. Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the draft response as presented by Councillor Neath, who was thanked for her work in compiling the document.
- f) To consider any other planning issues. Little Totham Parish Council will be advised that it appears that a local skip hire firm is using Little Renters Farm for overnight parking of vehicles. Councillors also noted that a number of comments have appeared on the village facebook concerning overnight lorry movements and noise at Beckingham Business Park. In the past the Council has tried to obtain details of the working hours allowed in the park but this has proved to be difficult as each unit has its own hours. Councillor Neath undertook to investigate this issue.

4498.21 Finance

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

1.	£	239.52	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance March
2.	£	55.38	HMRC	Clerk's tax March
3.	£	18.03	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's expenses March– internet: travelling expenses 4.1.22 – 30.3.22 (28.8 miles @ 45p per
4.	£	112.50	St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major	Payment of Hall fees for meetings held July 2021- March 2022 inclusive

It was noted that work is to be carried out in April on the last tree which is the subject of the recent insurance claim for subsidence.

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms Ann Wood LLB as internal auditor of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31.3.2022.

4499.21 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:

- Play area – rust proofing and painting work. Some work is still ongoing.
- Any other issues concerning the playing field. The Council has now obtained sponsorship for ten new trees in the playing field to replace those cut down due to the subsidence claim. The sponsors will choose the type of tree they would like and a plaque will go with each tree – total cost to each sponsor approx £200. Councillor Coster will order the trees which will be planted in April.

4500.21 To consider any Highways issues

- Trucam report. Patrols have now resumed. January – one capture in one x half hour patrol.
- Community Speedwatch report. There was nothing to report.
- To consider further information on the provision of speed cameras and Speed Indicator Devices. A decision will shortly be made as to where the camera could be sited.
- To consider any issues on public rights of way. The footpath between Sawyers Lane and Witham Road has been ploughed up. This has been reported to the County Council's PROW team.
- Highways Rangers service. Councillors to report back on what work they consider could be done by the Rangers within the parish. It was noted that two unofficial 40 mph speed limit signs have been put up in Plains Road Little Totham.
- Pothole issues in Witham Road. To consider a response from Councillor Lee Scott – portfolio holder for Highways Maintenance Essex County Council. There seems to be little chance that any repair works will be carried out in the near future.
- Any other issues concerning Highways. There have been reports that lorries accessing the Business Park at night have been travelling at speed along Sawyers Road. A disabled resident has complained that she is having difficulty getting along Sawyers Road due to the number of potholes. This will be reported to Highways. The Tolleshunt Major litter pickers continue to find a large quantity of sacks of horse manure waste in Grove Farm Road and Brick House Road.

4501.21 To review the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

Some changes were made to the current document and it was then **RESOLVED** to accept the revised Orders.

4502.21 To further consider the purchase of a new Parish Council notice board and its possible relocation. There was nothing to report.

4503.21 To further consider the holding of a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A large committee is now in place to organise this event which will take place between St Nicholas Hall and the junction of Witham Road/Tudwick Road/Mill Lane. An application for a road closure has been made and the Parish Council's insurance will be checked to see if it will cover the street party.

4504.21 To receive the Parish Council's updated Register of Assets.

Some changes were made and it was then **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Register.

4505.21 To note any other issues which may be raised, including County Broadband's Community Broadband project in Tolleshunt Major.

The issue of the Broadband project will now be removed from the agenda.

4506.20 To consider other items for information or for inclusion on future agendas.

It was reported that some residents are taking items to Poland for the Ukrainian refugees. A notice will be placed on the Parish Council website and village facebook advising people where to go if they wish to make donations.

The Parish Council will review its Financial Regulations at the next meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 5.4.2022 and recorded as Minute Reference 4508.21