

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8.8.2023 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present:

Chairing the meeting – Councillor K Neath (Vice Chair)

Councillors N Burrell, M Coster, J Sutton and A Taylor

Parish clerk: V Banyard

No members of the public were present.

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.

4694.23 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies were received from Councillors T Deer and A Payne.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

4695.23 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.7.2023.

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

4696.23 Planning

a) To receive any planning decisions from Maldon District Council. No decisions had been received.

b) Latest planning applications – to comment on any planning applications received before the date of the meeting.

23/00673/FUL	Land opposite St Nicholas Village Hall Witham Road Tolleshunt Major	Change of use of land for car park for the use of St Nicholas Hall. It was RESOLVED to support this application. The proposed car park would be a much needed facility to support the use of the Village Hall. It is felt that the impact from the parking of a maximum of seven cars would not have a detrimental effect, and the Parish Council notes that the use of the car park would be carefully managed by the Parochial Church Council. The proposal would also be an improvement on the current state of the site.
23/00525/HRN	Pipeline between Layer Water Treatment Works and Langford Waterworks Hatfield Road Langford	Sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed in order to install a new water main. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application as the hedgerows will be reinstated. It was noted that a number of archaeological digs are being carried out along the route of the pipeline.

c) Enforcement issues. No updates were available.

d) Affordable housing. Arrangements are now in place for the survey of residents, which will continue until November.

e) To consider any other planning issues. No matters were raised.

4697.23 Finance

a) Members received the financial report, bank statement and bank reconciliation for August.

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

1.	£	252.63	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance Aug
2.	£	58.65	HMRC	Clerk's tax Aug

3.	£	5.07	Miss V Banyard	Clerk's expenses Aug- internet.
4.	£	145.91	Maldon District Council	Trucam patrols Apr-Jun incl
5.	£	34.88	Mr A Payne	Coronation Picnic - prosecco
6.	£	103.50	A & R Hospitality Ltd	Coronation Picnic – bouncy castle

4698.23 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:

- a) Play area – rust proofing and painting work. Some work remains to be done.
- b) Purchase of a further tree using money left over from the sponsored trees – update. Councillor Mr Coster recommends the purchase of an 8-10ft tall tree (£160 + £59 delivery) although a bigger tree would cost £243 + delivery. This matter will be decided at the September meeting.
It was reported that some of the sponsored trees may have succumbed to the dry weather – Councillor Mr Coster will look at the condition of these trees and decide what should be done to replace any that have died. This matter will be raised at the next Council meeting.
- c) Bonz will shortly be carrying out the work on play equipment (approved in Min 4689.23.)
- d) Councillors have looked at the work carried out to improve visibility when exiting the playing field car park. It is felt that this is as much as can be done.

4699.23 To consider any Highways issues

- a) Trucam report. No new report was available.
- b) Community Speedwatch. There was nothing to report.
- c) Reported Highways faults – update. There was nothing to report.
- d) To consider any issues on public rights of way. Councillor Mrs Taylor provided details of various issues reported and also of the Essex Highways Cutting Round for Tolleshunt Major. She was thanked for all the work she carries out to keep the network of paths in good order.
- e) Survey to assess village opinion on the purchase of a speed camera. To date 58 responses have been received, all of which were positive bar one. It is now felt that the Parish Council should investigate firm quotes for the provision of a camera – Councillor Neath undertook to carry out this work and present her findings at the September meeting.
- f) Any other issues concerning Highways. Councillor Taylor will report a sign at the Loamy Hill/Plains Road/Witham Road junction which is hidden by vegetation.

4700.23 To appoint a new staffing committee for the Council and to arrange a date for the clerk's appraisal.

The committee of Councillors K Neath, A Payne and A Taylor will meet when the new pay scales (2023-2024) are obtained.

4701.23 To note any other issues or information which may be raised.

- a) Maldon District Council travelling Sustainability Exhibition. Councillors felt that the footfall in the village for this event would be very small, and if Maldon District Council wished to bring it here they should be prepared to pay for the hire of the Hall.
- b) Date of the October meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to hold the meeting on 3 October, a week earlier than usual.

4702.23 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 8.26 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting held on 12.9.2023 and recorded as Minute Ref: 4695.23