

## TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 9.1.2024 in St Nicholas Village Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present:

Chair – Councillor T Deer

Vice Chair – Councillor K Neath

Councillors N Burrell, M Coster, T Payne, A Taylor and M Thompson (Ward Member)

Parish clerk – V Banyard

Two members of the public

**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.

A resident spoke on his application for Field View Cottage (below).

**4733.23 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items.**

There were no apologies for absence.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

**4734.23 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12.12.2023.**

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

**4735.23 Planning**

Planning decision from Maldon District Council:

OUT/MAL/23/00651 Land north west of Beckingham Business Park Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Outline planning application with some matters reserved apart from access, layout and scale, for the erection of two detached single storey Use Class E(g) light industrial units	<b>Refused</b> Date of decision 3.1.2024
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Latest planning applications – The following were considered:

23/01205/FUL	Temporary site access off Bakers Lane Tolleshunt Major	Construction of temporary double access at Bakers Lane – construction of pipeline from Langford to Abberton. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make no comment on this application.
23/001206/FUL	Temporary site access off Tudwick Road Tolleshunt Major	Construction of temporary single access off Tudwick Road Tolleshunt Major – construction of pipeline from Langford to Abberton. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make no comment on this application.
23/01156/OUT	Land adjacent Field View Cottage Tolleshunt D’Arcy Road Tolleshunt Major	Erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make no comment on this application.

Enforcement issues. No updates have been received regarding outstanding enforcement issues in the parish. It is understood that the District Council enforcement team will not comment until cases have been resolved, but officers will be asked to provide the Parish Council with a list of what issues are still open and those which are closed. Councillor Thompson will also follow this up.

Affordable housing – To consider the Parish Council’s response to the draft report by the RCCE following the recent housing survey. Although the response to the survey was minimal, Councillors agreed that much was done to get residents involved. Results would provide evidence in case of any future developments. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the RCCE that the Parish Council was not willing to pursue the matter further at this time.

To consider any other planning issues.

No issues were raised.

#### **4736.23 Finance**

Councillors received the financial report, bank statement and bank reconciliation for January. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following expenditure:

1.	£	294.23	Miss V Banyard	Clerk’s salary and office allowance Jan
2.	£	69.05	HMRC	Clerk’s tax Jan
4.	£	5.07	V Banyard	Internet charge Jan

Councillor Deer will chase up Barclays Bank to ensure he is added as a signatory to the account. Councillor Payne will look into internet banking for the Parish Council.

At this point it was **RESOLVED** to move discussions about budget and precept to the end of the meeting.

#### **4737.23 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:**

Proposed path from the playing field car park to St Nicholas Hall – update. It was reported that the PCC is awaiting quotes for the work, and it may be possible that the Parish Council will not need to help with funding the project.

Any other issues concerning the playing field. Some small works remain outstanding and will be done when the weather improves.

The bench in the playing field will be removed by Councillors to enable renovation to be carried out.

#### **4738.23 To consider any Highways issues**

Trucam report – This was not available.

Community Speedwatch report. A resident has expressed an interest in taking over the running of the scheme.

Highways issues – including further consideration on the action to be taken concerning the reinstatement of the bennett island outside St Nicholas Hall. It was **RESOLVED** to seek a meeting with Priti Patel MP to discuss the way forward in dealing with the damaged bennett island. Discussions were held as to whether the island would survive the heavy traffic using the junction even if it was repaired, or whether some other measures should be considered instead. Councillors agreed to compile photographic evidence of the history of the island and a list of possible alternatives for the junction – these to be taken to the meeting with Ms Patel.

Public rights of way. There is now a new sign for the Mill Lane footpath, and it was reported that a footbridge on the Rockleys path is now “floating” due to the recent wet weather.

Speed camera. Report on possible grant funding sources. Councillor Neath may attend a grant funding event to be held in Maldon.

Any other issues concerning Highways. It was noted that there are many potholes in Loamy Hill Road and one of these was the cause of a recent accident when a driver lost control of his vehicle.

Councillor Deer will speak to the owner of a van which is parked on Witham Road and is causing an obstruction.

#### **4739.23 To note any other issues or information which may be raised.**

The Parish Council granted permission for a toddlers’ bouncy castle to be situated on the playing field on 1<sup>st</sup> June as part of an event at the Hall. This was subject to adequate insurance cover.

**4740.23 To consider other items for information or for inclusion on future agendas** – Including: February meeting- appointment of the internal auditor and a review of the Council’s Risk Assessment policy.

**4741.23 To consider and approve the draft budget for the year 2024-2025.**

Councillors considered the draft budget as presented by Councillor Mr Deer and went through each heading in turn. It was felt that Trucam patrols may no longer be cost effective, and this will be revisited at the April meeting when the new agreement with Maldon District Council is due. After making various changes it was **RESOLVED** to approve the new budget for the year 2024-2025.

**4742.23 To set the precept for the year 2024-2025.**

It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for the above year at £10,000.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.28 pm.

**The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 13.2.2024 and recorded as Minute Reference 4744.23.**