

TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15.10.2024 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present: Chair – Councillor T Deer
Councillors M Coster 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.

4832.24 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Neath and M Thompson (Ward Member).
No Declarations of Interest were made.

4833.24 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10.9.2024.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

4834.24 To consider possible co-option to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor T Payne.
The vacancy remains unfilled at present and the Council is mindful that two existing Councillors will shortly be moving from the village. This matter will be further discussed at the November meeting.

4835.24 Planning

Planning decisions from Maldon District Council The following was noted:

AGR/MAL/24/00574 Beckingham Hall Church Road Tolleshunt Major	Erection of an open-sided straw building for agricultural use	Prior approval required and granted. Date of decision: 21.8.2024
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Latest planning applications The following were considered:

24/00675/HOUSE	Admirals Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	First floor front and side extensions with alterations. It was RESOLVED to object to this application. It is felt that the proposed extensions are very close to the neighbouring house and the height of the side extension would result in loss of light and privacy to that property.
24/00725/HOUSE	The Dell Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Single storey front and rear extensions including alterations to fenestration of existing dwelling. Replacement fence and new gate. Demolition of detached garage and new hardstanding to front. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate The following was noted:

APP/X1545/W/24/3348762	Land adjacent Field View Cottage Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road Tolleshunt Major	Erection of a two bedroom bungalow with all matters reserved
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Enforcement issues. To receive any updates:
Maldon District Council – no reports have been received.
Discussions with Little Totham Parish Council. Nothing further has been heard.
Meeting with Priti Patel MP on planning issues in the village. Nothing further has been heard and if this remains the case the Council will discuss the matter further at the November meeting.
To consider any other planning issues. No issues were raised.

4836.24 Finance

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

1.	£	294.23	V Banyard	Clerk’s salary and office allowance October
2.	£	69.05	HMRC	Clerk’s tax October
3.	£	5.07	V Banyard	Clerk’s expenses October - internet

The list of payments above has been examined by the Council’s Responsible Financial Officer, verified and certified against invoices where present.

Update on the move to internet banking. The clerk has not yet received information from Barclays enabling her to enter payments. Councillor Mr Deer will contact the bank again.

4837.24 To receive and approve the review of the Council’s draft Standing Orders. This is ongoing and the Council will continue to use the current Regulations until further notice.

4838.24 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:
Proposed path from the playing field car park to St Nicholas Hall – There was nothing to report.
ROSPA Playsafety report. To discuss any further work carried out/report on the recent working party. The working party took place recently.
Any other issues concerning the playing field. The Council discussed whether it is necessary to put up the old sign about the use of the car park being restricted to daylight hours. This now seems to be irrelevant as the car park is used by those attending St Nicholas Hall, but it was agreed that the sign should be put up again as it is an insurance requirement.

4839.24 To consider any Highways issues
Feedback from the meeting with Priti Patel MP regarding the bennett island outside St Nicholas Hall and any other highways issues which were discussed – Nothing further has been heard but the Parish Council will discuss this further at the November meeting (see Min 4835.24 above.)
Public rights of way. Cutting of the parish paths was very late this year and Councillor Mrs Taylor is monitoring this. The footpath to Rockleys is not yet reinstated but landowners have three weeks to do this after cultivation.
Speed Indicator Device (SID). There was no update due to the absence of Councillor Neath.
Report on Highways issues for the attention of Councillor Durham (ECC). Update (if any). It was noted that works are being carried out in other local parishes but to date nothing has been done in Tolleshunt Major. The clerk will contact Councillor Durham to see if there is a date for the repairs to be carried out.
Any other issues concerning Highways. It was noted that the sign for Beckingham Business Park at the junction of Plains Road/Witham Road/Loamy Hill Road has now been reinstated. Highways have declared some reported issues as not a priority. It appears that some unknown person is still turning signs around so that they point in the wrong direction.

4840.24 To note any other issues or information which may be raised – including:
Further items for the Parish Council corner in the Major News will continue to be posted.

4841.24 To consider other items for information or for inclusion in future agendas. No issues were raised.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 12.11.2024 and recorded as Min Ref: 4843.24