

## TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 12.11.2024 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

Present:

Chair – Councillor T Deer

Vice Chair – Councillor K Neath

Councillors M Coster and M Thompson (Ward Member)

One member 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.

It was noted that the wall at St Nicholas Hall has been knocked down by a lorry trying to avoid an oncoming vehicle.

#### 4842.24 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Taylor.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

#### 4843.24 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15.10.2024.

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

#### 4844.24 To consider possible co-option to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor T Payne.

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mrs Anita Dye onto the Council to fill the above vacancy. Councillor Dye signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed onto the Council.

There are now two further vacancies as Councillors N Burrell and J Sutton have resigned due to moving from the village. A notice of vacancy will be posted on the Councils' website and notice board and in the Maldon Standard.

#### 4845.24 Planning

Planning decisions from Maldon District Council – The following were noted:

VAR/MAL/24/00665 The Caravan at Bickleigh Lane Loamy Hill Road Tolleshunt Major	Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 23/00127/ FUL (allowed on Appeal APP/ X1545/W/23/3332515) (The construction of a replacement dwelling)	<b>Approved</b> <b>Decision date 29/10/2024</b>
LDP/MAL/245/00674 Admirals Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension	<b>Approved</b> <b>Decision date 23/10/2024</b>
HOUSE/MAL/24/00675 Admirals Beckingham Street Tolleshunt Major	First floor front and side extensions with alterations	<b>Approved</b> <b>Decision date 5/11/2024</b>

Latest planning applications There were no new applications to consider.

Enforcement issues. To receive any updates:

Maldon District Council – there was nothing to report.

Discussions with Little Totham Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** that a number of Councillors will attend the meeting of the above Council on 3.12.2024 to discuss moving this matter forward.

Meeting with Priti Patel MP on planning issues in the village. Update. Again nothing has been heard from Ms Patel and the situation at the St Nicholas Hall junction is causing considerable concern as the wall of the Hall was recently demolished by a lorry (see above). It was fortunate that at the time no-one had been in the car park or a serious injury could have been caused. A further letter with a photograph of the damage will be sent to the MP.

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

#### **4846.24 Finance**

To receive the financial report, bank statement and bank reconciliation for November. These were noted.

It was **RESOLVED** To authorise the following expenditure:

1.	£	294.23	V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance November
2.	£	69.05	HMRC	Clerk's tax November
3.	£	5.07	V Banyard	Clerk's expenses November – internet
4.	£	637.68	Maldon District Council	Grounds maintenance Q2 July – Sept 2024
5.	£	20.00	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath

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

It was noted that cheque no 101516 (one.com annual domain fee for £100.64 dated 11.6.2024 has not been cashed but one.com assures the clerk that the payment has been made. It was **RESOLVED** that this cheque will be cancelled.

Update on the move to internet banking Councillor Deer will contact the bank as the clerk is still not receiving hard copies of the bank statements as requested and has not been given clearance to post payments up on the account.

#### **4847.24 To receive and approve the Council's draft Standing Orders**

Councillor Deer will finish the draft and send it to the clerk and to Councillor Neath for posting on the website.

#### **4848.24 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, but it was noted that the scheme needs to be moved forward soon if funding is not to be lost.

Any other issues concerning the playing field. A discussion was held as to whether the clerk's personal mobile number should be on display on notices in the field or on the Parish Council website. This was then extended to include Councillors' e mail addresses. The matter will be further discussed at the December meeting.

It was reported that a group had been seen carrying out football training on the playing field. Councillor Mr Coster will follow this up.

#### **4849.24 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 – See above Min 4845.24.

Public rights of way. Footpath 14 is causing some concern amongst residents as it has been ploughed up and not reinstated. A similar problem exists at Rockleys. Councillor Mrs Taylor will be notified.

Speed Indicator Device (SID). To receive an update. Nothing further has been heard from Maldon District Council.

Report on Highways issues for the attention of Councillor Durham (ECC). Update (if any). Councillor Durham has been advised that as yet no work has been carried out, and he is unaware of any dates being set for the repairs to be done.

Any other issues concerning Highways. No further issues were raised.

**4850.24 To consider arrangements for the setting of the budget.**

Councillor Deer will begin to put together a draft budget which will be further discussed at the December meeting. The Council will then consider its funds for reserves.

**4851.24 To note any other issues or information which may be raised – including:**

Items for the Parish Council corner in the Major News. The Parish Council discussed whether there is sufficient material for Major News to continue as a monthly magazine. Residents are urged to send any material for publication to Councillor Mr Coster.

Defibrillator. Councillor Mr Deer continues to carry out and report regular checks on the machine but apparently it may not be live and is not registered at The Bell. Councillor Deer will contact the Community Heartbeat Trust to find out its current status. A discussion took place on whether or not it would be better located at St Nicholas Hall as it would then serve the other end of the village to the one at Beckingham Business Park.

**4852.24 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 8.50 pm.

**The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 10.12.2024 and recorded as Minute ref: 4854.24**