

# TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 11.2.2025 in St Nicholas Hall Tolleshunt Major

PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: Vice Chair – Councillor K Neath  
Councillors M Coster, A Dye and A Taylor  
V Banyard (parish clerk)  
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.

No issues were raised.

### 4888.24 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Deer.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

### 4889.24 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14.1.2025.

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

### 4890.24 To consider possible co-option to fill the two vacancies on the Council caused by the resignations of Councillors N Burrell and J Sutton.

No interest has been shown to date in the above vacancies.

### 4891.24 Planning

Planning decision from Maldon District Council:

24/00721/HOUSE Santolina Witham Road Tolleshunt Major	Erection of detached single storey garage/store	<b>Refused</b> <b>Date of decision: 10.1.2025</b>
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New planning applications: **For information only**

25/00106/AGR	Toad Hall Loamy Hill Road Tolleshunt Major	Prior approval for erection of a general purpose building for hay and farm machinery storage
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Enforcement: Councillors considered the response received from Maldon District Council to Little Totham's Freedom of Information request. It was felt that the above showed that the enforcement team was not keeping up with its case load. It was then **RESOLVED** that Tolleshunt Major would put in a similar request for the months of January and February 2025, but in future the request could be modified to deal specifically with cases in each parish.

Meeting with Pritit Patel MP on planning issues in the village. Councillors recently met with Ms Patel on site to discuss the complete lack of progress in solving planning and highways issues in the village. Ms Patel was very annoyed that Highways had made no progress in the year since her last visit to the parish and she will arrange a site meeting between herself and Highways to move the issues forward.

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

### 4892.24 Finance

The financial report, bank statement and bank reconciliation for February were received and approved.

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

1.	£	448.84	V Banyard	Clerk's salary and office allowance February
2.	£	107.70	HMRC	Clerk's tax February
3.	£	5.07	V Banyard	Clerk's expenses February – 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 Council may put in a formal complaint to Barclays as some of the requested changes have still not been implemented despite a considerable lapse in time.

**4893.24 To appoint the internal auditor of the accounts for the year ending 31.3.2025**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Ms A Wood as the internal auditor as above.

**4894.24 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area – including:**

Proposed path from the playing field car park to St Nicholas Hall – update. The surface of the path has now been laid and lights will be installed.

Playing field grounds maintenance contract for 2025-2026 Following a site visit Maldon District Council has submitted its quote, but it was **RESOLVED** that two further quotes should be obtained for comparison. The specification to be sent out for the grounds maintenance work was agreed and Councillor Mr Coster undertook to meet new contractors on site to discuss the Council's requirements.

Any other issues concerning the playing field. No further issues were raised.

**4895.24 To consider any Highways issues**

Highways issues raised with Priti Patel MP – to consider further action to move this forward. See above – Minute 4891.24.

Public rights of way. To receive any reports. No issues were raised.

Speed Indicator Device (SID). To receive an update. Councillor Neath reported that she is unaware if the Maldon District Council officer has yet put in a bid for the grant funding.

Report on Highways issues proposed to Councillor Durham (ECC). Update. Councillor Durham has been advised that many of the requested works have not been carried out. He has yet to be in contact with the Parish Council to give an update.

Any other issues concerning Highways. A resident who has on a number of occasions reported the state of the St Nicholas junction to Highways was surprised to obtain an e mail saying that the junction repairs have been carried out. This is obviously not the case.

**4896.24 To receive the report of the Parish Council Staffing Committee.**

The clerk's annual appraisal has now been carried out and new targets set for the forthcoming year. These centre around internet banking and maintenance of the Parish Council website.

**4897.24 To note any other issues or information which may be raised – including:**

Items for the Parish Council corner in the Major News. Information about the three defibrillators in the village will be reported in the Major News. The machine at Beckingham Business Park may not be available 24/7 if the main gates are locked.

**4898.24 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 8.28 pm.

**The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 11.3.2025 and recorded as Minute reference 4889.24.**