

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2020

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor D Tungatt
 Vice Chair – Councillor M Porter
 Councillors G Cook, J Dennis, R Long and M Thompson.
 The parish clerk V Banyard
 No members of the public were in attendance.

To receive questions/enquiries from members of the public, to receive an answer at an appropriate time in the agenda.
 No issues were raised.

2790/01.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the decision taken earlier by e mail consultation due to the Covid 19 pandemic that the Chair and Vice Chair will remain in office until the Annual Meeting in 2021.

2791/01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest from Members on any of the agenda items set out below.

No apologies for absence were received.
 There were no Declarations of Interest.

2992/01 It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16.3.2020 were approved.

2993/01 Planning. It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the following decisions taken earlier by e mail consultation:

20/00378/FUL Woodacre 38 D'Arcy Road Tolleshunt Knights	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 8no. new C3 dwellings (5no. 2 bed and 3no. 4 bed houses together with access to existing paddocks, vehicular access, landscaping sustainable urban drainage system and noise attenuation features	It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the following grounds: It is recognised that changes have been made to the housing mix to make it more policy compliant, but this has been done by adding another small dwelling. Concern remains about the lack of a bus route or footway to the bus stops, which would make those living in the proposed dwellings heavily reliant on the use of private cars to access community facilities and employment.
20/00403/FUL Hallfield Gate Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Demolition of the existing house and erection of a new house	It was RESOLVED to support this application. The Parish Council feels that the reasons for dismissal at the recent Planning Appeal have now been addressed, with the design of the proposed building sitting more comfortably within the rural landscape.
20/00398/COUPA Barns at Middle Farm Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Prior notification for a conversion and adaptation of existing barns to form dwelling house	It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

20/00359/FUL Land south of Grove Hall Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Erection of two agricultural buildings and an area of hard standing	It was RESOLVED to make no objection but to comment that there is some concern that the farm traffic generated by the proposed barns would lead to some congestion in Blind Lane which is very narrow at the point of entry to the site.
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2994/01 It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the following payments were authorised by e mail consultation:

To:	Details	Total less VAT	VAT to be reclaimed	Cheque total
V Banyard	Salary + expenses	£ 214.53	£ -	£ 214.53
HMRC	Clerk's tax	£ 52.69	£ -	£ 52.69
Maldon DC	Trucam	£ 178.42	£ 35.68	£ 214.10
Maldon DC	Grass cutting 19-20	£ 1,425.00	£ 285.00	£ 1,710.00
EALC	Subscription	£ 330.79	£ -	£ 330.79
BHIB Ltd	Insurance renewal	£ 544.49	£ -	£ 544.49
		£ 2,745.92	£ 320.68	£ 3,066.60

2995/01 To consider new planning issues:

a. Decisions by Maldon District Council:

LDE/MAL/18/01507 The Barn Honeypot Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of a dwelling house	Refused 15.4.2020
HOUSE/MAL/20/00230 Lower and Middle Farm Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Two storey side extension	Approved 30.4.2020
LDP/MAL/20/00354 10 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed rear dormer, front facing roof lights and rear extension	Refused 22.5.2020

b. New applications – the following was considered:

20/00521/HOUSE	10 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Proposed loft conversion, including the formation of a rear facing dormer, and a single storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds of the bulk and scale of the new dormer; poor design especially of the rear elevation; and concern about lack of space in the upper part of the proposal.
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c. To consider any other planning issues, including enforcement. Meadow Nursery Park Lane. It was noted that the old house on the site was being lived in when in fact it should have been demolished under conditions made. Councillor Mrs Thompson will take this up with planning enforcement.

It was reported that a house in Park Lane had changed its 2 bay garage to a 3 bay unit during lockdown. This will be queried with enforcement – Councillor Mr Cook to provide the clerk with address details.

2996/01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make, and correspondence received.

a. It was **RESOLVED** to grant a request from Torquespeed Youth FC to use part of the playing field adjacent to the Village Hall for outside activities and games – proposed date the afternoon of Saturday 12th September (subject to the lifting of current restrictions). Councillor Mr Porter to provide a playing field hire agreement and the charge for hire to be £50.

b. It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission to Torquespeed FC to use the playing field on one evening per week (not Wednesday, Thursday or at any time at the weekend) for football training. This will be allowed for a period of four weeks at a cost of £50. Councillor Mr Porter will provide a playing field hire agreement which includes rulings to cover Covid 19 restrictions.

c. It was **RESOLVED** to grant a request from Mr Berriman (TK Eagles FC) to use the playing field for football training on Thursday evenings. Councillor Mr Porter will provide a playing field hire agreement which includes rulings to cover Covid 19 restrictions.

2997/01 To consider any Highways issues, including:

a. Complaint by a resident in Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road that an overgrown hedge is causing difficulties for residents trying to access the highway from their homes. This has been reported to Highways who will inspect the site before deciding what action is to be taken.

b. In May the Trucam patrols made 13 captures of speeding vehicles.

c. A request will be made for the layby near the junction of Strawberry Lane and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road to be used as a Trucam official site.

2998/01 Public rights of way report.

It was reported that footpath 12 leading from the playing field to Blind Lane is very overgrown. This will be reported to Highways.

2999/01 Road Safety report.

No issues were raised.

3000/01 Press Officer's report.

No issues were raised.

3001/01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative.

Due to Covid 19 the VHMC has not had any meetings. However, the play school is now back in operation in the Hall.

There are no updates on the damage to the wall of the Hall.

3002/01 To receive the financial statement and to authorise accounts for payment.

The financial statements were approved.

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

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses May	£ 214.53
HMRC	Clerk's tax May	£ 52.69
N Powell Davies	Internal audit of accounts year ended 31.3.2020	£ 140.00
V Banyard	Salary and expenses June	£ 214.53
HMRC	Clerk's tax June	£ 52.69
St Luke's PCC	Cemetery grant	£ 200.00

3003/01 To receive the internal auditor's report - Council's accounts for the year ended 31.3.2020. It was noted that a suggestion was made to set aside reserves for various works. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

3004/01 To approve the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31.3.2020. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above accounts.

3005.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field, Village Hall car park, CCTV.

- a. The Parish Council is happy to continue its arrangements with THFC for use of the pitch for playing matches.
- b. It was noted that the play area is still closed due to government regulations on Covid 19.
- c. The CCTV has not been checked recently due to closure of the Hall.

3006.01 To discuss any possible action to be taken regarding bonfires in the village. It was agreed that although this can be a considerable nuisance, it is difficult to obtain the evidence required for action to be taken.

3007/01 To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda. No issues were raised.

3008/01 It was **RESOLVED** to set the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 20th July 2020.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.38 pm.