

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 21.9.2020

PRESENT:

CHAIR – COUNCILLOR D TUNGATT

VICE CHAIR – COUNCILLOR M PORTER

COUNCILLORS MR COOK, MR LONG AND MRS THOMPSON

The Parish Clerk Miss 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.

3039/01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest from Members on any of the agenda items set out below.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Dennis.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3040/01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary remote meeting held on 17.8.2020.

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

3041/01 To receive information on matters contained in the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3042/01 To receive decisions by Maldon District Council. The following was noted:

HOUSE/MAL/20/00521 10 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Proposed loft conversion, rear dormer, and a single storey rear extension	Approved
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New planning applications – the following were considered:

20/00786/AGR	Land at Oaklands Park, Park Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Proposed formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use. For information only
20/00776/LBC	Grove Hall Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Conversion of existing outbuildings to granny annex. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
20/00840/HOUSE	Red Roof 25 Strawberry Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Raise the roof to existing bungalow, construction of front extension and detached cart lodge together with associated area of addition porous block paved driveway. Mobile home to be situated on site during the course of building works to be occupied by family member. It was RESOLVED to support this application as the properties on either side had been altered in similar ways.

- c. To receive any updates on planning enforcement issues.
Meadow Nursery Park Lane – this is ongoing (19/00225/BC)
Caravan at 26 Top Road – this is ongoing (20/00131/CU)
- d. To consider the Parish Council’s response to the government’s proposal for reform of the planning system (Building For The Future). It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Mr Tungatt and Mrs Thompson and the clerk should prepare a draft response to bring to the Council’s next meeting.
- e. To consider any other planning issues. No other issues were raised.

3043/01 To consider any items of correspondence received or reports from the clerk

A letter was received from Torquespeed FC thanking the Council for the use of the field for practice during the summer months.

3044/01 To consider any highways issues including:

Trucam patrol report. Over a period of 2 hours for each month there were 33 captures of speeding vehicles in June, and 17 in July. The majority of these were in Tolleshunt D’Arcy Road.

3044/02

Councillor Mr Porter had been unable to attend the recent remote meeting giving the chosen preferred route for the new A12.

3045/01 To consider any issues concerning public rights of way.

It was noted that since the lockdown began the footpaths are being well used.

3046/01 Report of the Road Safety Officer.

It was noted that there had recently been an accident in Top Road when a trike fell in the ditch and the rider broke their arm.

3047/01 Report of the Press Officer.

Reports of Parish Council meetings continue to appear in the Maldon Standard and on the Parish Council website.

3048/01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative.

At present there is nothing to report.

3049/01 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

- a. The financial statements were approved.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Salary + expenses Sept	£ 214.53
HMRC	Clerk’s tax Sept	£ 52.69

The clerk was instructed to find information on the setting up of internet banking for the Council.

3050/01 To review the Parish Clerk’s salary.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this issue to the next meeting.

3051/01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field, Village Hall car park and CCTV system.

- a. Repair work to the driveway – update. The clerk reported that the contractor is now unable to do this work during the October half term as he has a staffing shortage due to injury and sickness. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that, due to likely bad weather over the winter months, a date in the spring of 2021 should be chosen. The clerk will liaise with the contractor in due course.
 - b. Report on any issues concerning the play area. Dogs have again been seen in the play area. A note will be made in the report to the Maldon Standard that dogs are not permitted in this area. Maldon District Council will be asked whether CCTV evidence of dog fouling can be used in fining irresponsible dog owners.
 - c. To receive reports on the use of the playing field for football club practice/matches. All football practices by various clubs are now over, and Tiptree Heath FC is using the field over the winter for its matches and youth training. Councillor Mr Porter will remind the club of the importance of any spectators maintaining social distancing measures.
 - d. To consider a request from the VHMC for the siting of two memorial benches on the field. Councillors considered requests for memorial trees for the late Mrs Hillen and Mr French. Following discussion it was agreed that benches rather than trees would be a better option as trees can be vandalised and if planted in the middle of the field can impede mowing work. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council and Village Hall committee will pay for plaques and a new bench, with wording for the plaques compiled by Councillor Mr Long. Councillor Mr Cook will make the plinth for the bench which will be sourced by Councillor Mr Porter.
 - e. Any other issues.
- No other issues were raised.

3052/01 To set the date for the Council's October meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to set the date for the next meeting at 19.10.2020. It was noted that advice from the NALC continues to be that meetings should be held remotely for the immediate future.

3053/01 To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda.

Arrangements for the Remembrance Day ceremony will be discussed at the next meeting. Government advice on how this should be done will be followed.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.17 pm.