

## **TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Report of the remote meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**

#### Planning

Decisions by Maldon District Council:

Land at Oaklands Park Park Lane – Proposed formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use. Prior approval not required.

Woodacre 38 D'Arcy Road – demolition of existing buildings and erection of 2no. new dwellings together with vehicular access. Refused.

Grove Hall Blind Lane – conversion of existing outbuilding to granny annex. Approved.

The following new applications were considered by the Parish Council:

Barns at Middle Farm Blind Lane – conversion of barns to dwelling. Objection due to the poor design which is considered to be incongruous and unbalanced.

Meadow View 55 Brook Road – roof extension to existing hipped bungalow with new sliding doors. Supported.

Monastery of St John the Baptist The Old Rectory Rectory Road – extension to car park. Supported – the Parish Council considers that the reasons for refusal of the previous application at this site have now been addressed, with a reduced number of parking spaces and low level lighting.

Maldon District Council is investigating possible breaches of planning conditions at Meadow Nursery Park Lane and 26 Top Road.

The Parish Council approved the draft response to the government white paper on planning reform, and this will now be sent.

#### Highways

Monthly reports of Trucam patrol:

September 2020 – 32 captures of speeding vehicles over a period of two hours.

Councillors received a report that a dog being walked on the lead on a public footpath in the village had been attacked and badly hurt by a loose dog. The Council had advised the owner to contact the police but she decided not to do this.

#### Playing field

There have again been cases of dogs being allowed into the play area. This is not allowed for safety reasons and notices make it quite clear that it is not permitted.

Some drugs equipment has been found in the car park and vehicles have been seen in suspicious circumstances. If this is captured on CCTV footage, the police will be informed.

A new bench and plaque in memory of Mrs Sheila Hillen is to be purchased jointly by the VHMC and the Parish Council. A new plaque in memory of Clive French is also to be obtained and placed on the existing memorial bench to Mrs French.

Remembrance Day Service. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and advice from the Royal British Legion, the village service will only be attended by members of the Parish Council, but it will be streamed live onto Facebook for others to join in remotely.

As it is unlikely that face to face meetings will be held again in the near future due to Covid, the Parish Council has decided to purchase a Zoom update to allow remote meetings to proceed more efficiently.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 16.11.2020.

The Parish Council considered a request from the Village Hall Management Committee to plant memorial trees in remembrance of Sheila Hillen and Clive French, both very active in the village during their lifetimes. The Council felt that benches would be more appropriate, and this will now be put in hand with plaques on each bench.

Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The Council will consider arrangements for this at its next meeting. Obviously, government guidelines and restrictions will have to be taken into account when this is done.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a remote meeting using Zoom on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Remote meetings will continue to be held until restrictions are lifted by the National Association of Local Councils. Residents are welcome to join the meeting – please contact the clerk several days beforehand to obtain joining instructions.