

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 18.8.2025

Present:

Councillor D Tungatt (Chair)

Councillor M Porter (Vice Chair)

Councillors G Cook, N Lewis and M Thompson.

Parish clerk – V Banyard.

No members of the public were present.

To receive questions/enquiries from members of the public, and to receive an answer at an appropriate time in the agenda.

No issues were raised.

3875.01 To receive apologies for absence, other announcements and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Dennis and R Long.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3876.01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21.7.2025.

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

3877.01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

3878.01 To consider planning issues:

Decisions from Maldon District Council:

25/00632/HOUSE	Treetops 11 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Raise ridge height, addition of dormer windows and roof lights and first floor rear extension with balcony. Single storey rear extension. Fenestration alterations to all elevations. Refused Date of decision: 31.7.2025
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New application. The following was considered:

25/00632/HOUSE	Brook Meadows 22 Brook Road Tolleshunt Knights	Single storey front porch extension. Fenestration alterations to all elevations. It was RESOLVED to support this application.
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Enforcement issues. The Council continues to be dissatisfied with the District Council's response to enforcement issues. Together with Tolleshunt Major Parish Council it feels that a meeting with the head of enforcement would be useful to understand why some cases have been closed and others are taking too long to process. The clerk will write to Mat Wilmslow at Maldon District Council to ask for such an explanation, and if this is not forthcoming to request a meeting to discuss these issues.

3879.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.

No issues were raised.

3880.01 To consider any Highways issues.

The Trucam report for July 2025 showed that three patrols totalling two hours in Brook Road and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road made captures of 22 of speeding vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 49 mph in a 30 mph speed limit. Unfortunately the numbers remain high despite the regular patrols. The traffic police are carrying out speed patrols in the area but to date no results have been given.

Details will be given on the Parish Council's website and facebook page asking if any residents would be willing to volunteer for a Community Speedwatch group. This would be set up and organized by the police and volunteers would receive training. Any captures of speeding vehicles would be sent to the police for further action.

3881.01 Public rights of way report.

No issues were raised.

3882.01 Road Safety report

There was nothing to report due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Dennis.

3883.01 Press Officer's report

There was nothing to report.

3884.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee's representative

The VPMC have had no further update from its insurers regarding the subsidence issue at the Village Hall.

A new drinks fridge and a floor buffer have been purchased.

A Christmas Fair will be held on 16.11.2025.

3885.01 The financial reports for August were noted and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses Aug	£ 355.37
HMRC	Clerk's tax Aug	£ 80.06
Maldon D C	Trucam patrols Apr – June 2025	£ 311.33

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

The move towards internet banking is ongoing.

3886.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems

The defibrillator is operational and regularly checked.

Playing field replacement Deeds. This is now proceeding.

Torquesspeed Lionesses FC are continuing to hold weekly practice sessions on the field.

Play area. Councillors discussed the work to be carried out in the play area. A quote is to be obtained from Playquip following a site visit. This will be for repair work to the current equipment rather than new build. A further quote from ESP which includes a new multi unit will also be obtained, and another quote from a third company will complete the three required for a grant application. It was **RESOLVED** that the grant application should be made in early December to allow time for obtaining the necessary quotes, and this will have to be approved at the Council's November meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Tree Management policy as presented and to ask Hybrid Ecology to carry out a visual tree inspection to ascertain what tree work is required.

3887.01 Update – insurance claim VPMC versus the Parish Council.

There is nothing further to report as yet. The council's insurers are still waiting to hear from the claimant.

3888.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion in a future agenda.

The following highways faults will be reported to Essex County Council:

A loose drain cover outside Pilgrims Place in Barnhall Road.

A large pothole in the road outside Panorama in Barnhall Road.

As there was no further business the meeting was then closed at 8.38 pm.