

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18.2.2026

Vacancies on the Council.

As there has been no request for an election the Parish Council will now proceed to co option to fill the vacancies. Please see the notice on the Parish Council website and the notice board in the car park at the Village Hall. Further details can be obtained by contacting the parish clerk as above

Planning

Decision by Maldon District Council: Treetops 11 Barnhall Road - part two storey, part first floor rear extension including raising the ridge height and the addition of dormers and roof lights. Approved.

New application: Community of Saint John the Baptist The Old Rectory Rectory Road. Erection of a new single story shop building with basement and associated site works following the demolition of the existing greenhouse. The Parish Council supports this application.

The following Appeal decision was noted. Mayfield Park Lane - breach of planning control as alleged in the notice is the unauthorised siting of a mobile home for residential use. The enforcement notice is quashed.

Highways

The latest Trucam report for January showed a total of 11 captures over 2 hours in two locations – Brook Road and Tolleshunt D’Arcy Road. The highest recorded speed was 41mph in a 30 mph speed limit. There was some speculation that the number of potholes in the roads are causing vehicles to slow down.

The large pothole outside Hillcrest House in Barnhall Road was again reported to Highways as it is now larger and deeper. Repair works were carried out but the surface is already disintegrating after just a few weeks. A letter will be sent to Cllr Mark Durham and the Cabinet Member for Highways at Essex County Council expressing the Parish Council’s disappointment at the poor standard of road repairs.

The Parish Council again considered the possibility of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device for the village. This has been further investigated and it is felt that at the moment it is not financially viable and the Trucam speed patrols are more effective.

Report of the Village Hall Management Committee representative. Some concerns have been expressed at dogs attacking other dogs on the playing field, and owners not clearing up after their pets. All dog owners are urged to act in a responsible manner and keep their dogs on leads at all times if they are likely to harass other dogs.

Playing field/Village Hall

Relining of the car park. The Parish Council has set aside a budget for carrying out this work in the year from April 2026. Three quotes have now been obtained and these have been passed to the VHMC asking if they would consider paying half of the work. Their reply is awaited.

Tree work. The tree work has now been carried out and logs left to benefit wildlife and create new habitats. It was decided not to make any wood chippings to spread on the paths in the woodland as in the past dog owners have complained that the chippings have damaged their dogs' feet.

The recent tree survey report highlighted the need to remove dead wood from the four oak trees adjacent to the village hall, Quotes will be obtained for this work.

Play area

The Council will now submit a grant application to the National Lottery for the refurbishment of the play area

Insurance claim regarding the felling of the oaks. There is nothing further to report.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Monday 16th March 2026** at 7.30 pm. The public are invited to attend and the agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website and the notice board in the Village Hall car park in due course.