

TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16.3.2026

Vacancies on the Council.

Mr Michael Sullivan has been co-opted onto the Council and was welcomed as a member. One vacancy remains – any resident who is interested in applying can contact the clerk as above.

Planning

The following decisions were received from Maldon District Council:

The Node 6 Barnhall Road - Alterations to existing garage and carport to create habitable rooms with roof lights and part pitched, part flat roof. Single story side extension with pitched roof over to match existing. Approved.

Hallfield Gate Barnhall Road - Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of replacement detached 4 bed dwelling. One bed detached annexe and detached double garage, associated landscaping and parking. Approved.

Mayfield Park Lane – part retrospective detached timber framed double carport. Approved.

There were no new applications to consider.

Highways

The latest Trucam report for February showed a total of 5 captures over 2 hours in two locations – Brook Road and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road. The highest recorded speed was 39mph in a 30 mph speed limit. This is the second month running that captures of speeding vehicles have been much reduced. It was also reported that the police have been out in the village carrying out speed checks.

The almost immediate breaking up of the repair to the pothole outside Hillcrest in Barnhall Road was again reported to Highways who stated that no further work was required. However it is now noted that lines have been drawn around the pothole to indicate that it will be repaired again.

A hedge at 3 Darcy Road which is badly overgrown and dangerously encroaching onto Brook Road will be reported to Highways.

Playing field/Village Hall

Dog fouling in the playing field has recently increased with owners failing to pick up after their pets. It should be noted that evidence from CCTV cameras will be used and sent to Maldon District Council who can fine irresponsible dog owners up to £1,000 for failing to clear up after their dogs.

Tree work Following the recent tree survey it was noted that dead wood from the four protected oak trees near the Hall needs to be removed. This can be done even though the trees are protected. A contractor has been appointed and the work will be carried out shortly. The metal bench around one of the oaks is causing damage to the tree as it has grown into the bark, and this will be removed and replaced in due course.

Play area refurbishment and repairs. The Council is now waiting to hear if its application for grant funding has been successful.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Monday 20th April 2026**. It will follow the **Annual Parish Assembly** which takes place at 7.30 pm. The public are invited to attend and the agendas will be posted on the Parish Council website and the notice board in the Village Hall car park in due course.