TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 16.6.2025

Present:
Councillor D Tungatt (Chair)
Councillor M Porter (Vice Chair)
Councillors N Lewis, R Long 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.

3846.01 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 G Cook.
There were no Declarations of Interest.

3847.01 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19.5.2025.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3848.01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.
Councillor Mr Porter has been looking into possible sources of grant funding for the new play area fence.
A resident is setting up a petition to try and achieve a 20 mph speed limit along the entire length of Factory Hill. The state of the pedestrian footway, the narrowness of the path and the speed of vehicles on the road makes it hazardous for pedestrians walking up or down the hill, especially those with young children or mobility issues. Furthermore the poor drainage in the area following rain leads to many pedestrians being soaked by passing vehicles. Tolleshunt Knights Parish Council is pleased to give this matter its support, and notes that Tiptree Parish Council will also be approached.

3849.01 To consider planning issues:
Decisions from Maldon District Council – There were none to consider.

New application. The following was considered:

25/00487/HOUSE	Treetops 11 Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Raise ridge height, addition of dormer windows and roof lights and first floor rear extension with balcony. Fenestration alterations to all elevations. It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

Enforcement issues. Further to Councillor Mark Durham's intervention on this issue with Tolleshunt Major and Tolleshunt Knights Parish Councils, a meeting will be held with Councillor Maddie Thompson, the clerk and the head of planning at Maldon District Council to try and ascertain what enforcement cases are closed or open in the parish.

3850.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.
No issues were raised.

3851.01 To consider any Highways issues.
The Trucam report for May 2025 showed that three patrols totalling two hours over one location made captures of 17 speeding vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 46 mph in a 30 mph speed limit. It was felt important that the public should be made aware that the Council has to pay for the Trucam patrols but any resulting fines collected go into a government central account and nothing to the Parish Council.

It was reported that Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road from the Brook Road roundabout to the junction with Strawberry Lane has recently been closed due to a power issue.

3852.01 Public rights of way report.
The vegetation on some paths is quite high at present.

3853.01 Road Safety report
There was nothing to report due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Dennis.

3854.01 Press Officer's report
There was nothing to report.

3855.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee's representative
The VHMC has made a number of requests to the Parish Council, including the need to clear dead wood and fallen trees in the playing field woodland. It was suggested that the Essex Wildlife Trust Rangers could help with this and the Parish Council welcomes any assistance they could give.
The request to remove the old notice board at the entrance to the driveway was turned down as the Parish Council has to operate within its set budget and no provision was made for such work.

3856.01 To receive the financial reports for June and to approve cheques for payment.
The financial reports were received and noted.
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses June	£ 353.78
HMRC	Clerk's tax June	£ 80.06
St Lukes PCC	Grant for cemetery in Blind Lane Tolleshunt Knights	£ 200.00

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

3857.01 Audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31.3.2025.
The internal audit has now been completed and all relevant documents have been posted on the Parish Council website.

3858.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems
Regular checking of the defibrillator takes place and new pads have been obtained to replace those which were out of date.
Playing field replacement Deeds. This is now proceeding.
Torquespeed FC are holding an event on the playing field on12th July.
Play area. The Council awaits the annual ROSPA Playsafety inspection report of the play area. It was agreed that this should be considered at the same time as the quotes for a new fence, and that grant funding schemes should be explored for all of this work.

3859.01 Update – insurance claim VHMC versus the Parish Council.
There is nothing further to report as yet. The council's insurers are still waiting to hear from the claimant.

3860.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion in a future agenda.
No issues were raised.
As there was no further business the meeting was then closed at 8.45 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 21.7.2025 and recorded as Minute reference 3862.01.