TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 21.7.2025

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

3861.01 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.

3862.01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16.6.2025.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3863.01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.
No issues were raised.

3864.01 To consider planning issues:
Decisions from Maldon District Council – There were none to consider.
New application. No new applications had been received.
Enforcement issues. The Council is dissatisfied with the District Council's response to enforcement issues. Its open and closed case list does not entirely match that of the Parish Council, despite a lengthy period for this to be dealt with. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that a letter is sent to both Tolleshunt Major and Little Totham Parish Councils asking that the local MP should be approached in an attempt to get a clearer picture of what is actually happening.

3865.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.
No issues were raised.

3866.01 To consider any Highways issues.
The Trucam report for June 2025 showed that three patrols totalling two hours in Brook Road and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road made captures of 19 of speeding vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 51 mph in a 30 mph speed limit. The summary of patrols for the period April 2024 to March 2025 inclusive showed a grand total of 318 captures of speeding vehicles, with 284 drivers sent on speed awareness courses and a further 34 made a conditional offer. There were no prosecutions.
The traffic police are carrying out speed patrols in the area but to date no results have been given.

3867.01 Public rights of way report.
No issues were raised.

3868.01 Road Safety report
There was nothing to report due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Dennis.

3869.01 Press Officer's report
There was nothing to report.

3870.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee's representative
There was no report to be given.

3871.01 To receive the financial reports for July 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 July	£ 344.59
HMRC	Clerk's tax July	£ 80.06
Safety Sheep Store	Play area signage	£ 80.80
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspection	£ 110.40
Maldon D C	Grounds maintenance Q1 Apr – June 2025	£ 991.20
Torquespeed FC	Hire of field – return of deposit	£ 250.00
Amicus Law	Playing field Deeds – deposit	£ 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.

3872.01 To consider any issues concerning the playing field and play area, Village Hall and car park and CCTV systems
The defibrillator was recently deployed although not actually used. It has been checked and is now back on the circuit.
Playing field replacement Deeds. This is now proceeding.
Torquespeed FC held their Open Day on 12th July and the Parish Council was pleased to see that the area was left tidy. The deposit will now be returned.
Play area. Following the recent play area inspection report it was **RESOLVED** that various repairs will be carried out. Fourways will be asked to provide a quote to project manage and carry out the work and it was **RESOLVED** that this should include the new play area fence (as recently decided), new goal posts in the playing field and a new Multiplay unit as well as other minor repairs. Councillor Mr Porter has identified a grant source and an application will be made in due course, when a total of three quotes will be needed.
It was **RESOLVED** that a Tree Management policy is required for the playing field, and the clerk will prepare a draft for consideration at the August meeting. Hybrid ecology will be approached to carry out an inspection of all trees in the playing field together with a risk assessment – red for those requiring work, amber for those to be monitored and green for trees which have no issues. The Parish Council will then need to find three quotes for any work in the red category.

3873.01 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.

3874.01 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 8.44 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 18.8.2025 and recorded as Minute reference 3876.01