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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall Tolleshunt Knights on 15.9.2025

Present:
Councillor D Tungatt (Chair)
Councillor M Porter (Vice Chair)
Councillors G Cook, 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.

3889.01 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 N Lewis.
There were no Declarations of Interest.

3890.01 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18.8.2025.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

3891.01 To receive items of information on the above Minutes.
No issues were raised.

3892.01 To consider action to be taken regarding the ill health of Councillor Mrs Dennis.
Councillors were concerned to hear of Councillor Mrs Dennis's ill health. It was agreed to revisit this issue at the January meeting.

3893.01 To consider planning issues:
Decisions from Maldon District Council. There were none to consider.
New applications. The following were considered:

25/00729/FUL	Former Barn Hall Farm Barnhall Road Tolleshunt Knights	Retention of former bungalow to be used as an accessible 1 bed annexe to the new 4 bedroom dwelling at the site following erection of a new link to the main house and external materials on bungalow to change from render to cladding to match the 4 bed dwelling. It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application: The Parish Council objects to this application as it is not entirely clear if the proposal is for an annexe or a separate dwelling. The Council is mindful of the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside at this site which may be affected by the proposal. The original condition of permission was that the bungalow should have been demolished before the occupation of the main house.

25/00752/NMA	.Hylands Rectory Road Tolleshunt Knights	Application for non material amendment following grant of planning permission 23/00623/FUL allowed on Appeal APP/X1545/W/23/3331260 (Ancillary building in place of existing former chicken shed storage building)It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.
25/00766/HOUSE	Mayfield Park Lane Tolleshunt Knights	Detached timber framed double carport. It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.
25/00809/FUL	Land at Oxley House Tiptree	New barn building for apiculture associated with adjoining meadowland. It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application. The Parish Council objects to this application due to the size, bulk and scale of the proposed barn. Apiculture is the practice of keeping bees as well as the manufacturing of honey and beeswax. Bees are an outdoor species and there is therefore ambiguity as to the purposes of such a large barn, which can hardly be justified given the probable scale of apiculture on this site.

Enforcement issues. To consider the Parish Council's response to the Maldon District Council Planning Enforcement Services Standards document. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council wishes to receive access to the Planning Enforcement mapping application in order to understand what cases are current in the village and the actions being taken to deal with them.

3894.01 To consider any report that the Clerk may make and correspondence received.
No issues were raised.

3895.01 To consider any Highways issues.
The Trucam report for August 2025 showed that three patrols totalling two hours in Brook Road and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Road made captures of 30 speeding vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 46 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. The clerk will approach the police again asking for further patrols and give them details of the Trucam captures made in the last three years.
Setting up of a Community Speedwatch group. No interest has been shown to date and the Council is mindful of the costs in setting up such a group.

3896.01 Public rights of way report.
No issues were raised.

3897.01 Road Safety report
There was nothing to report due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Dennis.

3898.01 Press Officer's report
There was nothing to report.

3899.01 Report of the Village Hall Management Committee's representative
The VHMC have had no further update from its insurers regarding the subsidence issue at the Village Hall.
The VHMC has offered to provide hot drinks after the Remembrance Day service on 9.11.2025. The Parish Council will bring cakes and biscuits.
The VHMC has some concerns that the lower woodland area is very untidy, and the Essex Wildlife Trust Rangers could carry out some work here at no cost to the Parish Council.

A request was made from the VHMC that the old noticeboard at the end of the drive should be removed, but the Parish Council has not budgeted for this for the current year.
The hedge along the driveway needs trimming. Councillor Mr Tungattt will approach Mr Newenham (Wilkins and Sons) for this to be done later in the autumn.
The VHMC is to set up a Loneliness Club to give residents the opportunity to come together for social activities.

3900.01 The financial reports for September were noted and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary and expenses Sept	£ 343.34
HMRC	Clerk's tax Sept	£ 80.06
Maldon D C	Grounds Maintenance Q2	£ 991.20
TKVHMC	Hall hire for meetings May – Aug 2025	£ 40.00
Community Heartbeat	Defib support Year 4	£ 162.00

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 and should be completed by the next meeting.

3901.01 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.
Torquespeed 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 and considered the quotes received to date. There is a third quote yet to come in. A final decision must be made at the October meeting to allow for the grant application to be made. Councillor Mr Cook will obtain a quote for one single goalpost.
Tree management. A tree surgeon will be asked to inspect some dead trees in the playing field and to give a quote for any work to be done.

3902.01 Update – insurance claim VHMC versus the Parish Council.
The latest update from the Council's insurers is that nothing further has been heard from the solicitors for the VHMC and that the file will be closed for now. It can be reopened at any time.

3903.01 To consider other items of information for inclusion in a future agenda.
No other issues were raised.

The above Minutes were approved at the meeting dated 20.10.2025 and recorded as Minute reference 3905.01.