TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING held on FEBRUARY 23RD 2016 in the Village Hall Back Room.

Present

VICE CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR R. BIRKIN

Councillors: G. Munson, M. Coe, R. Scott, and Mrs D. Cook.

Ward member Councillor E. Bamford.

Four members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Councillor R. Birkin took the Chair.

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received by Councillors R. Dent and Mrs L. Barwick.

141. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO AGENDA ITEMS</u>

No declarations of interest were declared.

142. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public participation.

143. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON JANUARY 26TH 2016

The minutes were agreed and signed.

144. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE MINUTES

131. Local Council Awards Scheme. A reply has now been received and registration completed.

135.1 Dog bin. Councillor G. Munson said he may have a bin. The clerk said a location should be agreed before the purchase of a bin for Chapel Road if none available.

145. PLANNING

1. Received decisions made by Maldon District Council.

None have been received.

2. Planning applications.

HOUSE/MAL/16/00073
Proposed side extension.
78 Tollesbury Road,
Tolleshunt D'Arcy

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There are no objections from neighbours. Councillors unanimously supported the application.

HOUSE/MAL/16/00068
Two storey rear extension.
6 Tollesbury Road,
Tolleshunt D'Arcy

There are no objections from neighbours. Councillors unanimously supported the application.

HOUSE/MAL/16/00002

Two storey side extension and double garage. Oxley Cottage, 1 Oxley Hill, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

There are no objections from neighbours. Councillors unanimously supported the application.

TCA/MAL/16/00139 T1 – Cherry tree – Fell. 23 Tollesbury Road, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

The tree is in poor condition. Councillors unanimously supported the application.

3. Receive information on planning appeals. No planning appeals required attention.

146. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. <u>Farleigh Hospice</u>. The community fund raiser wishes to promote the charity locally. He will be invited to address the annual assembly.
- 2. <u>Play equipment annual inspection.</u> It was confirmed the independent contractor used last year will carry out the inspection.
- 3. Rose House light. The occupiers have restored this light by turning it on.
- 4. <u>Henry Smith Trust Fund.</u> The Chairman of the trustees is prepared to meet councillors to discuss the position. Councillors R. Birkin, R. Scott and G. Munson will attend. It was agreed to circulate an explanation of the situation to recipients. A suggestion was made to use the funds to set up an old peoples club. Councillors will rely on the trustees to advise what may be possible.

147. FINANCE

1. The financial statement was approved and the following payments authorised: To clerk:

 Salary February
 £335.70

 Burial fees
 £121.00
 £456.70

 Total net of tax
 £365.30

Mileage 30 @45p £13.50
Printer ink £11.63

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To HMRC £91.40 PAYE

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Bonz Garden Maintenance Ltd

£36.00 Outside shop area maintenance

EALC E.ON £70.00 Course fee. Chairman's Day 1 £49.79 Pavilion electricity (3 months) Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Hall

£500.00 Annual rent.

Total

£1,138.12

- 2. Village hall invoices. No invoices were presented for payment.
- 3. EALC training courses. There were none.
- 4. <u>Transparency grant.</u> The clerk has applied for government funding to assist with getting the tools and funding for the work involved to meet the transparency regulations.

148. RECREATION GROUND

- 1. Football team. One team has withdrawn because there are insufficient FA approved facilities. A second team (whose contact has not seen the building) can get a grant to upgrade the facilities. It was confirmed the building can be adapted to comply with the requirements. The third team, based in the village and sponsored by the Queens Head PH, will not require showers. It will need the facilities on alternate Sunday mornings only, ten matches a season starting in September till May and training in July 2016. They will use the nets and white lining equipment left by the last team and have offered to pay £20 per match or an alternative figure to be agreed. They will clear up after matches and not leave any kit in the pavilion. Councillor Munson will contact the other team to see how they can dovetail with the local team. It was confirmed to the representative attending the meeting that the parish council approve their use of the facilities.
- 2. <u>Items in the recreation ground car park.</u> It seems some materials have been dumped in the car park. It was thought they are associated with the adjacent building works.
- 3. <u>Pavilion.</u> Kitchen appliances destined for the village hall are being stored there. Councillors approved this use.
- 4. <u>New playground equipment.</u> A letter is being drafted to be sent to the suppliers in an effort to resolve the issue.

149. PROVISION OF A DIFFIBRULATER

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

- 150. HIGHWAYS
 - 1. Outside lights. Progress has been made in getting the lights to work.
- 151. BURIAL GROUND

There were no items to discuss.

152. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There were no items to discuss.

153. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was closed and re-opened.

- 154. <u>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA</u>
 - 1. Finding a replacement clerk.

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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm.