MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Dorman, Henderson, Munson

In the Chair: Cllr Smith

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillor Thompson

#### 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

# 2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Barwick and Scott.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

#### 4. District Councillors

Cllr Thompson had no new information to report to the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised that it had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a resident that an Appeal had been made by the Applicant for the Land Adjacent 86 Tollesbury Road for 23 dwellings. No formal notice had been received from Maldon District Council.

Cllr Thompson advised she was unaware of an Appeal for this site and there was no notification on the Maldon District Council website of an Appeal. Cllr Thompson agreed to look into this further.

### 5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

#### 6. Minutes

# Minutes 24th September 2019

**Resolved**: that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes. Unanimously agreed.

#### 7. Finance

### 7.1 Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Reports were presented to the Council.

Councillors received the following monthly Financial Reports:

Bank Reconciliation – Closing balance of £29,747.06 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Expenditure to date - Budget £30,159 - Actual £15,496

Income to date (including Precept (£20,530) £23,530 - Actual £21,321

Earmarked Funds - Closing Balance - £7,642.11

The Chairman signed the Reports.

# 7.2 Payments

Items for payment totalling £2,782.21 were presented for approval.

**Resolved:** to approve payments. Unanimously agreed.

### 8. Precept 2020/21

The following items were suggested for the 2020/21 Precept.

• Picnic benches for the Recreation Ground



- Website
- Special Constables

The Chairman asked Members to forward any further suggestions to the Clerk asap. The Chairman and the Clerk would be preparing the budget for consideration at the next Meeting.

## 9. Planning

## 9.1 Planning Applications and Decisions

## Planning Applications:

To ratify decision for the following Planning Applications from Maldon District Council:

Application No: 19/00898

**Proposal:** Replacement of windows to conservatory with sash windows and oak framed glazed window panels and oak framed glazed panelled doors.

**Location:** Maypole House North Street Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: to ratify decision to have no objection of this Application.

Unanimously agreed.

Application No: TCA/MAL/19/00854

**Proposal:** T1 & T2 Prunus - Reduce by 1m. T3 Bay - Reduce by 2m in height. T4 Copper Beech - 3m crown reduction T5, T6 and T7 Beech - Reduce in height by 5m & take in side by 2m.

**Location:** 10 Kelvedon Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy Essex CM9 8TE **Resolved:** to ratify decision to have no objection of this Application. Unanimously agreed.

To consider Planning Applications from Maldon District Council including the following:

Application No: TCA/MAL/19/00892

Proposal: T1 Ash - Crown lift by 2m. T2 & T3 Pear - Reduce height by 2m.

Location: 21 Tollesbury Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy Essex CM9 8UB

Resolved: to recommend approval of this Application. Unanimously agreed.

- Appeals: To receive notification of Planning Appeals.
- Planning Decisions: To note decisions made by Maldon District Council.
  - TCA/MAL/19/00962 1 Vicarage Close Approved

Cllr Thomson reported that the Planning Application for Heath Farm Bungalow, Grove Farm Road, had been refused at Maldon District Council the previous evening.

- Planning Appeals: To note appeal decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate.
  - Highways Act 1980 Section 119

Order Making Authority – Essex County Council

Title of Order: Public Footpath Diversion Orders 2018 in the District of Maldon, Footpath 7 Little Totham and Footpath 2 Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Footpaths 4 and 5 Tolleshunt

Order A: ROW/3216621 – This Order is proposed for confirmation subject to modifications set out in the Formal Decision.

Order B: ROW/3216622 – This Order is confirmed subject to modification. Order 3: ROW/3216623 – This Order is confirmed subject to modification.

#### 10. Parish Council Insurance

Resolved: to ratify decision to enter into a one-year Agreement with Inspire via Came and Company for £1,238.02 to provide the insurance for the Parish Council. Unanimously agreed.

### 11. Training

There were no requests for training.

## 12. Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Hall

As Cllr Barwick was not present at the Meeting, an update would be received at the Parish Council Meeting in November.

## 13. Maldon District Council - Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

The Report for September was received and noted.

During the CPOs Patrols in September, a total of 19 drivers were captured with the TruCam for speeding.

### 14. Remembrance Day

**Resolved:** to display the 'Tommy' silhouette for Remembrance Day on the cage of the Maypole.

Action: Chairman to paint and erect the 'Tommy' silhouette. Cllr Brown agreed to assist.

#### 15. Administration

Highways

- <u>Local Highways Panel</u> The Clerk reported that Essex County Council had advised that the traffic surveys in the Parish are scheduled to be installed week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- <u>Parking blocking Pavement</u> The Clerk reported she had circulated an email to Councillors received from a resident expressing concern about parking in the Village forcing people to walk in the road.

**Action**: Clerk to respond to resident to advise that the Parish Council has no power on this issue, however, Councillors have pre-printed notices which they place on offending vehicles appealing to motorists to be more considerate. Outside of London it is not illegal to park on pavements unless there are yellow lines or the vehicles blocks pedestrians/prams/wheelchairs etc. from using the pavement. In either of these cases it is a matter for the Police who should be contacted on 101 or online with photographic evidence where possible.

 Parking on Green Spaces - The Clerk reported she had circulated an email to Councillors received from a resident expressing about concern vehicles parking on the green space outside the Rectory.

**Action**: Clerk to respond to resident to advise that the land outside the Rectory belongs to the Rectory and is, therefore, private land.

### 16. Representative Reports

### 16.1 Burial Ground

# 16.1.1 Update from Clirs Brown, Henderson and Scott

There were no issues to report. It was noted that Maldon District Council had carried out the hedge cutting.

The Clerk advised she had contacted the Contractor who had painted the fence/gate at the Burial Ground regarding the peeling paint. The Contractor advised that he had used the paint requested.

**Action:** To review in 6 months' time with a view to repainting the gate

### 16.2 Recreation Ground

# 16.2.1 Update from Clirs Brown, Dorman and Munson

There were no issues to report.

# 16.2.2 Monthly Play Equipment Inspection Report

The Chairman reported that due to work commitments he had been unable to carry out the monthly inspection but would ensure one was carried out the following month.

# 16.2.3 Replacement Gate

Councillors reviewed the quotation for the supply and installation of a replacement gate between the Recreation Ground and the Primary School. It was agreed not to proceed at this stage.

# 16.3 Highway/Footpaths

# 16.3.1 Update from CIIr Henderson

Cllr Henderson reported that the pavement outside 72 Tollesbury Road was in need of repair. Cllr Henderson had had difficulty reporting this via the Essex County Council Online Reporting tool.

Action: Clerk to contact Essex County Council.

# 16.3.2 Essex County Council Highways

The Essex County Council Highways Highlights September 2019 was received and noted.

# 16.4 Website / Facebook Updates

### 16.4.1 Website/Facebook

The Clerk advised that she continues to update the website and Facebook page regularly.

### 16.4.2 Parish Council Website

The Clerk had circulated a list produced by the EALC for website providers. **Action:** Clerk to try the free website service provided by BT and report back at the next Meeting.

# 17. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

There were no Community Concerns.

Next Agenda:

Precept

### 18. Date of the next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on: **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – Full Council Meeting - 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.16pm.

Signed...

Date: 26 NOV 2019