

#### **Parish Councillors:**

John Smith (Chairman), Lyndsey Barwick (Vice-Chairman), Jason Brown, Barry Dorman, Maggie Henderson, Gerry Munson, Richard Scott

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# Full Council Meeting Dates **2021/22**:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday 31st August
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Meetings are held in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



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www.tolleshuntdarcypc.org

Welcome to the new quarterly newsletter from your Parish Council. We will be letting you know what we are doing and anything else that might be of interest. If you have something you would like to see included or have something of your own to contribute, please get in touch with our editor Cllr. Lyndsey Barwick on lyndsey@tolleshuntdarcypc.org

## Message from the Chairman

After a challenging year, it is perhaps surprising that we seem to have achieved so much. They say adversity brings out the best in people, and we have certainly seen many examples of that! Hopefully, as things slowly return to something like normal, we will be able to get even more done. Your Parish Council has a few more ideas for the future, but please let us know if there is anything you would like to see. We may not be able to do everything, but we can try.

First, a massive thank you to our wonderful team of Covid 19 Volunteers. We are so lucky that the team got together early in the pandemic (before the national call for volunteers) and did so much to help others. From getting the weekly shopping to taking people to central London for hospital appointments, they performed countless acts of kindness to those in need. They are the best of us, and I know everyone will join me in thanking:

Tanita Newman	Nigel and Alexis Filer	Lyndsey Taylor
Stacey Baker	Robert and Alison Morgan	Rachael Richards
Joanna Spouge	Gareth Martin	Emma Carroll
Claire Saye	Angela Cox	Trish Heard
Jason Brown	Richard Scott	Lyndsey Barwick

And of course, our Clerk Michelle Curtis who did so much of the coordinating

At the start of the pandemic, a group of industrious residents began making facemasks. The Parish Council was pleased to help with a donation when one of the sewing machines broke, and so far, they have raised a considerable sum towards the Village Hall project. So very well done, and thank you to Trish Heard, Gemma Denney and Catherine Wheedon.

#### **Litter Pickers**

We also owe a big thank you to Dawn Pitt and her team of litter pickers who have made a remarkable difference in tidying up the parish. The Parish Council were pleased to support them by providing equipment, and MDC kindly removed the rubbish bags for us.

Dawn Pitt Maggie and Kevin Reed

Trish Heard Sarah and James Howard

Nina Catasus Escriba Katie Loman

Denise Clark Alison Selfe

Lyndsey Taylor Lyndsey Barwick

Fiona Marshall Cathy and Nicola Gilbey

Catherine and Brooke Wheddon

Gemma and Matt Denney & children

#### **Burial Ground**

The weather has made keeping the ground as we would like it quite difficult this year. Jason Brown, our lead Councillor for the Burial Ground, has already carried out repairs to the entrance gates and is now very kindly planning to retreat the entrance gates and generally keeps an eye on things. If you need to contact, please do so via the Clerk on 07483 325853.

#### **Tudwick (Hamlet of)**

Parishioners out in the wilds of Tudwick will know we have been without a notice board for some time. We have the notice board that was blown down last year and are awaiting ECC Highways permission to install it by the postbox on the triangle at the junction with Tudwick Hall Road. It has been nearly a year we have been dealing with ECC on this, and hopefully, it won't be much longer.

#### **Defibrillator**

Early this year, a defibrillator was installed in the Book Box (the old telephone kiosk) outside the Queen's Head. Our Parish Clerk, Michelle obtained a grant for this, so thanks to her, we now have two defibrillators in the village (the other one is located at the Village Hall). Thank you to Mr and Mrs Houlding of the Queens Head for supplying the necessary electricity to power the defibrillator. Also, our thanks to the Langdon family for looking after the book stock.

#### **Recreation Ground**

We are pleased to see that this is now getting used again, and regulars will have noticed the new fencing around the play area. Following a suggestion from Cllr. Richard Scott, we now have an excellent outdoor table tennis table. Users of social media will know this has caused a little jealousy in neighbouring parishes, and there may be an opportunity for a little inter-parish competition?



The outside gym looks a little tired, so we are arranging for it to be refreshed with a good clean and some repairs.

We are also very pleased to announce that Bee-Fit CM9 will soon be opening a keep fit gymnasium in the pavilion. This exciting new venture should start in September, and there will be more information in the next newsletter.

The Saturday footballers are moving to a new ground for next season, and we wish them the best of luck. We are pleased to say the Sunday team will be playing again, possibly under a new team name.

Cllr. Barry Dorman is our lead Councillor for the Recreation Ground, and you may have seen him on his regular inspections. If you have any ideas about the Recreation Ground, please get in touch with Barry via the Clerk on 07483 325853.

### **Maypole**

As you may have noticed, we have had the maypole renovated and used it as an annual site for Tommy as a mark of respect for Armistice Day.

## **Festival Gardens Amenity Land**

We understand the applicant has gone to appeal, but MDC will not officially notify the Parish Council until an inspector is appointed.