



MAY 2022

Parish Councillor:

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

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Full Council Meeting Dates 2022/23:

Tuesday 31st May 2022
Tuesday 28th June 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022
Tuesday 30th August 2022
Tuesday 27th September 2022
Tuesday 25th October 2022
Tuesday 29th November 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Tuesday 31st January 2023
Tuesday 28th February 2023
Tuesday 28th March 2023
Tuesday 25th April 2023
Tuesday 9th May 2023

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



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Message from the Chairman

There was considerable interest in the vacancy for a Parish Councillor and after much deliberation, Ian Ewing was duly elected. As there was so much interest in the vacancy, the other applicants were invited to join a Parish Improvement Working Group (PIWG). The purpose of the PIWG is for non-councillors to consider and propose potential improvements to the parish and produce a plan for the Parish Council to consider. This will hopefully bring some fresh ideas and avoid the "we tried that 10 years ago and it did not work" scenario. Lyndsey Barwick (Parish Council Vice-Chair) and I will be facilitating the creation of the PIWG and we will make ourselves available as required as a resource - but it is their Group. So far four residents have joined the group and if anyone else would like to be involved, please let me know.

John Smith – Chairman

First Responders

As highlighted by the tragic loss earlier this year the parish does not have the benefit of any First Responders. This was raised at the recent Annual Assembly and a few people volunteered to be trained. The Parish Council has invited them to the next Parish Council meeting together with a trained First Responder from Mersea Island. We hope to be able to set up and support a First Responder Team for the parish which will be independent of the Parish Council once operational. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please come along to the Parish Council meeting on 31st May 2022 or contact the Clerk.

Village Hall



At the AGM the Village Hall Management Committee announced that the National Lottery had indicated a change in policy and would no longer be supporting projects such as new village halls. Although not giving up entirely, this is probably the only

realistic opportunity to raise sufficient funds for a rebuild. The committee is going to consider reverting to Plan A. This was the phased rebuild/refurbishment of the existing hall which will require alternative planning permissions etc. The PC fully supports the VHMC who will still need to raise significant further funds although not on the scale required for a complete rebuild.

Burial Ground

The notice board has been replaced – Thanks to Councillor Jason Brown for doing the work. The new gates should be installed very soon.

Bus Shelter – Tollesbury Road

The obscene graffiti was causing offence and Councillor Jason Brown kindly repainted it. Unfortunately, before he was able to apply the anti-graffiti treatment the walls were again defaced. The culprit has been active around the village for some time with a black marker pen and some extremely offensive material. We hope parents will discuss this issue with their children and explain the impacts of graffiti on public property.

Speeding in the Village



This has remained an issue and a delegation from Kelvedon Road attended the Parish Council meeting in February to stress the continued problem in their locality. The Parish Council explained the work done to investigate Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) but the

residents felt strongly that enforcement was the best solution. As a consequence, we arranged to concentrate the next month's TruCam patrols on Kelvedon Road. Unfortunately, a large van parked on the road (possibly in an attempt to slow traffic) invalidated the area as an enforcement site so the patrols were unable to proceed. The Maldon District Council Community Protection Officers are discussing the location with Essex Police and will report back on the potential for enforcement. The issue was also raised at the Annual Assembly and County Councillor Mark Durham explained some of the backgrounds whilst agreeing that enforcement was very effective. Unfortunately for different reasons, we are unable to proceed with VASS in Tollesbury Road and Church Street. Although the powers of the Parish Council are extremely limited for speeding, we will be pursuing this issue further.

Precept

As predicted in the last issue the precept has been maintained at the same level for the second year. This has meant that most people saw a small reduction in their contribution. Probably went unnoticed with all the other increases.

Annual Statutory Meeting

The Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 10th May 2022. Elections were as follows:

Chairman – John Smith

Vice-Chair – Lyndsey Barwick

Recreation Ground

The Pavilion changing rooms have been reconfigured and redecorated and will be available for the Sunday football team for the next season.

Annual Parish Assembly

This was held on Friday 22nd April 2022 with over 50 people in attendance. A copy of the Draft Minutes is available on the Parish Council website at www.tolleshundarcypc.org

The lack of a footpath between numbers 12 and 20 Tollesbury Road was raised, and a request was made to level the verge to make it easier to use by pedestrians. As this is a matter for Essex County Council, we have submitted a request to the Local Highways Panel and are confident that this will be supported by our County Councillor Mark Durham who attended the Assembly together with our Maldon District Council Ward Member Maddie Thompson.

New Bench

A big thank you to the Businesses in Station Way for donating a new bench which has been installed near the noticeboard.

Thank you to:

Wickham Engineering Hose & Hydraulics Ltd

Bollfilter UK Ltd

John Hall (Formerly Eurolux Plastics)

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FWD Vapour Blasting

Mick Robertson (Station House)

