



AUGUST 2022

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Full Council Meeting Dates 2022/23:

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

The Parish Working Group (PWG) have been busy considering various options to reduce speeding in the village in addition to the TruCam activities sponsored by the Parish Council. The PWG is also researching the potential for the acquisition of mobile Vehicle Activated Signs.

The Parish Council will be applying to the Essex County Council Local Highways Panel for the following:

- 1) Installation of "gates" to the village which are generally considered to be effective in reducing speed.
- 2) More signage for North Road, Station Road indicating that the road narrows which we hope will also slow vehicles down when approaching the village

We have now completed our application for the next level of the Council Quality Awards Scheme and we will now be scrutinized by the awards panel.

John Smith – Chairman

Recreation Ground Play Area

The roundabout has now been completely refurbished with the main bearing replaced and will now hopefully be enjoyed by children for another 30 years.



Recreation Ground

Over the last few years, the Parish Council has invested money into improving the Recreation Ground this includes the installation of a new fence around the play area, a new table tennis facility, a replacement base for the youth shelter, additional seating, multi-functional activity equipment and new litter bins.

The Parish Council now plans to install a new piece of play equipment where the old swings for small children were located. The Parish Council thought it was important to consult with the school children and Cllr Barwick attended a school assembly where the children voted for their preferred equipment.

The children voted for a new rotating see-saw.



The Parish Council has applied to the Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund for a grant towards half of the costs of the project which will include replacement safer surfacing under the new equipment and around the refurbished roundabout. The total cost of the project is £15,000.

Burial Ground

The new gates have now been installed at the Burial Ground.



Can we please remind residents that the layby outside the Burial Ground is not for general parking. This area is for visitors to the Burial Ground.

First Responders

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Parish Council got together with the Mersea First Responders, the Tollesbury First Responders and interested Tolleshunt D'Arcy residents to discuss the formation of a Tolleshunt D'Arcy First Responder Group. There was a consensus that the best way forward would be for the new volunteers to join the Tollesbury group who are under-resourced and to raise funds to purchase additional emergency equipment to be located in Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Catherine Sanders is coordinating the fundraising which is also needed for ongoing costs. Donations can be made online at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/darcyfirstresponders

In the meantime, the Parish Council will continue to support this very worthy cause.



Queen's Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's jubilee, we installed two roses and a plaque in the area near the shop.

It was lovely to see so many houses decorated and pictures from the various street parties held in the parish celebrating this special occasion.

Speeding in the Village

TruCam patrols in Kelvedon Road were suspended whilst the site was reviewed by Essex Police. They have now confirmed an acceptable location and the landowner has kindly agreed that it can be used. Once this area has been approved by Essex Police we will be able to focus on this location for TruCam patrols as requested by the residents who attended a Parish Council meeting a few months ago. The Parish Council has looked at the "20 is Plenty" national campaign which argues for speed limits of 20 mph in populated areas including small villages located on through routes. As mentioned previously we think this would be most suitable in a village like ours but unfortunately, the scheme is not currently supported by Essex County Council.



Keeping Footways Clear

Many of the footways in the village are quite narrow and overhanging vegetation can make this even worse forcing pedestrians to use the road. The Parish Council have to write to some land owners to ask them to cut back trees and bushes etc. If your hedges overhang the footpath, please cut them back to your boundary.