

Present: Cllrs Evans, Ewing, Henderson, Middleton, Munson

In the Chair: Cllr Smith – Chairman

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillor Thompson
Steve Howard and Vanessa Reeve – Parish Working Group PWG
John Barber – Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Hall and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Barwick.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors

The report (Appendix A) from County Councillor Durham was received and noted.

5. Public Forum

John Barber raised the following on behalf of Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Hall. Over the last two weekends, there have been issues with parking outside the Village Hall. The Village Hall car park has been used by the footballers using the Recreation Ground. A booking had been made for the Village Hall and the users were unable to use the car park due to the footballers using it.

The Clerk advised that the juniors are training on a Saturday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am. Both the adult and junior teams are playing their games on a Sunday. The Clerk reported that she is in contact with the junior football team and parking has been discussed. The junior team had approached Tolleshunt D'Arcy School to ask if they could use their car park, but the request was refused due to them not having a caretaker. The junior team had also been car sharing to reduce the amount of car travelling to Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

Action: Clerk to speak to Tolleshunt D'Arcy Primary School.

The Chairman advised that the arrangement with the junior football is a temporary arrangement.

Action: John Barber to advise the Clerk when events are being held at the Village Hall so she could tell the football teams that they are not to use the Village Hall car park on those occasions.

John Barber asked whether the Parish Council would consider giving a grant to the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would consider an application from the Village Larder and the Grant Application Form was available on the Parish Council website.

6. **Parish Working Group**

Vanessa reported that the Community Speed Watch (CSW) had progressed and training is being arranged. Currently, there are 10 volunteers.

Vanessa advised that the locations had been submitted for the CSW but the location in Station Road had not been approved.

7. **Minutes**

Minutes 25th July 2023

Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed by those who attended.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

8. **Finance**

8.1 Monthly Financial Report

Councillors received the Monthly Financial Reports as of 31st August 2023.

Bank Reconciliation – a Closing balance of £49,228.61

Expenditure to date – Budget £31,971 – Actual £9,176

Income to date (including Precept (£22,721) £31,971 – Actual £25,241

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance - £14,769.83 – Net Transfers £7,573

The Chairman signed the Reports.

8.2 Pavilion Flooring

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to ratify the decision to approve expenditure to Lakeview Design & Build Ltd of £2,000 + VAT for repairs to the flooring in the Pavilion.

8.3 Payments – August 2023

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to ratify the decision to approve the payments for August totalling £2,135.93. Unanimously agreed.

8.4 Payments – September 2023

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to approve the payments totalling £5,874.06.

9. **External Audit**

The Clerk advised that Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2022/23 had been received from the PKF Littlejohn. The External Auditor reported the following:

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:
“None.”

The Clerk confirmed that she had prepared the Notice of conclusion of the audit and had publicised the Notice along with the certified AGAR (Sections 1, 2 & 3) on the Parish Council website and noticeboard, in line with the statutory requirements.

10. Planning

10.1 Planning Applications

To ratify decisions of the following Planning Application:

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/23/00704/HOU PP-12318263

Proposal: Single storey rear & side extension, proposed hardstanding and new dropped kerb

Location: 47 Festival Gardens Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

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

At this stage, Cllr Middleton declared a personal interest, as 25 Chapel Road is a neighbouring property.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/23/00875 PP-12422902

Proposal: Replacement outbuilding to rear of garden to provide car garaging, gym and workspace incidental to use of main dwelling house

Location: 25 Chapel Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

It was agreed to defer making a decision on the application as it was unclear what the changes were to the previous application which had been approved by Maldon District Council.

Action: Cllr Evans to review the application and report back his findings to the Councillors via email.

John Barber left the meeting.

At this stage, Cllr Ewing declared a personal interest, as he lives in the neighbouring property.

Application No: TCA/MAL/23/00896 PP-12450420

Proposal: T1 - Prunus - Fell

Location: 7 Kelvedon Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/23/00904 PP-12450419

Proposal: Single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory

Location: Wellside Nurseries Tudwick Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

Application No: COU/MAL/23/00864

Proposal: The change of use of the site for the provision for traveller accommodation including one static mobile home and a tourer caravan.

Location: Land North Of Station Road Tolleshunt D'arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to respond to Maldon District Council as follows:

The Parish Council is unable to make a decision on this application as the information supplied is conflicting. The applicant had provided information

confirming that the family has been settled for generations, yet they are claiming traveller status.

10.2 Planning Decisions:

To note decisions made by Maldon District Council

FUL/MAL/23/00010 - Land At Spital Farm Station Road – Approved

HOUSE/MAL/23/00324 - 23 Tollesbury Road – Approved

WTPO/MAL/23/00427 - 41A & 39 D'arcy Way – Approved

LBC/MAL/23/00431 - Darcy House 1 South Street – Approved

HOUSE/MAL/23/00467 - The Vinery 3 Kelvedon Road – Approved

HOUSE/MAL/23/00553 - 1 Grouts Farm Cottage Kelvedon Road – Approved

TCA/MAL/23/00679 - Grass Verge Corner Of Church Street – Approved

TCA/MAL/23/00708 - Grass Verge Corner Of Vicarage Close – Approved

10.3 Applications Withdrawn

To note that the following application was withdrawn from Maldon District Council:

Application No: FUL/MAL/22/00903 PP-11461507

Proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 7 bed dwelling for supported living

Location: Land At Dodo Mansion Kelvedon Road Tolleshunt D'arcy

10.4 Appeals

To receive notification of Planning Appeals from Maldon District Council – None received

10.5 Planning Appeal Decisions

To note decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate – None received

10.6 Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

To note TPOs made by Maldon District Council – None received.

11. Training

Cllr Middleton asked to attend the Routine Playground Inspection Training. This would be subject to the availability of the training and him being able to get the time off of work.

Councillors were happy for Cllr Middleton to attend the training session.

Action: Clerk to check availability of the course with the EALC.

12. Parish Annual Assembly

The Minutes (Appendix B) from the Annual Assembly held on 17th May 2023.

The Chairman ran through the 'action' items:

Item 6

A resident advised that recently a child was hit by a reversing vehicle and this was in Margery Allingham Place. The resident suggested that bollards be installed on the pavement to stop vehicles from mounting it.

Action: Resident is to provide the exact location to the Parish Clerk.

Action: To be explored further by the Parish Council.

Update – The Clerk reported that no information had been received from the resident, therefore no further action had been taken.

TruCam is believed to be ineffective in Church Street, it has not slowed vehicles driving on Tollesbury Road. Could TruCam be moved to Tollesbury Road outside of school pick-up and drop-off times?

The Clerk advised that the CPOs did some patrols on Tollesbury Road but stopped due to vehicles being parked in the approved area for TruCam. An alternative site on Tollesbury Road has been submitted to Essex Police for approval.

Action: to be discussed further with the CPOs.

Update – The Clerk reported that an additional site in Tollesbury Road had been discussed with the CPOs. This site is waiting for approval by Essex Police.

A resident asked who is responsible for the alleyway between Church Street and Festival Gardens as it is not being maintained.

The Chairman reported that it is the responsibility of Essex County Council Highways.

Action: Clerk to report to Essex County Council.

Update – The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Essex County Council.

Steve and Vanessa left the meeting.

13. Car Park – Recreation Ground

Resolved: Agreed by the majority to accept the quotation (Appendix C) from Bonz Cairey for £480 + VAT to top and face the hedge on the right-hand side as you enter the car park.

Action: Clerk to confirm with Bonz Cairey that they will seek planning permission from Maldon District Council prior to starting the work.

Cllr Thompson left the meeting.

14. Pavilion

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to accept the verbal quotation from PMF Electrics for £360 to replace some lighting and rectify a fault.

Action: Cllr Middleton to explore further the possibility of recovering the costs from BeeFit-CM9 as the lights had been altered when they hired the Pavilion.

15. Police/Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

15.1 Police Report

The Police Reports were received and noted.

15.2 Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

15.2.1 CPO Report

The CPO Reports for July and August 2023 were received and noted.

It was noted that during the CPOs Patrols in July, there were 23 speeding offences - 18 on Church Street and 5 on Kelvedon Road.

It was noted that during the CPOs Patrols in August, there were 18 speeding offences - 11 on Church Street and 7 on Kelvedon Road.

16. Administration

Salters Meadow – The Clerk reported that she had written to the land owner regarding the cutting of the grass on Salters Meadow. To date, there has been no reply.

Action: Cllr Ewing to advise the Clerk of other family members of the owner.

Planters – The Clerk and Cllr Henderson had both contacted Contractors for a quotation to take over maintaining the planters at Margery Allingham Place. Both Contractors advised that they did not wish to take on the additional work. As this was outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, no further action was to be taken.

Bin/Dog Bin Harvesters – The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Maldon District Council advising the litter bin was being used for household waste. Cllr Henderson advised that the litter bin was not overflowing but the dog bin had on a recent occasion.

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Community First Responders (TDCFR) – The Clerk reported that she had received an update from the TDCFR. They are fully up and running and they have already had 2 call outs. They are always looking for volunteers and there is no time commitment, so if anyone would like further information, they can contact Catherine Saunders.

17. Representative Reports

17.1 Burial Ground

17.1.1 Update on the Burial Ground

Cllr Henderson advised that there were no issues to report.

17.2 Recreation Ground/Pavilion

17.2.1 Update on the Recreation Ground/Pavilion

Cllr Middleton advised that there were no issues to report.

17.3 Public Rights of Way

17.3.1 Update on Public Rights of Way

Cllr Henderson advised that there were no issues to report.

17.4 Road Safety/Highways

17.4.1 Update on Road Safety/Highways

Councillors received the poster designs from the children of Tolleshunt D'Arcy Primary School. A winning poster was decided on for each year group.

Cllr Barwick will present the children with the winning posters with a Smythe's gift voucher at the next school assembly.

Action: Cllr Barwick to decide on the overall winner of the competition to have the poster printed.

The Clerk reported that a resident had put in a request to extend the speed limit in Oxley Hill (similar to what had been done in Tollesbury Road) as there had been a recent accident.

The request by the Parish Council was received but this requires a speed survey.

Action: Clerk to ask Essex County Council to carry out a speed survey.

18. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items
Cllr Middleton reported that the vegetation had been cleared on the corner of Chapel Road so the no parking signs were now visible.

19. Date of the Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on:
Tuesday 31st October 2023 – 7.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56 p.m.

Signed.....

Date:.....

Autumn Report to Parish Councils. September 2023

The final days of summer are upon us and I sincerely trust that everyone had a pleasant couple of months. The weather could have been better, but hopefully that didn't detract from your enjoyment.

As is usual over the summer months there is less going on than usual, but with September, things generally pick up quickly and this year is no exception.

In my new role as cabinet member for The Arts, Heritage & Culture in early July, I have been spending a lot of time getting around some libraries, country parks and outdoor centres etc. Clearly this is a busy time for a lot of elements in my portfolio and therefore my summer has been rather busier than usual.

Over recent months there have been a number of both small and large councils declare a 'section 114' with the government. This is the public sector terminology for being effectively bankrupt. This means that those councils do not have sufficient income to cover the costs of the services that they provide. There are a number of different reasons behind these declarations, some of which are no fault of the authorities. For example Birmingham City Council found themselves with a cost for an equal pay settlement. They had previously sold a number of assets including the NEC, but they are now forced to take additional measures, in fact central government have decided to appoint external commissioners to oversee their recovery. A similar arrangement was established for Thurrock a couple of years ago with Essex County Council being the designated commissioners.

Other authorities have found financial pressures due to the costs for their children's services functions. The high costs of caring for the most vulnerable children can run to many thousands of pounds per week and the increase in separated migrant children has placed additional pressures on Kent and Essex. Fortunately Essex has a robust financial position and it is not one of those authorities at risk. Years of prudent financial management leaves the county council in a strong position and able to withstand the current pressures. However future budget gaps have to be addressed in order to maintain its strong position.

Financial difficulty is not only an issue for large councils and there are three districts in Essex that are identified by DLUC as being at risk in the next three years.

The financial position has meant a change to the structure of the local highway panels and some of their budget has been taken to fund the ongoing maintenance program including the repairs to potholes etc. The budget for the Maldon LHP has been cut significantly with only £100,000 available to fund capital projects across the district. There were a number of schemes that slipped for the list last year and all of these have now been funded. These will be implemented in the coming months. However the panel currently has applications totalling well over £500k plus a number that are yet to be costed. Clearly this means that the panel will be unable to fund the vast majority this financial year. Moving forwards, the panel may only be able to consider projects that are relatively cheap and provide good value for money.

It is important to understand that the LHP's were initially set up to devolve small capital projects to a district level, but as the years went by, each panel was faced with applications for major works, often costing in excess of £100k. Projects such as this are no longer being considered by the LHP's and they will be carried out under the regular highways capital program.

Another issue that has attracted a great deal of attention recently is the situation regarding RAAC in schools and other buildings. This type of lightweight and aerated concrete was widely used between 1970's to 1990's and is now showing signs of deterioration. We have been aware of most cases where RAAC is present in ECC assets and indeed many had already seen remedial works. However due to some instances of ceiling collapses elsewhere in the country, government changed its policies and new surveys had to be carried out. Essex appears to have the largest percentage of schools impacted by RAAC in England, however one reason is that the authority had been diligent in providing its survey results to government for the maintained schools in Essex and most academy trusts had also returned their questionnaires. Many counties had failed to provide this information and therefore they are showing fewer affected buildings. These will of course be identified in the near future. ECC has only one school still closed which is in Hatfield Peveral but this should be open shortly when temporary classrooms are delivered this week.

Unfortunately Hatfield Peveral library is also impacted by RAAC and is closed until further survey work is carried out. Clearly this has helped to considerably increase my workload!

Devolution

The most significant topic that has happened since the last report, in fact it is less than a week old is that a devolution deal for Essex has moved forwards. Last week the Secretary of State for DLUHC asked if Greater Essex would be interested in proceeding towards a non-mayoral devolution deal (Level 2), likely to be announced by Government in the Autumn Budget Statement on 22nd November 2023. This is likely to be part of the last tranche of deals before the General Election.

In line with the expression of interest submitted to the Government in March, Greater Essex will enter into these negotiations with a view to seeking to agree a deal in time for the Autumn Budget Statement. This follows discussions with the Leaders of the district, borough and city councils and upper tier authorities, and has the backing of large strategic businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

This deal will **not** establish a Directly Elected Mayor, but it will involve creating a new Greater Essex Combined Authority.

The Combined Authority will be a new institution in which the three constituent councils will take collective decisions on the powers and budgets that Government delegates down to Greater Essex under the deal. It will also incorporate the future LEP functions, following the Government's decision to disband LEPs and bring them under local democratic oversight. There are no extra precepting tax implications with this model.

A Combined Authority will not be a merger between Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Council – each authority will remain sovereign and independent.

It should be emphasised that we are still in the negotiating phase of the deal. But things are expected to move quite quickly now over the coming weeks. Broadly, we

are working towards having an outline deal agreed with Government by the end of October, with the deal then being announced and published in the Autumn Budget Statement on 22nd November.

District leaders were briefed last Friday and the press will be advised in the coming days.

It should be stressed that this does not affect Maldon District Council which will continue to operate autonomously for the foreseeable future. It is anticipated that further changes to local government will come during the next parliament regardless of the political party in office.

This will be a fast moving subject and as the process progresses, I will provide regular updates. However I felt that it is important for parish councils to be advised personally rather than hearing it first in the press.

I would be happy to attend parish meetings to brief members should this be useful.

Finally, I still have a tranche of pot holes to submit to the members priority repair scheme, so please let me have details soon as possible. Photos and exact location along with the reference number from the Website report it tool are essential. I think it is fait to say that the concerted work by ECC Highways over the summer has dramatically reduced the number of defects and some members are struggling to allocate their full quota.

I also have a small amount of locality fund to award, so any projects that may qualify should be submitted as soon as possible please.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Stiles', written in a cursive style.

20/09/23

MINUTES of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Annual Assembly held in the village hall on Friday 19th April 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors - Cllr. J Smith (Chairman, Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council), Henderson, Scott

District Councillor – M Thompson
John Barber – Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder
Denise Clark, Steve Howard, Vanessa Reeve - Parish Working Group (PWG)
Michelle Curtis - Clerk to Parish Council
10 members of the public

1. Introduction

The Chairman explained that whilst this was a meeting of the parishioners, by convention the Parish Council Chairman chairs the meeting and facilitates discussion whilst the Parish Clerk takes the minutes.

2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly 22nd April 2022

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 22nd April 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a PowerPoint Presentation (Appendix A) to the assembly giving an overview of the Parish Council's work over the last year.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has addressed two items that had been raised during the 2022 Annual Assembly.

- First Responders – Since the Parish Assembly last year the Tolleshunt D'Arcy First Responders has formed.
- An application had been sent to Maldon District Council to level the grass verge on Tollesbury Road. The application was approved and the work is expected in 2023/24.

4. Tolleshunt D'Arcy First Responders

Catherine Saunders, Tolleshunt D'Arcy First Responders, reported:

- There were now 3 qualified First Responders with one more being trained.
- Anyone who may be interested in joining should contact her.
- Cat presented a breakdown of the finances (Appendix B) and thanked the local business, residents and the Parish Council for their donations.
- They had raised a total of £4,623 of which £2,000 has been spent on kit.
- There is a delay in the supplier of defibrillators and they have access to the Tollesbury one when they are not responding.
- The Tollesbury First Responders cover surrounding villages including the Tolleshunts, Tollesbury and Goldhanger.

5. Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder

John Barber gave a PowerPoint Presentation (Appendix C) to the assembly.

6. Parish Working Group

Steve explained that the PWG was set up as a conduit between the residents and the Parish Council. There is a Facebook page Tolleshunt D'Arcy PWG and residents are encouraged to join the page.

Steve raised the following questions on behalf of the residents:

- The village shop application, a full application will be submitted should the application be approved. What are the Parish Councils views on this application?

The Chairman advised that when the Parish Council discussed the application at their recent meeting they neither supported nor objected to the application. The following concerns were raised 1) Concern there will be increased parking and 2) Concern regarding the suitability of this proposal in the conservation area. Should the application be approved and a full application submitted, this will be considered by the Parish Council.

- Parking around the school and Rubys during school drop-off and pick-up. What can be done?

The Parish Council has no control over the parking. All the Parish Council can do is continually remind people.

A resident advised that recently a child was hit by a reversing vehicle and this was in Margery Allingham Place. The resident suggested that bollards be installed on the pavement to stop vehicles from mounting it.

Action: Resident is to provide the exact location to the Parish Clerk.

Action: To be explored further by the Parish Council.

- TruCam is believed to be ineffective in Church Street, it has not slowed vehicles driving on Tollesbury Road. Could TruCam be moved to Tollesbury Road outside of school pick-up and drop-off times?

The Clerk advised that the CPOs did some patrols on Tollesbury Road but stopped due to vehicles being parked in the approved area for TruCam. An alternative site on Tollesbury Road has been submitted to Essex Police for approval.

Action: to be discussed further with the CPOs.

Denise raised the following questions on behalf of the residents:

- Car park at the Recreation Ground has potholes, what is the current update on repair?

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotations for the repairs. One quote has been received but we are still waiting for an additional quotation. The work includes tarmacking the entrance and laying road planings in the main car park area.

- There is an issue with rabbit holes on the Recreation Ground, what is being done about it? The footballers often have to fill the holes before they can play their matches.

The Chairman advised this is very difficult to control. The only way to protect the Recreation Ground would be to install rabbit exclusion fencing which would be very prohibitively expensive.

- Is it time we should start rethinking the idea of a village sign?

The Maypole is often referred to as the village sign. A village sign is also costly and would need the permission of Essex County Council.

Denise suggested making the Maypole more of a feature.

Vanessa raised the following questions on behalf of the residents:

- The trees along Church Street have been trimmed back and the entrance of D'Arcy Way is overgrown, what control does the Parish Council have over grass verges?

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council has no control over the grass verges, this is the responsibility of Essex County Council. Due to cutbacks at Essex County Council, the frequency of cutting verges has reduced.

- Church Street application and the fence posts which have been left since the owner has removed the fence. A section of the grass is being cut but part is being left.

The Chairman reported the issue with the remaining fenceposts has been reported to Maldon District Council Enforcement. With regards to the grass, Moat has cut back the grassed area which belongs to them The uncut grass is the responsibility of the property owner.

A resident asked who is responsible for the alleyway between Church Street and Festival Gardens as it is not being maintained.

The Chairman reported that it is the responsibility of Essex County Council Highways.

Action: Clerk to report to Essex County Council.

7. Questions from residents

There were no further questions from residents.

The Chairman expressed thanks to all the volunteers in the village including the Litter Pickers, Coronation Garden group, Tolleshunt D'Arcy First Responders and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder.

There being no other business for discussion, the Chairman closed the assembly at 8.03 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....

**TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY
PARISH ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY
19TH MAY 2023**



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TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Domestic Arrangements

- ❖ **There is no fire drill scheduled so if the alarm sounds please leave via the emergency exits and meet in the car park.**
- ❖ **We aim to finish by 8pm but are happy to continue beyond then if required.**
- ❖ **Remember this is your Assembly.**

Following the Annual Assembly:

Henry Smith Trust

Village Hall AGM.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda

- ❖ **Apologies**
- ❖ **Minutes of the Last Assembly**
- ❖ **Chairman's Report**
- ❖ **Tollesbury First Responders**
- ❖ **Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder**
- ❖ **Parish Improvements Working Group**
- ❖ **Questions**

Chairman's Report

- ❖ The Elections were held in May. There was an Uncontested Election for Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Councillors for Tolleshunt D'Arcy are John Smith, Lyndsey Barwick, Maggie Henderson and Gerry Munson
- ❖ There are currently 3 vacancies – should you wish to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk. The closing date for applications is 23rd May 2023.
- ❖ Jason Brown and Richard Scott did not stand and we thank them for their valued contribution over the years.

❖ **Finance**

The 2021/22 were submitted and returned no adverse comments.

The 2022/23 Internal Audit will be carried out in May.

Income and expenditure for 2022/23:

- Income - £31,892 (includes £21,514 precept)
- Expenditure - £28,681
- Earmarked Reserves - £7,196.83
- Closing balance as of 31st March 2022 - £32,833.52

Highlights of the last 12 months

- ❖ New gates at the Burial Ground installed
- ❖ Refurbishment of the roundabout
- ❖ Planting of roses and plaque for the Queen's Jubilee
- ❖ The Parish Council signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge
- ❖ Planting of a rose and plaque for the King's Coronation

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

More highlights of the last 12 months:

- ❖ Achievement of the Quality Level – Local Council Award



Traffic/Speeding Issues – What have we done?

- ❖ The Parish Council has an agreement with the MDC Community Protection Officers (CPOs) to carry out TruCam (Speeding) Patrols in the village.
- ❖ There is a 20's Plenty Campaign. The Parish Council is supporting the campaign and has written to ECC to ask them to consider setting an authority-wide default of 20mph for urban and rural community roads. A letter has also been sent to neighbouring parishes asking them to support the campaign.
- ❖ The Parish Council has submitted an application to the Local Highways Panel (LHP) for the installation of village gateways which have proven to be successful in traffic calming.
- ❖ The Parish Council has also looked into Speed Indicator Devices which were very costly. It is still being explored and if the Parish Council were to proceed permission would be required by ECC.



TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY FIRST RESPONDERS

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY





The Village Larder opened in October 2022

The Tolleshunt D'Arcy Village Larder (TDVL) is a Non-Registered Constituted Charitable Trust and run by 4 Trustees from Tolleshunt D'Arcy



What does the Village Larder do?

We distribute donated food from Local & National Retailers along with donations from the local community to those who need additional assistance within the Village.

We do not discriminate against those who need assistance or question them.



Why did the Village Larder start?

During 2022 it was clear that energy prices along with inflation were going to be an issue and cause significant stress to some of the residents in Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

The trustees of the TDVL trust noted and spoke to The Centre in Tollesbury which was setting up a similar project to ours, called the Tollesbury Village Larder, taking advice on how to set up the project.



The trustees also agreed to collaborate with the Tollesbury Village Larder in order to collect and share foodstuff from retailers, allowing us to reduce the time required by the trustees to operate the trust and collect larger volumes of goods.

Any monies and grants given to the TDVL are used only to provide for the residents of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish.



Have we helped?

During the seven months, we have been operating we have and are continuing to help.

6 - Families.

5 - People living alone.

We have also provided cash grants to two families.



We also run a free coffee morning every Wednesday in the Village Hall for the residents of the village and surrounding area as a hub to meet and chat.



CURRENT ACCOUNTS



FUNDING.

We currently have received grants from the following:

- Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council.
- Henry Smith (Tolleshunt D'Arcy) Trust.
- Essex Association Local Councils (Warm Spaces Grant).
- Tiptree Christmas Fayre (Food Grant).
- Cash donations from the Local Community.

T O L L E S H U N T D ' A R C Y

VILLAGE LARDER

INCOME			
GRANTS RECEIVED			
	TOLLESHUNT DARCY PARISH COUNCIL		£500.00
	HENRY SMITH TRUST		£500.00
	ESSEX ASSOCIATION LOCAL COUNCILS EALC (WARM SPACES GRANT)		£1,000.00
	TIPTREE CHRISTMAS FAYRE (FOOD GRANT)		£250.00
CASH DONATIONS			
	CHARITY COLLECTION BOX		£867.00
TOTAL INCOME TODATE			£3,117.00

T O L L E S H U N T D ' A R C Y

VILLAGE LARDER

EXPENDITURE		
	TOLLESHUNT DARCY VILLAGE HALL (RENT)	£250.00
	EALC WARM SPACE GRANT EXPEDITURE	
	HEATING FOR REAR COMMITTEE ROOM	£590.00
	WARM CLOTHING AND BEDDING	£275.00
	COFFEE MACHINE FOR USE BY VILLAGE LARDER	£93.00
	CASH GRANTS	£100.00
	FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (CASH PURCHASES)	£335.00
	FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (BANK ACCOUNT PURCHASES)	£121.00
	SET UP & GENERAL RUNNING COSTS (FURNITURE, SIGNAGE & PRINTING)	£157.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE TODATE	£1,921.00

T O L L E S H U N T D ' A R C Y

VILLAGE LARDER

TOTAL INCOME TODATE				£3,117.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TODATE				£1,921.00
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE				£1,196.00
CURRENT MONIES HELD				
	CURRENT ACCOUNT HOLDINGS			£1,055.00
	PETTY CASH HOLDINGS			£141.00
TOTAL MONIES HELD IN BANK & PETTY CASH				£1,196.00

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**PARISH
WORKING GROUP**

QUESTIONS

**HENRY SMITH
TRUST**

**TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY
VILLAGE HALL
AGM**

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Estimate 1185**DATE** 26/09/2023**EXPIRATION DATE** 26/09/2023

DATE		QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
26/09/2023	Sales Top and face the hedge in the car park with hedge trimmers only and dispose .	1	200.00	200.00
26/09/2023	Sales Top hedge with chainsaws and face and dispose .	1	420.00	420.00

Please note that if the hedge is topped with trimmers only we will be removing approx 2ft .

SUBTOTAL 620.00
 VAT TOTAL 124.00

If the hedge is top with chainsaws we can go down to 6 or 7 ft appox .

TOTAL £744.00

Accepted By

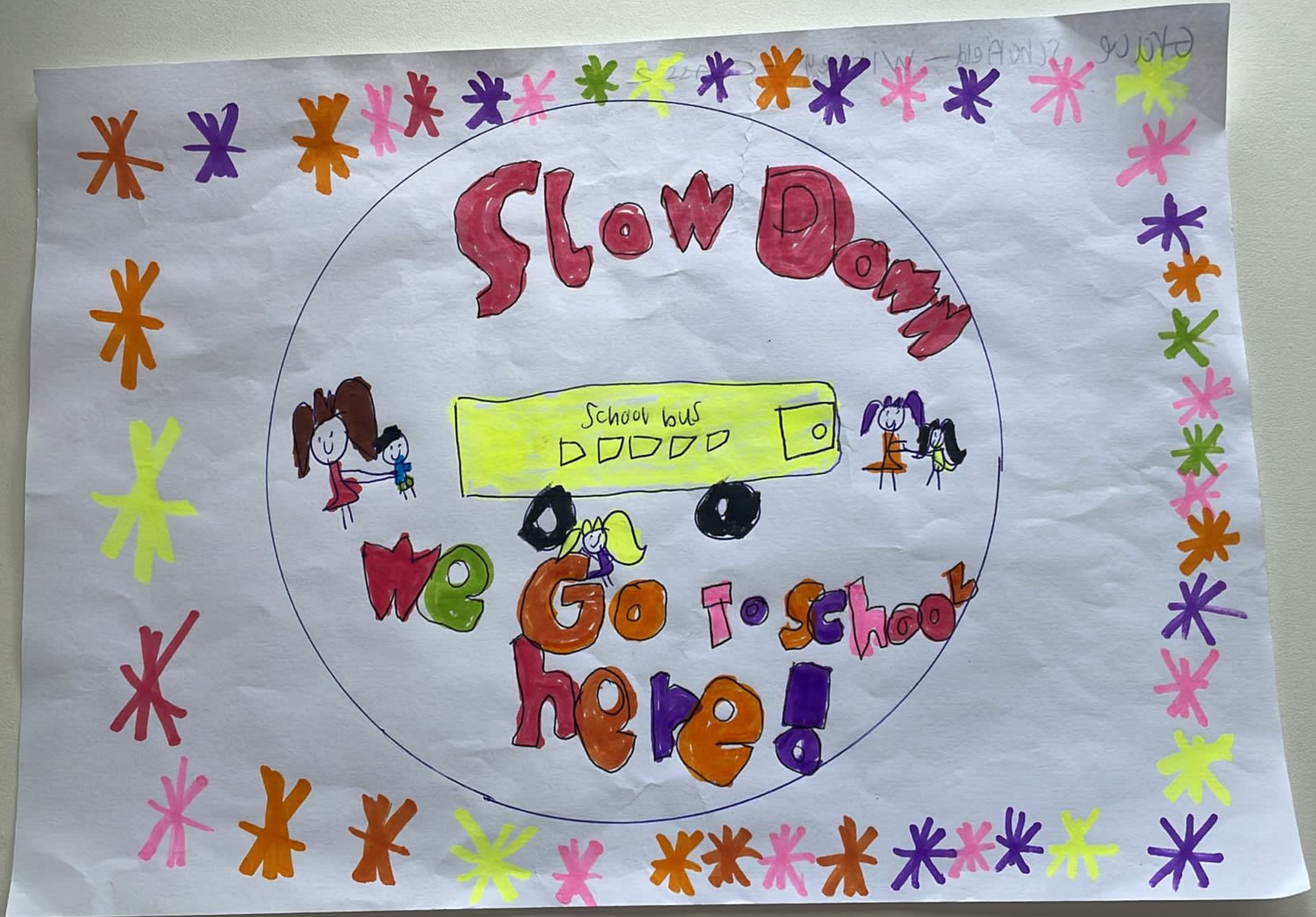
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SLOW

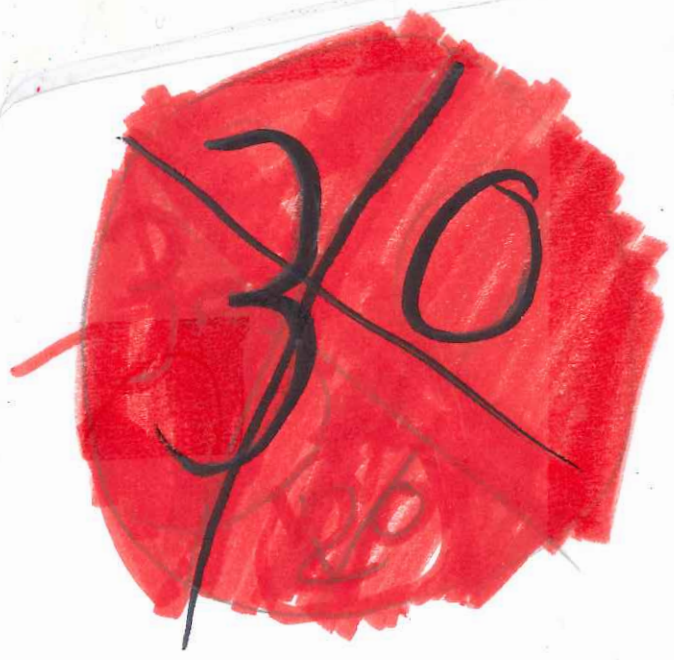
DOWN
FOR US

PLEASE!





Twenty is
Plenty



Class 2

STOP 20
IS PLENTY

Mrs. [unclear] - 2023

Class 3



We go
to school here.

Slow down!



20 MP =



KILL YOUR
SPEED



NOT
MEE

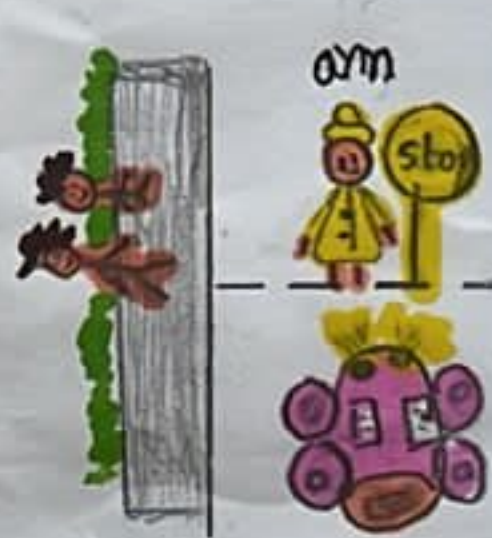
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Darcy Say



Slow
down
please!

20 mph
please

twenty's
PLENTY is
Please help
us cross the
road thank you



CHILDREN



NEARBY