

Those present:

Cllr Smith (Chair)
Cllr Denney
Cllr Henderson
Cllr Middleton
Michelle Curtis (Parish Clerk/RFO)
Steve Howard – Parish Working Group

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evans, Ewing and Munson and District Councillor Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. County and District Councillors

The following was reported on behalf of Cllr Durham:

“Clearly since the new government came to power in July, a lot of things have, or will change in due course. We are still in uncharted waters regarding the new NPPF and the extremely worrying potential housing figures for Maldon District and we know that devolution is likely before the end of this parliament. We will not know about wider issues until after the autumn budget when the new chancellor will unveil her spending review. It is too soon to draw any conclusions about where local government will be or many other issues that will definitely impact everyone in the land.

I think it will be helpful if I provide a full update on the current state of affairs after the budget when we will know more about the future. In the meantime we have allocated a further £25m to the highways budget for priority works. This will include resurfacing and repairs to many rural roads as well as major routes. We will shortly have a total of 12 new machines for patching work that are being rolled out at the moment. You may well be seeing the results of this already.

I still have some Locality funding available which has to be allocated by the end of this year, so if there is a project in your area, please let me know. I am also about to submit the next round of member led highway repairs and we have already addressed some issues in Tollesbury and Tolleshunt Knights. Please let me have a list of the most important issues locally and I will add them to the lists.”

Action: Cllr Denney will provide the Clerk with a list of highway issues, including the broken school sign on Tollesbury Road, potholes in Beckingham Road and the drains in Chapel Road. Once received, the Clerk will forward the list to Cllr Durham.

4. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

5. Parish Working Group (PWG)

Steve reported:

- Overgrown Hedge Festival Gardens/Beckingham Road

The hedge has been trimmed back.

Cllr Henderson advised that the brambles had not been cut back and were overgrown onto the footpath.

The Clerk advised that the resident had been written to and they had advised that they were arranging for a contractor to cut the hedge back.

Action: To be monitored.

- Bollards and CCTV installed outside Rubys – Is this allowed?

The Clerk advised that a resident had also raised this with her. With regards to the CCTV, the resident has been advised to report this to Essex Police directly.

The Chairman advised that as this is on private property, it is not a Parish Council matter. However, as it is in the conservation area, permission may have been needed before installing the bollards.

Action: Clerk to ask the Conservation Officer at Maldon District Council to see if permission would be required to install the bollards.

- Village Shop – The Conservation Officer has written to the shop owner.
- Land Adjacent to 13 Church Street – The appeal has been dismissed.
- Area outside the school – The works have now been completed by Bonz.

6. Minutes

Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th August 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed by those who attended.

The Chair signed the Minutes.

7. Planning Applications

7.1 Application No: 24/00698/HOUSE PP-13365729

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

Location: 25 Chapel Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to object to this application as Councillors oppose the felling of the sycamore tree.

7.2 Application No: 24/00697/WTPO PP-13382154

Proposal: (A1 on TPO 2/90) T1 Oak - Crown reduction by 4m. Crown lift to 4m.

Location: 23 D'Arcy Way Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

7.3 Application No: 24/00524/TCA PP-13206679

Proposal: T1 - Oak - Crown reduce by 30%, removing up to 4m growth. H12 -

Lawson Cypress Hedge - Remove 1 of 4 stems nearest the house. T8 - Holly -

Continue to keep current size 0.5m below overhead telephone lines, by removing no more than 0.5m growth.

Location: The Grey House Chapel Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

7.4 To consider any other planning applications received from Maldon District Council – None received

8. Finance

8.1 Monthly Financial Report

Councillors received the Monthly Financial Report as of 31st August 2024.

Bank Reconciliation – a Closing balance of £51,941.80

Expenditure to date – Budget £34,462 – Actual £9,296

Income to date (including Precept (£24,766) £34,462 – Actual £30,954

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance £20,252.73 – Net Transfers £10,986.15

The Chair and Cllr Middleton signed the Reports.

8.2 Payments

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to approve the payments (Appendix A) totalling £4,548.27.

9. Training

There were no requests for training.

10. Website and Email Accounts

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to change from a .org domain to a .gov.uk domain.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Phelan Barker to set up the .gov.uk domain and transfer the website to a new host Easyspace. The cost will be £1,110 + VAT. The annual hosting costs will be £317.97.

11. Pavilion

Additional verbal quotations had been received which were in line with the previous quotations received.

Due to the cost, it was agreed not to have glazed doors.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Stone Forest Construction - £2,304 + VAT for double doors and £1312 + VAT for the single door.

12. Reverse Decision - Recreation Ground Path

Following the Parish Council meeting on 27th August 2024, three requests were received to review the decision regarding the approved works for the path in the Recreation Ground.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to reverse the decision resolved on 27th August 2024 agenda item 14.

The cost of the path will be covered by Blackwater Gymnastics and they will appoint a Contractor who will fully comply with Parish Council's specifications.

13. Recreation Ground

Cllr Middleton reported that he was in the process of obtaining quotations for the repairs to the gym/play equipment.

14. Grant Application

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to give a grant of £29.98 towards a replacement Dictaphone for Community Speed Watch.

15. Police

The Police Reports were received and noted.

16. Community Engagement Officers

The CET Report for August 2024 was received and noted.

It was noted that during the CETs Patrols in August, there were 22 speeding offences: 21 on Tollesbury Road and 1 on Kelvedon Road.

17. Administration

The Clerk reported the following:

- It has been brought to her attention that two properties on Tollesbury Road have huge piles of rubbish outside of their property.

Action: Clerk to write to the households to request that they expediently clear the rubbish as it may encourage others to leave piles of rubbish outside their properties.

- An email has been received from the School PTA asking if the Parish Council would be able to contribute to some road safety signage.

Action: Clerk to request a proposal from the PTA.

18. Representative Reports

18.1 Burial Ground

Cllr Henderson advised there were no new issues to report.

18.2 Recreation Ground/Pavilion – Cllr Middleton

Cllr Middleton advised there were no new issues to report.

18.3 Public Rights of Way – Cllr Henderson

Cllr Henderson advised there were no new issues to report.

18.4 Road Safety/Highways – Cllr Denney

Cllr Denney advised there were no new issues to report.

18.5 Village Hall Working Group – Cllr Evans

As Cllr Evans was not present at the meeting, there was no update.

19. Community Matters

No new information was reported.

20. Dates of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2024 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.23 pm.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH COUNCIL
PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Appendix A

September 2024

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Invoice No/Ref	Expenditure Detail	Amount
UNITY TRUST BANK - CURRENT ACCOUNT					
02.09.2024	Online	D W Maintance	2596	Grounds Maintenance - June	£240.83
15.09.2024	D/D	EE	V02264328352	Parish Mobile	£17.47
25.09.2024	Online	Wages		Staff Wages	£441.50
	Online	HMRC		Tax & NI September 2024	£277.20
	Online	Mr L Aldridge		Maintenance - Area near village shop	£50.00
	Online	Arthur J Gallagher		Annual Insurance Premium	£2,290.42
	Online	D W Maintance	2628	Grounds Maintenance	£240.83
	Online	Bonz Cairey	5172	Clear the area outside the school	£720.00
LLOYDS BANK - MULTIPAY CARD					
06.08.2024	D/C	*TSO Hosts		Website Security	£187.06
06.08.2024	D/C	TSO Hosts		SSL Certificate - Website	£59.99
29.08.2024	D/C	Adobe	IEN2024045001621	Monthly Subscription	£19.97
02.09.2024	D/C	Lloyds Bank		Monthly fee	£3.00
TOTAL					£4,548.27

* TSO Hosts - Website Security - £181.93 credited on 17.09.2024

Signed: _____

Date: _____