

# TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is hereby given that the meeting of **TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**, in the **Village Hall, Tollesbury Road**, commencing at **7.30 pm**, to which members of the Council are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

*M. Curtis*

Michelle Curtis – Clerk to the Council

21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Councillors: J Smith (Chairman), L Barwick (Vice-Chairman), J Brown, I Ewing,  
M Henderson, G Munson, R Scott

## THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

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## AGENDA

### 1. Chairman's welcome

### 2. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

### 3. Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded that they are required to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests which they know they might have in items of business on the agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declarations at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if required under the Code of Conduct. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

### 4. County and District Councillors

To receive information from County and District Councillors.

### 5. Public Forum

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public. A maximum time of **15 minutes** will be allowed.

### 6. Minutes

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**7. Finance**

- 7.1 To receive and approve Monthly Financial Report as at 31st May 2022
- 7.2 To receive and approve Payments

**8. Internal Audit**

- 8.1 To receive the report and recommendations from the Internal Auditor.
- 8.2 To carry out a review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit.

**9. Planning Applications and Decisions**

**9.1 Planning Applications**

Applications are circulated to all Councillors with the agenda, for study ahead of the meeting. Planning documents are also available for everyone to view on the Maldon District Council website ([www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)).

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

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/22/00567 PP-11214515

Proposal: Proposed Garage and Workshop

Location: Oxley House Oxley Hill Tolleshunt D'arcy

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/22/00689 -11269098

Proposal: Conversion of garage to bedroom including raising the roof level.

Location: Keebles 3 North Street Tolleshunt D'arcy

**9.2 Planning Decisions:** To note decisions made by Maldon District Council

HOUSE/MAL/21/01196 - Darcy Cottage 3 South Street – Refused

**9.3 Appeals**

To receive notification of Planning Appeals from Maldon District Council

**9.4 Planning Appeal Decisions**

To note decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate

**9.5 Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)**

To note TPO's made by Maldon District Council

**10. Training**

To consider any training requests from the Clerk or Councillors

**11. Play Equipment**

To receive an update from Cllr Barwick on a proposed new piece of play equipment for the Recreation Ground.

**12. Tudwick Road**

To discuss speeding issues by cyclists in Tudwick Road.

**13. Police/Community Protection Officers (CPO)**

**13.1 Police Reports**

To receive Police Reports (confidential)

**13.2 Community Protection Officers (CPOs)**

To receive the CPO report for May 2022

**14. Administration**

To receive information from the Clerk – update on current and ongoing matters.

**15. Representative Reports**

**15.1 Burial Ground**

15.1.1 To receive a verbal update from Cllr Henderson.

**15.2 Recreation Ground/Pavilion**

15.2.1 To receive a verbal update from Cllr Brown.

**15.3 Public Rights of Way**

15.3.1 To receive a verbal update from Cllr Henderson.

**15.4 Road Safety/Highway**

15.4.1 To receive a verbal update from Cllr Munson

**16. Community Concerns**

To receive information only or note future agenda items

**17. Date of the Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm- Village Hall

**Report for Heybridge & Tollesbury Division Parish Councils.  
Essex County Council. June 2022**

Dear Parish Councils,

Now that Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are behind us, I would like to congratulate every parish council and all residents who arranged the many and varied events that were enjoyed over the long weekend. This was an occasion that will never be repeated in our lifetimes and very unlikely to happen in the lifetimes of our children or grandchildren.

I have really enjoyed looking at the photos that many residents have posted on social media. Some of you may have seen my Union flag suit in the media posts, in which case you will have been grateful that I wasn't able to attend your events!!

As we head towards the summer, the work for members of district and county councils tend to reduce, but we have just entered another politically turbulent time which is likely to have local repercussions at some stage in the future. Whatever your own political views or those about our current government, there is no doubt that many residents are finding life somewhat more challenging than they have in many years. We all notice increased prices when doing our shopping as well as when we need to fill our fuel tanks or simply turn on heating and lighting at home. The increasing interest rates are also impacting many people who have mortgages, credit cards and loans.

These increased costs and interest rates also have an impact on council finances. Almost every service is seeing an increased cost of delivery and councils with large borrowings are experiencing much higher repayments on its loans. There are examples of large local authorities in the UK that have not been prudent with their finances and either have had to cut services or even call in the government to avoid effectively going bankrupt. We are fortunate in that both Essex County Council and Maldon District Council have been fiscally prudent in the past which puts them in a much stronger position than many other councils.

However, at this stage, we do not know when this financial squeeze will level out or become easier. Interest rates and inflation are both expected to increase for the remainder of this year, to levels that many people have never experienced before. Both councils will have to assess their operational models to ensure that they are able to maintain services without creating a future problem.

Essex County Council continues its Levelling up agenda under the heading of 'Everyone's Essex'. This concentrates on the most needy residents in our communities to ensure that everyone has the ability to fulfil their maximum potential. On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, the ECC cabinet will meet in The Maldon District and cabinet members will have the opportunity to visit and see some of the initiatives that are being undertaken across the district.

As a member of Essex County Council, in the last two years we have all been allocated £10,000 to spend on projects in our respective divisions. I have been able to fund a wide

range of projects across most parishes and we are now able to see some of the results of this locality fund. For the year 2022/2023 the fund has been changed to further promote the levelling up agenda. Half of the members fund now has to be pooled with the other district ECC members and has to be spent on projects that comply to certain criteria. In Maldon there are three ECC members, therefore we will be looking at allocating £15,000 in the coming months.

I still have £5,000 to spend and I am now requesting applications from parish councils and residents for suitable projects. As in previous years, there isn't a formal application form, all I need is an outline of the bid with a statement about how the money will be used for the benefit of residents.

The Maldon Local Highways Panel meets again at the end of June and we hope to allocate funding for as many projects as we can that are 'shovel ready' and also to commission designs and feasibility studies for some of the other items that we have on our lists. I think that there is a strong likelihood that this will be the last year when we have the level of funding that the LHP currently enjoys. The wider LHP strategy is currently under review and there is a possibility that things will change later this year. There is some concern that LHP's do not deliver highway works in a timely or costs effective manner and I share these myself. I have been working with the cabinet member recently and I am expecting an update in the near future. I would be grateful if parish councils can still submit LHP applications (these MUST be on the correct form) so that we have a good chance to maximise whatever funding we have at our disposal.

The LHP is currently sitting on numerous applications that concern speed management projects. These include new or amended speed limits, traffic calming and signage. At the moment we are unable to process any of these applications as the Essex Speed Management Strategy is being reviewed. This is expected in the near future, after which the LHP will meet to ensure that these items are bought into the current years budget.

In my capacity of Deputy Cabinet Member for Devolution, The Arts, Heritage and Culture, I have recently been involved in judging the new arts and culture grants that were launched earlier this year. We received over 250 applications from across the county for grants up to the value of £30,000. We have £500,000 to allocate and after a long and thorough judging process, we awarded 54 grants to a variety of organisations across Essex. I am pleased to say that were several successful local applicants.

The devolution part of the portfolio is being headed up by Cllr. Butland and at the moment there is little to report. It is expected that there will be some sort of local government reorganisation in the next few years although it is too early to predict what the shape of local councils will be. The government has been promoting County Unitary authorities and there are a couple in the process of being considered by The Secretary of State. However, it is acknowledged that Essex is too large to be a single unitary authority. Therefore there are discussions taking place between ECC leaders and all of the leaders of Essex districts, boroughs and cities. The government have laid down what the potential gains in respect of money and powers are and these are dependent on the governance model that is chosen! I believe that there will be a formal update on this topic in the coming months.

One of the major issues that everyone is facing are the implications of climate change. The Essex Climate Commission has produced a comprehensive report and all of the work by the county council has to comply to the 'green agenda'. The chairman of the Climate Commission, Professor Jules Pretty OBE has been making presentations to parish councils across Essex. He is one of the UK's most eminent environmental experts and is an excellent and passionate speaker. He has made an open offer to attend parish council meetings and I would encourage you to invite him to address one of your meetings. Perhaps some parishes can fix a joint date and invite residents. I am certain that everyone will find him entertaining and informative. If you wish to host such a meeting, please contact me and I will make the arrangements.

Covid has not totally gone away and probably never will. However most parish councils are now meeting face to face and some are restarting parish surgeries. I would be very happy to attend surgery dates as this is an excellent way to meet residents and find out how I can help them. It is beneficial for both parish councillors and district councillors to all be present at the same time as this ensures that someone will probably be able to answer questions or know how to signpost to another body. Once again, please let me know when your parish surgeries take place and I will try to make sure that I can attend.

Despite the current weather being decidedly un-Summer like, let me wish everyone a pleasant summer time and holiday if you are managing to get away to this country or abroad. If there are significant other issues to report, I will update you again as when necessary. Parish Councils are a vital cog in the local government machine and I am very proud of all of the parishes in my division.

Very best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Durham".

Cllr. Mark Durham CC.



**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**  
**Weekly List Of Decisions**  
**Week Ending 27 May 2022**

**HOUSE/MAL/21/01196 Tolleshunt D'Arcy**

Single storey rear extension. Addition of rooflights and changes to fenestration.  
Internal alterations and erection of outbuilding.  
Darcy Cottage 3 South Street Tolleshunt D'Arcy Essex  
(UPRN - 100090564066)  
Mr & Mrs Jason & Sandra Wren

**REFUSE** for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed rear extension, by reason of its design, appearance, detailing and location would result in an incongruous addition to the Grade II listed building, resulting in less than substantial, albeit significant, harm to its architectural and historic significance with no public benefits outweighing the identified harm. Therefore, the proposed development would be unacceptable and contrary to policies D1, D3 and H4 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposed outbuilding, by reason of its scale, design and appearance would result in an unsympathetic addition to the setting of the Grade II listed building, resulting in less than substantial, albeit significant, harm to its architectural and historic significance with no public benefits outweighing the identified harm. Therefore, the proposed development would be unacceptable and contrary to policy D1, D3 and H4 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

**POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT**

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Positive and Proactive Statement:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the Applicant/Agent the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The Local Planning Authority is willing to liaise with the Applicant/Agent to discuss the best course of action and is also willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development.

Officer: Jade Elles  
Dated : 20/05/2022

**LBC/MAL/21/01197**

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<b>Parish/Town Council</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Number of Hours</b>
Tolleshunt D'Arcy	May	2
<b>Number of Tru Cam Patrols</b>	<b>Hours Spent on Tru Cam</b>	<b>Number of Offenders</b>
4	2	20

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Speed Enforcement Patrol (TRUCAM)</b>	<b>Drivers caught speeding</b>	<b>Comments/Any other duties</b>
AR/DR	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	03/05/2022	10:45	11:15	00:30	M018	2	
AR/BC	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	13/05/2022	09:45	10:15	00:30	M018	9	
AR/DR	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	16/05/2022	11:35	12:05	00:30	M018	3	
AR/BC	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	18/05/2022	13:25	13:55	00:30	M018	6	
					<b>2:00:00</b>		<b>20</b>	