

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council

Minutes of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th. March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr J. Smith Acting-Chairman (JS)

Councillors: L. Barwick (LB), D. Cook (DC), G. Munson (GM), R. Scott (RS) & Kevin Money (Parish Clerk)

District Councillor E. Bamford & M. Thompson

There were also 5 members of the public present

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs R. Dent & R. Birkin.

3. Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda

There was no declaration of interest made by Councillors

4. Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed

A resident informed Councillors that he was at the meeting to support the 2nd planning application on agenda (The Rowans). To put a modern dwelling on an old site.

Mr. Fallon asked the Council to support his application for traffic calming at the reservoir. He read out a statement

Members should already have a copy of 'synopsis of Layer Breton causeway', which provides a summary of the problem at this site

Essex & Suffolk Water have continued to insist that they won't consider installing bird-proof fencing, and that this could lead to birds becoming trapped on the road. They are currently in the process of consulting with external experts, though it very much appears that this is only at my prompting and due to the involvement of my MP. There is therefore no specific reason to think that they will actually change the fencing.

It is therefore essential that adjustments are made to the highway at this site in order to reduce the risk of collisions and road traffic accidents – such as traffic-calming measures and a reduction in speed limit, preferably with speed cameras to enforce this.

Essex County Council have advised that the only means by which they can consider making adjustments to the highway is via a formal representation to the Local Highways Panel (LHP)

However, the council have also advised that the Local Highways Panel will only consider adjustments to the highway if there is a certain level of local support for this, and to this end I have been advised to seek the support of my local parish council

I have already contacted the Layer Breton Parish Assembly, and my understanding is that, further to recent meetings of both this and the Winstred Hundred Parish Council, a representation has been made to the Local Highways Panel for double yellow lines along much of the causeway

However, and for the reasons outlined in my original 'synopsis of Layer Breton causeway', I am extremely concerned that, in the absence of traffic-calming measures, double yellow lines could actually make matters WORSE.



I am therefore asking that you support a submission to the Local Highways Panel to *also* install traffic-calming measures and reduce the speed limit along this stretch of road, preferably with speed cameras to enforce this.

With regard to how to actually make a representation to the Local Highways Panel, I'm a bit confused about how it all works. My understanding is that my County Councillor for ECC would need to make a formal submission to the Local Highways Panel on my behalf, though I do actually have a copy of the relevant form and would be happy to complete this myself. However, it would be far more effective if the parish council were able to liaise with the relevant ECC Councillors in order to request that a formal submission be made – I have previously been messed around from pillar to post by ECC, and found my own Councillors to be extremely unresponsive and unhelpful, so it is almost certain that I will just be messed about again and will get nowhere.

TDPC decision: After listening to Mr. Fallon synopsis they discussed his proposal and was advised by M. Thompson to talk with Colchester BC. Cllr J. Smith offered practical support. TDPC to write to Colchester BC Local Highways panel to show the Parish Council support. TDPC to write to ECC Highways

5. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Tolleshunt D'Arcy Parish Council

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 25th. October 2016

Cllr L. Barwick proposed and Cllr D. Cook seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 21st. February 2017

Cllr R. Scott proposed and Cllr L. Barwick seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Item 6 – Cllr G. Munson received a letter from Lenny Aldridge supplying a quotation to undertake the gardening contract. Councillors asked Cllr G. Munson to get firmer prices.

Item 11 – The name of Cemetery or Burial ground. Many local residents are not bothered what it is called as long as it is kept clean and tidy.

7. Resignation letter of Clerk / RFO

The Clerk, having circulated his resignation letter to Councillors informed that his last day of working is 20th. April 2017.

Councillors accepted the Clerks resignation letter and have agreed with the advertisement to go EALC tomorrow. Cllr G. Munson gave a vote of thanks to Kevin for his work in the short time he was with the Parish Council

8. Planning Applications:

TCA/MAL/17/00226 – 8 Vicarage Close Tolleshunt D'Arcy CM9 8UG

T1 – Leylandii – 2m crown reduction : T2 – Thuja – 2m crown reduction : T3 – Cedar – 1 to 1.5m crown reduction

TDPC Decision: Support reduction of tree

FUL/MAL/14/00165 PP-05830701 – The Rowans Tudwick Road Tiptree

Replacement three bed bungalow

TDPC Decision: Support application

HOUSE/MAL/17/00119 IA00004747-001 - 4 Oxley Hill Tolleshunt D'Arcy CM9 8ES
 Fitting external concrete cladding to a pebble dashed semi-detached house
 TDPC Decision: Support application

9. Decisions made by MDC – None

10. To confirm the preferred contractor to undertake the tree works at the recreation ground

Cllr G. Munson informed the meeting that various quote were received.

Bonz now quote £850 for all the tree works including preparing and submitting the planning applications. The cost of the planning application is included in the quotation.

Cllr G. Munson proposed that the whole job be done in one go. Seconded by Cllr L. Barwick
This was agreed unanimously

Cllr G. Munson proposed Bonz to undertake the works at the recreation ground this was seconded by Cllr R. Scott. **This was agreed unanimously**

11. Detailed business plan and a risk assessment of a proposed summer ball – Cllr G. Munson

Cllr G. Munson circulated the costing of the summer ball. It was suggested to defer this item and discuss it at the Village Assembly. A “black tie” event was not the best way forward and to reduce it to an informal gathering. The date is 1st. July (first Saturday in July) However, the meeting was advised that due to very recent changes in the regulations the council was prohibited from spending public monies on such events so the proposal was withdrawn.

12. Finance:

Credit Received: £140.00p Eustace King : £2760.00p Bright & Sons (RE Henry Trust)					
Chq No	Inv. No	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
101575		Kevin Money Clerk salary	£ 279.80	£0	£ 279.80
101576		HMRC payment	£ 123.80	£0	£ 123.80
101577		Kevin Money Clerk burial fees	£ 143.00	£0	£ 143.00
101578		E-On Electricity for Scout Hut	£ 87.08	£ 4.35	£ 91.43
101579	2008097	Abco Electric Service	£ 317.00	£ 63.40	£ 380.40
101580		Play equipment	£15000.00	£3000.00	£18000.00
101581		Miss V. Banyard Salary	£ 144.42	£0	£ 144.42
101582		Mrs. M. Curtis Burial salary	£ 70.40	£0	£ 70.40
101583	Scout	Essex & Suffolk Water	£ 52.21	£0	£ 52.21
		TOTAL:	£16217.71	£3067.75	£19285.46

Councillors to agree the above expenditure. Cllr J. Smith proposed and Cllr R. Scott seconded the above cheques be paid. **This was agreed unanimously**

Cllr J. Smith proposed and Cllr G. Munson seconded the response to Bright & Sons RE Henry Smith Trust was not spent in 2015/16. **This was agreed unanimously**

Councillors asked the clerk to respond to Bright & Sons with the following wording:

Due to a number of significant but unforeseen circumstances no enduring solution has been agreed since our meeting and the Council will consider the matter further in May. In the meantime, this and last years monies remain in a separate bank account. Hopefully this is acceptable to the trustees and we will update you of our progress in resolving how the money is spent.

RFO then supplied Councillors with current Bank reconciliation and 2016/17 Budget figures

13. Representative reports

a) Burial Ground

Cllr G. Munson informed the meeting that Lenny is happy to deal with the burial ground hedges to tidy the area.

b) Recreation Ground

New play equipment is in and has had good feed-back. Councillors recorded a vote of thanks to Claire Saye in getting the equipment installed.

The van in the recreation ground is a nuisance and residents think that people are living in the van. Cllr J. Smith will liaise with Claire Saye

c) Highway matters

Cllr D. Cook has reported pot holes to ECC.

Tollesbury Road is dangerous when football teams are using the recreation ground. Parking on both sides of the road and not using the car park.

d) Website / Facebook update

Cllr L. Barwick has monitored the Facebook page.

e) Grass cutting – update from Cllr. G. Munson regarding the new contractor

As discussed above

Items for next agenda:

Ratifying Grievance procedure for the website

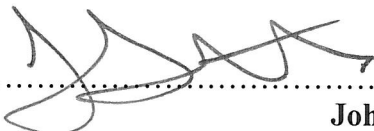
RE Henry Smith trust monies

Date of Parish Assembly Friday 21st. April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

Date of next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 25th. April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Cllr G. Munson wanted to record that Cllr J. Smith acting as Chairman (with no deputy) has done a fantastic job in the absence, again, of the Chairman for 3 months.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Signed..........25th. April 2017
John Smith