

Present: Cllrs Barwick, Brown, Henderson, Munson, Scott

In the Chair: Cllr Smith

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Dorman.

There were also apologies from District Councillor Thompson.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest as follows:

- A personal interest in respect of agenda item 9, planning application AGR/MAL/20/01172, as it is a neighbouring property.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors

There were no County Councillors or District Councillors present.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes

Minutes 27th October 2020

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman to sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

7. Finance

7.1 Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Reports were presented to the Council.

Councillors received the following monthly Financial Reports as at 31st October 2020:

Bank Reconciliation – a Closing balance of £47,780.53

Expenditure to date – Budget £25,340 – Actual £11,053

Income to date (including Precept (£21,515) £24,315 – Actual £33,757

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance - £11,252.55

The Chairman to sign the Reports as soon as possible.

7.2 Payments

Items for payment totalling £2,883.22 were presented for approval.

Resolved: to approve payments. Unanimously agreed.

8. Precept 2021/22

The Chairman presented the proposed budget and precept requirements for 2021/22.

Action: Councillors to review the proposed budget and precept for amendment/approval at the Parish Council meeting on 5th January 2021.

9. Planning

Planning Applications and Decisions

– **Planning Applications:**

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

Application No: FUL/MAL/20/00493 PP-08580343

Proposal: Erection of 13No. Business & General Industrial Units (Use Classes B1b, B1c and B2), Office Block (Use Class B1a) and Cafe (Use Class A3), complete with related infrastructure including road, parking spaces, drainage, landscaping and ecological area

Location: Land South Of Beckingham Business Park Beckingham Street
Tolleshunt Major

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of the Planning Application for the following reasons:

- Very concerned about the impact of increased traffic through Tolleshunt D'Arcy where there is already a traffic problem.
- The proposal submitted to control the traffic is inadequate and will not achieve the desired result to reduce the traffic in the village of Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/20/01131

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: 29 D'Arcy Way, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: to recommend approval of this Application providing that it does not have an adverse impact on Campions Wood. Unanimously agreed.

Application No: LBC/MAL/20/01117 PP-09189719

Proposal: Repointing of external front brickwork, part of of the right hand side of the house, the three chimney stacks and a small outhouse in the garden.

Location: 10 Kelvedon Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: to recommend approval of this Application. Unanimously agreed.

Application No: AGR/MAL/20/01172 PP-09234595

Proposal: Prior notification for a general purpose agricultural grain storage building.

Location: Great Tucketts Farm Tudwick Road Tiptree

Resolved: to recommend approval of this Application. Unanimously agreed.

– **Appeals:** None received

– **Planning Decisions:**

LDP/MAL/20/00915 – 29 D'Arcy Way – **Refused**

TCA/MAL/20/01008 - Adjacent D'Arcy Shop South Street - **Withdrawn**

- **Planning Appeals Decisions:** None received

10. Training

There were no requests for training.

11. COVID-19 – Update

The Chairman advised the Volunteers are all ready to resume duties if called upon.

12. Recreation Ground

12.1 Fencing

The Clerk reported that she had obtained 2 quotations.

Action: Clerk to seek another quotation.

At the previous meeting of the Parish Council, it was suggested that a table-tennis table could be installed on the rubber matting. Since the meeting, it had been suggested that the fencing may need to be altered to accommodate a table-tennis table.

Action: The Chairman and Cllr Brown to have an onsite meeting to look at the rubber matting and a suitable location for a table-tennis table.

12.2 Car Park

Action: Clerk to obtain an additional quotation.

Resolved: to accept the quotation from E King to carry out repairs to the pothole in the car park for £1,100 if no other quotation is received within 3 weeks. Unanimously agreed.

13. Litter Bin

The Clerk reported that she had emailed Carol Love at Maldon District Council but was still waiting for the quotation.

14. Defibrillator

Resolved: to accept the quotation from ABCO Electric Services Ltd for £220 + VAT to install the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk. Unanimously agreed.

Action: Clerk to confirm with The Queens Head that they are still happy for the telephone kiosk to use their electricity supply for the defibrillator.

15. Noticeboard

15.1 Replacement Noticeboard

Action: Clerk to obtain another quotation for a replacement noticeboard.

15.3 Re-location Noticeboard – Tudwick Road

Resolved: to proceed with the application process with Essex Council Council to request permission to relocate the noticeboard to the triangle at the junction of Tudwick Road and Tudwick Hall Road near to the postbox.

16. Parking Signs

Cllr Scott advised that he has spoken to the owner of the wall in Chapel Road and discussed some signage to suggest that people to not park outside her wall or the opposite side near the junction. This would help address the ongoing parking issues around this area.

The resident would be happy for signs to be displayed but would request that they are Parish Council signs.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from Policy at Essex County Council.

17. Bradwell B

Councillors decided that they did not wish to have a virtual meeting with Bradwell B.

18. Police/Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

The Police Reports (confidential) were received.

The CPO Report for October 2020 was received and noted.

During the CPOs Patrols in October, there were a total of 6 drivers captured with the TruCam for speeding.

19. Administration

No new information to report.

20. Representative Reports

20.1 Burial Ground

20.1.1 Update from Cllrs Brown and Henderson

It was reported that the hedge had been cut back.

Cllr Henderson reported that the scissors had gone missing and the secateurs had broken.

Action: Cllr Henderson to purchase replacement garden scissors.

20.2 Recreation Ground

20.2.1 Update from Cllr Brown and Munson

No issues to report.

20.3 Highway/Footpaths

20.3.1 Update from Cllr Henderson

No issues to report.

20.4 Road Safety Initiative

20.4.1 Cllr Scott reported that contact had been made with Tom Eng from Essex County Council regarding the traffic surveys which were carried out at the end of 2019. Tom has advised that the 30mph speed limit could possibly be extended in Tollesbury Road but they couldn't do anything with the other road as they did not meet the policy criteria. The options that may be considered for Tollesbury Road need to be checked that they are in line with Essex County Council Policy.

21. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr Barwick reported that the decision had been taken to keep the Village Hall closed until the Trustee Meeting in January 2021. The pre-application had been submitted to Maldon District Council and they were still waiting for a response.

Action: Clerk to ask District Councillor Thompson to chase this up on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

22. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Resolved: to close the meeting to the Public and Press.

23. Employment Matters

Councillors carried out an annual review for the Clerk (confidential report 01-20/21).

24. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Resolved: to open the meeting to the Public and Press.

25. Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.09 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....