

Present: Cllrs Barwick, Brown, Dorman, 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 no apologies for absence, all members were present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

4. County Councillor and District Councillors

There were no County or District Councillors present.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes

Minutes 26th January 2021

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2021 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 January 2021:

Bank Reconciliation – a Closing balance of £40,801.83

Expenditure to date – Budget £25,540 – Actual £19,098

Income to date (including Precept (£21,515) £24,315 – Actual £35,291

Earmarked Funds – Closing Balance - £9,177.89

The Chairman to sign the Reports as soon as possible.

7.2 Litter Picking Equipment

Resolved: to ratify expenditure for community litter picking equipment costing £222.11. Unanimously agreed.

7.3 Payments

Items for payment totalling £1,183.07 were presented for approval.

Resolved: to approve payments. Unanimously agreed.

8. Planning

Planning Applications and Decisions

– Planning Applications:

Application No: COUPA/MAL/21/00161 PP-09518927

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.

Location: Barn At Tolleshunts Farm Maldon Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: the Parish Council has no objection to the proposal but we would, however, encourage Maldon District Council to request that the applicant submits a planning application for this proposal. Agreed by Majority.

– Planning Appeals Decisions: None received

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9. Training

There were no requests for training.

10. COVID-19 – Update

Volunteers continue to be on standby should residents require any assistance.

11. Noticeboards

Resolved: to accept the quotation from K Lovell to install the noticeboard near the shop for £110.00. Unanimously agreed.

12. Pathways

Resolved: to accept the quotation from K Lovell for £60 to carry out repairs to the trip hazard on the path alongside the village hall. Unanimously agreed.

13. Bus Shelter

Councillors discussed the letter which had been received from a resident requesting a bus shelter be installed in Tollesbury Road.

Councillors were unsure where the bus stops actually were as each driver stops at different places which are all not shown on the bus timetable.

Action: Clerk to establish where the bus stops are in the village and publicise.

Action: Chairman to speak to the resident.

It was agreed that the provision of a shelter should not inadvertently result in the deterioration of the service currently enjoyed by residents.

14. Police/Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

14.1 Police Report

There Police Reports (confidential) were received.

14.2 Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

The Clerk reported that due to the Covid restrictions TruCam patrols were not carried out in January. Patrols resumed on 8th February 2021.

15. Administration

No new information to report.

16. Representative Reports

16.1 Burial Ground

16.1.1 Update from Cllrs Brown, Henderson and Scott

No issues to report.

16.2 Recreation Ground

16.2.1 Update from Cllr Brown, Dorman and Munson

The Clerk reported that the grassroots football will recommence 29th March 2021. The FA has extended the season to June 2021.

16.3 Highway/Footpaths

16.3.1 Update from Cllr Henderson

No new information to report.

16.4 Road Safety Initiative

16.4.1 Cllr Scott confirmed that a letter had been sent to Cllr Durham asking him to support the application to the Essex County Council Highways Local Highways Panel to extend the 30mph speed limit zone in Tollesbury Road.

17. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

Cllr Munson asked is the Village Hall will be available to use with the easing of Covid restrictions.

The Chairman advised that the NALC are hoping the Government will extend the legislation for virtual meetings beyond May. The Chairman had also spoken to Robert Morgan, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, and Robert advised that they are going to have to open the Village Hall for the May elections. It is hoped that the Parish Council will have the option for actual meetings as soon as possible.

The Chairman stated that the volunteers who had been out litter picking had made a difference. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council and residents expressed thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Action: Clerk to write to the volunteers to thank them.

Cllr Barwick reported that on the back road from Five Lakes to Tolleshunt D'Arcy, there are a number of bottles and roofing felt in the ditches.

Action: Clerk to report to Maldon District Council.

18. Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 30th March 2021 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....