



JANUARY 2023

Parish Councillors:

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Full Council Meeting Dates 2022/23:

Tuesday 28th February 2023
Tuesday 28th March 2023
Tuesday 25th April 2023
Tuesday 9th May 2023

Meetings are held in the Village Hall.
Members of the public are welcome to attend.



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www.tolleshuntarcy.org

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Message from the Chairman

As you will know we applied to the Essex County Council Local Highways Panel for the installation of "gates" to the village which are generally considered to be effective in reducing speed. Unfortunately, due to a review of their procedures, the panel has not yet considered our application. As a backup we have budgeted for the costs of the gates should our application be unsuccessful although obviously, we would prefer to spend that money on further traffic calming initiatives.

On a much brighter note, I am extremely proud to report that we have been awarded the next level of the Council Quality Awards Scheme which is a significant achievement for such a small council and is largely due to the hard work of our Parish Clerk. The Chairman of the EALC is expected to attend our next meeting to present our certificate.

John Smith – Chairman

Recreation Ground Play Area

Unfortunately, our application to the Community Initiative Fund was unsuccessful. We had applied for 50% funding for the new piece of play equipment and the installation of a safer surface including under and around the reconditioned roundabout. Whilst we explore alternative funding possibilities, we are planning to proceed with improving the safer surface for the roundabout.



Recreation Ground

The Parish Council have sought tenders for next year's grass and hedge-cutting contract which will include better maintenance of the margins to the Recreation Ground. The surface of the car park requires attention and we are currently negotiating for the necessary work to take place as soon as the weather conditions allow.

We have had a new replacement bench installed at the Recreation Ground.

Burial Ground

Can we please again remind residents that the layby outside the Burial Ground is not for general parking. This area is for visitors to the Burial Ground.

King's Coronation



We are delighted to support Trish Heard's initiative to set up a team of volunteers to tidy up the verge on the corner outside the school. The intention is to remove all the rubbish, clear the undergrowth and plant red, white and

blue flowers in white containers. The Parish Council is also considering planting a standard rose and a commemorative plaque. This will be discussed further at our February meeting and it is hoped that work will commence in early March. Anybody wishing to volunteer should contact Trish on 07769 939923 or Michelle our Parish clerk.

The Maypole

Polite Notice – The Maypole is a village monument; would you please refrain from parking around the Maypole



Speeding in the Village

Following Essex Police's approval of the site Trucam patrols have concentrated on Kelvedon Road as requested by residents. This has resulted in several reports to the police and we now intend to focus on Tollesbury Road near the school. We are also proposing to sponsor a competition for the school children to design anti-speeding signs.



20's Plenty Campaign



You will have seen the "20 is Plenty" banners outside the school. We have written to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways seeking their support. Unfortunately, ECC is not able to support it at this time but has undertaken to review its policy.

Further information on the 20's Plenty Campaign can be found at www.20splenty.org

Highways Issues

You can report any Highways issues on the Essex County Council online reporting tool. It is important to give as much information as possible, including pictures if possible. ECC will assess each report against their criteria and make the decision where the issue will be scheduled for repair or will be monitored. When reporting potholes, please provide measurements and the depth.

Civility and Respect Pledge

At the Parish Council meeting on 25th October 2022, the Parish Council resolved to sign up for the Civility and Respect Pledge.

The Civility and Respect Pledge was introduced because there is no place for bullying, harassment and intimidation within our sector.



COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Planning Application

Another application has been made to develop the land next to the old doctor's surgery and the Parish Council has resolved to again object. You can see our reasons in the draft minutes on our website. Residents wishing to comment on the application have until 21st February to contact MDC Planning Department.