

Little Totham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 3rd February 2026

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 3rd February in the Evangelical Hall, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: N. Lawrence

Councillors: A. Birkin, J. Hughes and S. Venton

Parishioners: 0

In attendance: Parish Clerk

26.13 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Councillors Gritton, Hare and King.

26.14 To invite Councillors to declare an interest in matters on the Agenda

None

26.15 Minutes 06/01/26

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2026 be approved and confirmed.

26.16 Common land

Still waiting for the first stage invoice from Dyer and Crowe. Councillor Lawrence will contact them about moving on to the transfer stage. The clerk will contact Open Spaces Society now the parish council has membership to seek advice about the enclosed paddocks.

26.17 Planning enforcement

The FOI requests have been submitted to MDC in conjunction with Tolleshunt Knights and Tolleshunt Major Parish Councils for a period of one year, but the information provided has not been consistent or particularly useful. MDC acknowledges that they have had staff shortages and a significant backlog of enforcement cases. Officers suggest they can provide generic updates on particular cases if requested. The clerk will check the cases on parish council files.

26.18 Planning

The deadline for comments was extended for 25/01060/OUTM outline application for the erection of up to 14 dwellings (C3 land use) with associated parking, access and landscaping at land adjacent Davenbrook, Plains Road. There was an error in the ratio of affordable to commercial homes presented in the application. There have been over 30 responses to the application published on MDC's website and all are consistent in describing the issues with the site.

a) Applications

No new applications received.

b) Decisions

No decisions from MDC.

26.19 Traffic

- a) There were 2 Tru cam captures for speeding in December.
- b) The clerk had circulated a document with the options and actions from the traffic meeting to monitor progress and had also sent to Cllr Durham. Councillor Birkin will use this information for the newsletter article this month and the clerk will send to those that attended the traffic meeting.

26.20 Where Quality of Life Matters grant application

The clerk is setting up a meeting to discuss with MDC now that the application has passed the assessment stage.

26.21 Invoices presented for payment

M. Gardiner	Clerk’s salary January	£196.54
HMRC	Tax	£49.00
Skippers	Grounds maintenance (Nov-Jan)	£702.00
MDC	Tru cam patrols Q3	£311.33
LT Evangelical Church	Hire of hall	£20.00

26.22 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

26.23 Update from District Councillor

No update.

26.24 Public questions

No questions.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.26pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA – 3rd March 2026