

Little Totham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 7th July 2026

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 7th July in the Evangelical Hall, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman: N. Lawrence

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

Parishioners: 1

In attendance: Parish Clerk

26.73 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs Gritton and King.

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

None

26.75 Minutes 02/06/26

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2026 be approved and confirmed.

26.76 Traffic issues

- a) The speed watch team had carried out 5 sessions during June and captured 8 speeding vehicles, the highest speed recorded was 42mph. The sessions were conducted on different days of the week and at different times of day to establish when best to run them.
- b) There were 8 tru cam patrols in May with 7 captures, the highest speed was 47mph. The clerk will send tru cam and speed watch data as the newsletter article for August.
- c) Cllr Venton reported on his research into the Elan City speed device and concluded that that the solar system with data logging is a suitable option. Cllr Lawrence will re-check quoted price and place the order.
- d) Tolleshunt Major Parish Council are requesting parishes to join together to set up a community road sign group for cleaning and small maintenance jobs. The clerk will reply to express councillors concerns about insurance and liability.

26.77 Common land

- a) Councillors discussed the draft risk assessment that had been circulated. The clerk will update and compile a check list for visual inspections.
- b) The clerk and Cllr Lawrence had met with an officer from the Conservation Volunteers who may be able to help with writing a management plan and carrying out conservation work on the common land.
- c) After some progress with the Interim Legal Officer at MDC, the new Head of Legal is now in post and not acknowledging the expert information from the Open Spaces Society. The clerk will contact Doug Wilkinson at MDC and see if the OSS will attend a meeting locally.
- b) It was agreed to wait until the land registration process is complete before holding a celebration ceremony. Cllr Lawrence will contact Mr Mabbitt about providing historic information for the plaque to acknowledge parish council ownership.

26.78 Planning

a) Applications: Appeal **26/00224/PIP** land rear of Rosedale, The Street permission in principle application for the construction of up to two residential dwellings – it was agreed that the clerk will send the response that was submitted to MDC for the application to the Planning Inspectorate for the appeal.

26/00381/HOUSE single storey side extension at Vine Farm, Green Lane – no comments.

b) Decisions

No decisions received from MDC.

26.79 Outcome of “Where Quality of Life Matters” grant

The clerk had circulated the unsuccessful outcome explanation from MDC. The application could be re-submitted when the grant re-opens or a different scheme could be applied to for the same project.

26.80 Invoices presented for payment

M. Gardiner	Clerk’s salary June	£196.54
M. Gardiner	Expenses (Amazon voucher)	£30.00
HMRC	Tax	£49.00
LT Evangelical Church	Hire of hall	£20.00

Payments were approved and can now be paid through online banking as Cllr Birkin is set up on the system.

Amazon voucher is for Bob Fuller to acknowledge his work in carrying out the internal audit.

26.81 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated.

26.82 Update from District Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported on a recent planning decision for a development in Tollesbury.

26.83 Public questions

Potential plans for development in Park Wood Lane is being monitored.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.51pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA – 4th August 2026