

Little Totham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 7th January 2025

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

PRESENT

Chairman N. Lawrence

Councillors: T. Gritton, V. Hare, J. Hughes, J. King, S. Venton

Parishioners: 3

25.01 Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

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

Councillor King has an ongoing interest in the common land.

25.03 Minutes 03/12/24

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2024 be approved and confirmed.

25.04 Update for parish newsletter

Councillor Gritton to write the parish council update for January.

25.05 Planning enforcement

The clerk had circulated an updated version of the questionnaire to be sent to MDC which incorporated changes discussed at the December meeting. All councillors agreed the contents of the questionnaire and that it should be sent by Little Totham Parish Council the first time on behalf of the three parish councils. Data will be requested for the period July to December 2024.

RESOLVED Clerk to circulate document to Tolleshunt Major and Tolleshunt Knights Parish Councils and then send to MDC to the freedom of information email address.

Councillor Hughes reported that she has been informed by another district councillor that planning enforcement is not a statutory duty for local authorities.

RESOLVED Councillor Hughes to contact Matt Winslow at MDC for more information about this.

25.06 Common land

Nothing to report.

25.07 a) Planning applications

No new applications received.

b) Planning decisions

FUL/MAL/24/00756 Garage conversion including front extension to create annex accommodation at Springside, School Road – refused.

25.08 Potential outdoor gym equipment project

The clerk still requires information about the site management agreement with MDC before the grant application can be completed.

RESOLVED Councillor Hughes to confirm site management agreement details with MDC.

25.09 Tru Cam report

The latest report received was for November when five people were caught speeding.

25.10 Invoices presented for payment

M. Gardiner	Clerk’s salary December	£255.13
LT Evangelical Church	Hire of hall	£20.00

25.11 Correspondence

The clerk had received an email from a resident asking about the naming of Post Office Lane/Annie’s Lane. Councillor Hare gave information to the clerk who will respond to the resident. All other correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

25.12 Update from District Councillor

There were no council meetings over the Christmas period so Councillor Hughes had no updates to report.

25.13 Public questions

Due to a recent burglary in the parish, a resident asked if there was an active neighbourhood watch group in the village. There is no neighbourhood watch group but Councillor Gritton will inform residents to be vigilant and security conscious in the newsletter paragraph.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA – 11th February 2025