



TOLLESBURY
PARISH
COUNCIL

Parish Councillors:

Simon Plater (Chairman), Tom Lowther (Vice-Chairman), Mike Bell, Vikki Chambers, Roy Clare, Rob Cole, Sarah Hawes, Roger Lankester, Sarah Legg, Jolene Rogers, Andrew St Joseph

NEWSLETTER

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Full Council Meeting Dates:



Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 2nd February
Tuesday 2nd March
Tuesday 6th April
Tuesday 4th May
Tuesday 1st June
Tuesday 6th July
Tuesday 3rd August
Tuesday 7th September
Tuesday 5th October
Tuesday 2nd November
Tuesday 7th December
Tuesday 21st December

The meeting schedule for the committees can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

While we are meeting via Zoom, please contact the Parish Clerk for joining information.

Message from the Parish Council

Seasons Greetings

When the council was unable to meet face-to-face, we quickly adapted to online meetings and found our work not hindered in the slightest. A great deal has been achieved this year despite the added challenges.

We are happy to welcome new councillors: Roy, Sarah H and Jolene to the team, they have wasted no time getting stuck in!

When the first lockdown was announced the people of Tollesbury stepped up. Over 100 volunteers signed up to help those isolating; with shopping, prescription pick-ups and support where needed. Tollesbury Parish Council continues to support Tolls Vols during these uncertain times and thank them for their tireless work.

As we face a Christmas period unlike any we have seen before, know that the village will endure. It is in times such as these we realise how extraordinary Tollesbury is and why we must all cherish it.

To our local businesses thank you! Thank you for remaining open and supplying us with the essentials and adapting to the new normal. To those who were forced to close we offer our support and trust that the community will show appreciation by spending money and ensuring your futures when the rules allow.

What does Tollesbury Parish Council do?

Your Parish Council is the local elected body which oversees the management and maintenance of all that our community owns. These assets include; the Recreation Ground, Cemetery, Hasler Green, Woodrolfe Green Amenity Area, Woodup Amenity Pool (the Salt Pool), Woodrolfe Hard (leased from the Crown Estate), bins, streetlights and all buildings, equipment and assets.

Your Parish Council reviews all planning applications and offers an advisory decision on whether to accept or refuse any application to Maldon District Council. Your Parish Council fulfils its duty to 'redress grievances', in short; to receive community concerns, to clarify and overcome issues.

Tollesbury Parish Council is your Council

Saturday Morning Skip Service

January 2 nd and 16 th	May 1 st and 15 th	September 4 th and 18 th
February 6 th and 20 th	June 5 th and 19 th	October 2 nd and 16 th
March 6 th and 20 th	July 3 rd and 17 th	November 6 th and 20 th
April 3 rd and 17 th	August 7 th and 21 st	December 4 th and 18 th

Skip dates can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Achievements 2020

Our new contractors hit the ground running with marked improvements. Having received many positive comments regarding the Cemetery and Recreation Ground, we are happy the right choice was made.

We knew our Sluice Gate, that feeds the Salt Pool, would need replacing soon. However, the situation has now worsened considerably. After a total failure of the Sluice, a complete replacement is now a necessity before it can be opened to the public.

This will not be a cheap exercise and we are waiting on quotations for the works. We are keen to start the works to open on time, and know funding will be a challenge. We have some ideas for grants, but may need to turn to the generosity of local donations and fundraising to 'plug the gap'.

Due to the removal of the website facility by Essex County Council, it became apparent our website service was no longer fit for purpose, a complete overhaul was needed. Working with local website designer, James Phelan, we have created a fresh new website which is easier and more efficient to navigate and get to the information you need. Please take a look: www.tollesburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Plans for 2021

With the increased use of Woodrolfe Hard, the Committee has been looking at improvement works to the Hard area. This includes a plan to extend the launching area for dinghies and recreational usage. It is hoped the first phase of the project will be carried out before the start of the 2021 season.

The council keeps biodiversity and the environment front of mind when making decisions and starting new projects. We plan to build on these principles next year by involving the whole community to further enrich and defend our natural environment and plan for changing circumstances.

Planting of trees and the creation of wild meadows are some of the projects we hope to see in 2021.

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan is in the second draft stage. Regrettably, with a change in staffing at MDC and the Covid situation the process has been delayed. Once we have a finalised plan this will come to the village in a referendum. The aim is to have this plan confirmed and ratified to create strategic aims going forward to guide developments.

Tolls Vols

A Message from Tolls Vols

What a journey we've all been on this year of COVID-19. You'll have your own memories, some no doubt sad or stressful but, hopefully also some heartening – perhaps due to deeper relationships or new friendships. In Tollesbury, our community has been drawn together. Our Tolls Vols group of 100 volunteers has worked on many fronts to serve diverse needs – it has been a privilege to work together.

As we gaze into the new year, with the prospect of vaccines becoming available, and better testing routines – we are hopeful that our lives will begin to become more normal, so that we can do the things we love. But in the meantime, we must remain vigilant and careful with our social interactions, and continue to look out for each other generously.

Tolls Vols will remain very much on duty into the coming year. Our Helpline telephone service is available each day from 8.30am to 5.30pm and is ready to receive your call. It may be a need that you have, or you may have a concern about a neighbour or friend. Perhaps Taylor's Charity could help? Do not hesitate to call.

At this time of Christmas and New Year, we especially think about people who are on their own, and who may need extra support or company. Do use the Helpline service to share your concerns – we are here to help.

Our website www.tollesburyvolunteers.com is full of helpful information and is regularly updated.

Helpline numbers: 07716 955 338 / 07934 723 187 / 07934 716 351

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Tolls Vols Steering Group: Roy Clare, Michelle Curtis, Andrew Gilbert, David Hillyer, Tom Lowther, Gemma Snow & Emma Stephens.

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www.tollesburyparishcouncil.gov.uk