

Present: Cllrs Bell, Ferneyhough, Goldie, Hawes (7.39 pm), Lowther, Page, Rogers, St Joseph

In the Chair: Cllr Plater - Chairman

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillor Stephens
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Chambers and Clare.

There were also apologies for absence from District Councillor Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. Public Forum

There were no comments from the member of the public.

4. County Councillors and District Councillors

Cllr Stephens reported:

- She would be meeting with someone at Maldon District Council about the boxing classes that were previously discussed at a meeting with Nicola Syder and Josh Fulcher.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Page had also discussed boxing classes with Josh.

Action: Cllr Stephens to liaise with Cllr Page.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th February 2023

Resolved: the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Lowther, seconded Cllr Goldie. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

Cllr Hawes arrived at the meeting.

Application No: 23/00068/HOUSE PP-11874127

Proposal: Proposed rear and side extension and internal remodelling.

Location: Ivystone Cottage Back Road Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

6.2 Planning Decisions

HOUSE/MAL/22/01191 - 1 Sceptre Close – Approved

HOUSE/MAL/22/01238 – 44 Mell Road – Approved

FUL/MAL/22/01182 - Carringtons Barn North Road – Approved

LBC/MAL/22/01076 - Prentice Hall 4 Prentice Hall Lane – Approved

FUL/MAL/22/01190 - Tollesbury Congregational Church East Street - Approved

6.3 Planning Appeals – None received

6.4 Planning Appeal Decisions

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/22/3300578

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/22/00080

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Address: 1 Genesta Close Tollesbury

Decision – Appeal Dismissed

6.5 Tree Preservation Orders for information – None received

7. Climate Change

The Chairman reported that Tollesbury Climate Partnership (TCP) was working hard on the decarbonising the school project.

The hard work of TCP was noted.

8. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) – Woodup Pool

The Chairman reported that he was still waiting to receive feedback from Holmes and Hill on the draft MoU. It is hoped that he will be able to report back at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9. Administration

Elections – The Clerk reported that she had circulated information to Councillors received from Maldon District Council about the elections. The Clerk advised that the Electoral Commission also offers a webinar on 7th March 2023 from 12 pm-1 pm.

TV Licence – The Clerk advised that the TV Licence for the Pavilion was due for renewal on 28th February 2023.

Councillors agreed not to renew the TV Licence at this stage, as the main reason for having a Licence was for The Hangout, which is currently on hold. The Parish Council only uses the television during meetings to display documents.

Local Highways Panel (LHP) – The Clerk reported at the previous Parish Council meeting Cllr Stephens updated Councillors on the application to the Local Highways Panel for the area outside the school. Essex County Council had suggested alternative traffic measures, and Cllr Stephens had prepared an application (Appendix A) which the Clerk had circulated to Councillors.

Cllr Rogers reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the School Governors, and it was suggested that flashing amber lights be installed to make drivers aware they are approaching the school. It was understood many years ago that such lights were outside the school.

Action: Cllr Stephens to include on the application to the LHP.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Durham to re-arrange the visit, which had previously been arranged for September 2022, from Cllr Scott to a Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to write to the businesses in the industrial area to ask if they would consider asking their delivery drivers to avoid the school period at 3 pm.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)– The Clerk reported that posters had been displayed around the village promoting the NP public event arranged for Friday, 10th March 2023. The Clerk advised that the draft NP survey, including the amendments made by the NP Steering Group and Parish Council and the questions from TCP, had been sent to Laura Atkinson at the RCCE. The survey is being reviewed by Laura, who will report back soon.

Village Larder – The report (Appendix B) from Pete Hope from the Village Larder was received and noted. A regular update on the operations was offered to the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to respond to Pete to thank him and the team of volunteers for operating the Village Larder and to take up the offer of regular updates every quarter.

10. Community Concerns

Cllr St Joseph reported:

- More steel sheet piling was due to be carried out at Rolls Farm.
- He had attended a recent meeting of the Environment Agency, and it was reported that works were completed to improve a section of the embankment crest at Wells East Bank in Norfolk (Appendix C). Cllr St Joseph had forwarded pictures of the Tollesbury seawall footpath (Appendix D) and has been pressing via the Essex Coastal Forum for similar works to be carried out in Tollesbury. Cllr St Joseph had also seen an email from Kevin Bentley lobbying in favour of works at East Mersea.

Action: Chairman to speak to Cllr Kevin Bentley and John Jowers regarding the issues in Tollesbury.

11. Dates of the Next Meetings

Tuesday 7th March 2023 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 14th March 2023 – Finance Committee – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 21st March 2023 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 21st March 2023 – Recreation Ground Committee – Following Full Council Meeting – Pavilion

Tuesday 4th April 2023 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 11th April 2023 – Woodup Pool Committee – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 18th April 2023 - Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 18th April 2023 – Environment and Amenity Committee – Following Full Council Meeting – Pavilion

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Signed.....

Date



Scheme Request Form For LHP

Tollesbury 2023.02

School crossing patrol, East Street

Requests can only be submitted to the Highways Liaison Officer by the relevant County Councillor. However, District / Borough / City Councillors, Parish / Town Councils and Residents Associations can complete the form and pass to the County Member to then pass to Officers.

Name of County Councillor submitting request	Division	Parish/Town
Cllr Mark Durham	Heybridge and Tollesbury	Tollesbury
Road Name	Location	Date Submitted
East Street	East of Tollesbury School	xxxxxx

What is the problem that has resulted in this request? (Please mark all relevant boxes)

☐

Speeding

☐

Congestion

☐

Parking

☒

Difficulty crossing
the road

☐

Lack of footway

☐

Signage

☐

Other

Cont.



Details

What is the problem that has resulted in this request?

Road safety at Tollesbury School, B1023

Following an accident outside the school involving a child, the School Crossing Patrol conducted a pedestrian count at East Street, Tollesbury, on the morning of Tuesday 24 January 2023 to determine whether the volume of traffic and pedestrians crossing to and from the primary school meet the eligibility criteria for a School Crossing.

Whilst this found that the site does not meet the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol, the report includes the following observation:

“Drivers approaching from the industrial estate direction were less likely be stopped by drivers from the opposite direction*. This area might benefit from introduction of a priority lane or other speed reduction/ traffic management measures.”

* ie west-bound drivers were less likely to be stopped by oncoming traffic.

What is the preferred solution?

An investigation to see if a priority lane or other speed reduction / traffic management measures would improve road safety outside the school; a report describing the recommendations arising from such investigation; and implementation of the recommendations.

Note that two other priority lane requests have been submitted:

- #04: At the King's Head, High Street, Tollesbury
- #05: At Dove Cottage, East Street, Tollesbury

It is accepted that three priority areas in the village may not be needed, but assessment to determine which of these in combination would achieve the best outcomes for pedestrians and occupiers of the surrounding homes and businesses is requested.

What is to be achieved by the suggested solution?

- Improve the safety of children crossing the B1023 to access the primary school and enable children in years 5 and 6 to walk to school without their parents, in preparation for travelling to secondary school.
- It should be noted that at the moment some children start secondary school – 5 to 10 miles away – having never been able to travel to school on their own before.
- Additionally, if it were safe enough for year 5 and 6 children to cross East Street on their own, then their parents would not feel the need to come with them, which in turn would reduce pedestrian traffic outside the school, leading to increased visibility for those who do need to cross the road.

What is the area of concern? (Provide accurate location details, a map is preferred.)



What evidence is there of the need for a scheme at this location?

(This can be provided through either a Parish Plan, survey, questionnaire, copy of letters received, photos, etc.)

1. Photo: Outside Tollesbury School, crossing the B1023.



2. Photo: Outside Tollesbury School, crossing the B1023.



3. Children's letters: letters from eighteen of the Year 5 children at Tollesbury School, highlighting the dangers of crossing the road outside their school.

- Please see separate file provided. For the avoidance of doubt, the same supporting file is provided for application #01, Twenty is Plenty and #06, School crossing patrol.

4. Police report: East Street, Tollesbury, December 2021.

- Please see separate file provided. For the avoidance of doubt, the same supporting file was provided for application #01, Twenty is Plenty and #06, School crossing patrol.

Please forward the completed form to Local.HighwayPanels@essexhighways.org
Email must be titled – District/Scheme Request/Road Name

The Village Larder opened on the 11th July 2022. It is supported by the Congregational Church, in partnership with Tollesbury Community Centre and Tollesbury Volunteers.

Why is there a need for this type of free food provision?

High fuel prices, energy costs, rising interest rates, record food price inflation, rent increases and low wages has meant many people have been involuntarily forced into a difficult financial situation they did not create.

Wages and benefits haven't kept pace and some households are getting deeper into debt.

Unfortunately, we cannot change any of the negative results of a recessionary economy but we can make life a little easier for some.

Who can access the Larder?

Anybody who is experiencing the above difficulties, or family member or friend to collect on their behalf. The Larder has no referral system. We don't collect data on people, other than numbers using the facility. We will signpost individuals to other supporting agencies, if appropriate, with consent.

Please feel free to visit or contact us by phone or email. We can deliver food parcels but would prefer people to come into a friendly community resource and select items of their choice

The Larder is set discreetly aside from the Café, in a separate room. All visitors are welcome to use the café. A friendly chat, drinks, can help break down isolation and hopefully anxiety over food provision, but if people prefer, just to select food and go that's fine.

We are open every Monday 0900-12.00 and café (No charge, but monetary donations welcome). We also open on a Friday evening 17.00 – 18.30 every Friday (no café)

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VILLAGE LARDER

@ The Centre, Tollesbury

Every
Monday

09.00-12.00

Every
Friday

17.00-18.30

To receive items
please contact us (in confidence)
or just turn up!

Food & Other Items
Required For Distribution

LONG LIFE MILK
INSTANT 'SMASH' POTATO
TINNED PLUM TOMATOES
TINNED RICE PUDDING
JAM / PEANUT BUTTER
CLEANING PRODUCTS
LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
BREAKFAST CEREAL
HOT CHOCOLATE
ORANGE JUICE
MEALS IN TINS
TINNED MEATS
TINNED TUNA
TINNED FRUIT
BROWN SAUCE
KETCHUP
DRIED HERBS
JELLY POTS
TOILETRIES
LOO ROLL
CUSTARD
BISCUITS
COFFEE
TEA

With
Supporting
Cafe
Every
Monday

09.00-12.00

Monetary Donations Welcome

Food Donations can be made
over the counter at Fred's Stores
or at the Village Larder

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Wells West Bank

During October, the North Norfolk field team completed a project to improve a section of the embankment crest at Wells East Bank. The flood defence embankment at Wells runs coincidental to a public footpath and is used frequently by dog walkers and ramblers visiting the coast. The high level of pedestrian use caused the surface to become worn and muddy during the winter months and created a hazard for our field teams when inspecting and accessing structures along the bank. The scheme was designed to restore the crest by importing Carstone to provide a stable path and prevent further disruption to the surface. 250m of new surfacing was laid as part of this project.



Photograph above: Site compound being set up at Wells



Photograph above: Operatives compacting the Carstone



Photograph above: Importing Carstone to the crest

