



## **Tollesbury Parish Council**

Notice is hereby given that the Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, in **The Pavilion, Tollesbury Recreation Ground, Elysian Gardens** commencing at **7.30 pm**, to which members of the Council are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

*M. Curtis*

Michelle Curtis – Clerk to the Council

30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Councillors: S Plater (Chairman), S Hawes (Vice-Chairman), M Bell, R Clare, R Cole, A Ferneyhough, L Goldie, C Page, J Rogers, A St Joseph

### **THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

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#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraph 9 and Appendix B of the Code of Conduct for Members. (Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting.)

#### **3. Public Forum**

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to put forward their question(s) or statements to the Council. The Chairman will, at his discretion, then decide if he is able to answer the question(s) or proposes to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **4. County Councillor and District Councillors**

**4.1** To receive a report from County Councillor Durham

**4.2** To receive a report from the District Councillors

**5. Minutes**

To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**6. Finance**

- 6.1** To receive and approve the Monthly Financial Report as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- 6.2** To receive and approve the payment schedule

**7. Internal Audit**

- 7.1** To receive Internal Auditors Report
- 7.2** To carry out a review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

**8. Planning**

**8.1 Planning Applications**

Applications are circulated to all Councillors with the agenda for study ahead of the meeting. Planning documents are also available for everyone to view on Maldon District Council's website ([www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk)).

To consider planning applications received from Maldon District Council, including the following:

Application No: HOUSE/MAL/23/00422 PP-12106854  
Proposal: Erection of Garage with new access and dropped kerb.  
Location: 6 Kings Walk Tollesbury

Application No: OUT/MAL/23/00488  
Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of a 2 bedroom two storey dwelling  
Location: Land Adjacent To 31 Woodrolfe Road Tollesbury

**8.2 Planning Appeals**

To receive notification of Planning Appeals from Maldon District Council

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/23/3315464

Application Ref: 22/00237/OUT

Site Address: Land East Of Guisnes Lodge Chapel Road Tollesbury  
Proposal: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved for future determination) Residential development of up to 4 no. dwellings and associated works

**9. Recreation Ground**

- 9.1** To receive a verbal report from the Recreation Ground Committee
- 9.2** To receive the Monthly Inspection Report
- 9.3** To receive an email from a resident following a dog attack at the Recreation Ground
- 9.4** To receive an email from a resident suggesting 'wild areas' at the Recreation Ground
- 9.5** To consider a quotation for repairs to the skate park

10. **Environment & Amenity (Allotments, Burial Ground, Hasler Green, Woodrolfe Green, Streetlight, Dog/Litter Bins, Highways, Footpaths)**
  - 10.1 To receive a verbal report from the Environment and Amenity Committee
11. **Woodrolfe Hard**
  - 11.1 To receive a verbal report from the Woodrolfe Hard Committee
12. **Woodup Pool**
  - 12.1 To receive a verbal report from the Woodup Pool Committee
13. **Datum Attitude Brewing**

To consider the request from Datum Attitude Brewing to hold pop-up events in the village, possibly behind the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground
14. **Tollesbury Pre-School**

To receive an email from a resident regarding Tollesbury Pre-School
15. **Commemorative Plaque**

To receive a letter from Jennifer Tolhurst, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, regarding plaques available to purchase to commemorate King Charles III
16. **Allotments**

To receive a letter from Allotment Tenant.
17. **Police/Community Protection Officers (CPO)**
  - 17.1 To receive the Police Reports (confidential) and discuss policing matters within the village to report back to Essex Police
  - 17.2 To receive the CPO Report for April 2023
18. **Administration**

To receive information from the Clerk – update on current and ongoing matters
19. **Community Matters**

To receive information only or note future agenda items
20. **Dates of the Next Meetings**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Recreation Ground Committee – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Full Council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 – Woodrolfe Hard Committee – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Full council Meeting – 7.30 pm – Pavilion

If you would like an item on the agenda at any Parish Council or Committee Meeting, you should write your request to the Parish Clerk at least a week before the meeting.

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## County Councillor Report. May 2023

The last couple of months have been largely taken up by the budget making process at Essex County Council and more recently with the local elections for Maldon District Council and parishes. Both main authorities are yet to hold the statutory annual meetings which will outline the business priorities for Essex and convene a brand new authority in Maldon.

Last year I had the pleasure to award a number of grants to organisations both within and outside my division. ECC members had a lower amount of locality grant to distribute, but the three Maldon county members were allowed to pool an additional sum that had to be spent on projects that helped those in greatest need which was called the levelling up fund. The £5,000 that I had for my own locality fund was allocated to a number of projects across my division and the pooled levelling up fund supported the purchase of computers for a number of primary schools which will enable them to hold extracurricular breakfast, lunch and after school clubs. We also purchased a variety of learning games and toys that will be used in similar school camps for the younger children. A grant was also given to purchase some musical instruments for an organisation that provides support for children with special educational needs.

For this new year, each ECC member will be given £5,000 locality fund to spend on initiatives and projects in their division, but we are not encouraged to offer grants to precepting bodies such as parish councils as these have their own means of raising finance for public projects. In addition there will be new Local Community Fund. This will replace the levelling up fund and the Youth Strategy Groups. The fund for each district will be £4,000 for each county councillor representing the relevant area. Therefore Maldon will have a total of £12,000 which will be spent on either levelling up, tackling climate change or youth services. When we have the full guidance, the application process will follow.

The winter of 2022/23 was not kind to the roads across Essex. Although we didn't experience prolonged periods of snow, it was wetter than usual and we saw some unusually low temperatures for an extended period of time. Rain and freezing weather is the enemy of highways and inevitably the result we are seeing is an unusually large number of potholes and road defects. Some of these have been exacerbated due to subsidence resulting from the long dry period last summer. This situation is not only restricted to the 5,000 miles of Essex roads but is mirrored right across the country. The post bag for almost every local councillor in England will feature a large number of complaints about potholes as these are visual defects that impact all road users. This problem is recognised by Essex County Council and indeed national government and there has been a significant injection of additional funding to speed up road repairs. Essex County Council allocated an additional £14.5 million to its highway maintenance commitment from other budgets as well as grants from central government to ensure that the worse conditions can be dealt with as soon as possible. Due to the ageing network and heavy vehicle usage we will always experience the problem of potholes, even with an unlimited budget it would be impossible to solve every issue.

County councillors receive numerous requests to get individual defects repaired and in many cases these have not been previously logged onto the highways 'Report it' website. The highways website is easy to use and photographs of defects can be uploaded which help the engineers assess the seriousness of each report. Accurate locations can be provided via the What3Words app, but it is important to ensure that the references are correct to the letter.

On more than one occasion last year, the highways engineers were given a W3W location that turned out to be in China! It is much easier for county councillors to chase up previously reported cases if we can be given the reference number associated with the defect.

In most cases a make safe repair will be done quickly which will be followed by a final repair. Make safe repairs can be recognised easily as these will appear as new tarmac in the shape of the original defect. The final repairs will have straight cut edges as a deeper hole needs to be excavated to provide a longer lasting result. We have requested highways to mark the temporary repairs with coloured paint so that these can be distinguished between the make safe and final repair.

In the last two years, all Essex County Council members were involved in a priority pothole scheme which enabled us to identify and nominate a number of the most serious defects which would receive more urgent attention. This allocation was divided into 2 tranches and parish councils provided a list of those issues that they deemed to be most serious. This scheme will also be rolled out in the current year and it will now include an additional budget for footway defects. We will shortly be given details of how this scheme will work which I will circulate in due course.

Another responsibility of county councillors is to sit on a Local Highways Panel which aims to devolve certain capital projects to each district. It is widely accepted that in the past the system has been cumbersome, slow and expensive. The role and function of LHP's was the subject of a scrutiny investigation last year and as a result the way that the panels are constituted and operate will change this year. In addition, due to the importance of highway maintenance, some of the previous LHP budget has been taken to alleviate current issues across the network. Each panel now has a much smaller budget and the result will unfortunately be that fewer projects can be funded than in previous years. Many LHP applications involve vehicle speed mitigation, such as new or amended speed limits, signage, gateway features or physical measures to reduce speeding. Inevitably these can also be some of the most complicated to deliver as we are bound by national legislation and the county speed management strategy. The application of new speed limits has legal implications and in some cases it is not possible to deliver what has been requested. All speed related measures are reliant on the results of vehicle surveys. These are commissioned for every such application and in order to progress a new or amended legal limit, the mean average speed of traffic has to fall within set parameters, these set by legislation. The speed surveys record traffic movements over a seven day, 24 hour period and give speeds of travel and vehicle types which are determined from the wheelbase of each activation. Unfortunately, a very high percentage of surveys show what is classed as 'reasonable or good compliance' with the current speed limit and if this is the case, we are unable to make the requested change. Inevitably the surveys will always show vehicles travelling at excessive speed, often at night time when the road is quiet, but we are obliged to apply the mean average vehicle speed recorded over the survey period.

The panel often receives requests for new 20 mile per hour speed limits, however the criteria for the application of these is also dictated by national policy. This is currently under review and it is expected to be changed in the near future. Speed surveys are quite an expensive task and each district now has only £5,000 to spend on surveys each year. ATC surveys (All traffic count) are charged at £237 each and surveys on PR2 roads cost £842. Therefore we are limited in the number of surveys that can be funded by the LHP. Parish councils who wish to commission surveys can do so via a purchase order. These are charged at £369 & £973 respectively.

Each local highways panel is able to determine its composition and for the coming year the Maldon panel will consist of the three Essex County Council members plus one District Council member who will be nominated by the leader. Meetings take place four times per year and will be held at County Hall in Chelmsford. The panels are also able to decide on their priorities for the projects to be funded. The Maldon panel has always concentrated on safety as its main priority and this will be reviewed by the new panel members at its meeting in July. There will also be a new central panel consisting of the chairmen from each LHP across the county and chaired by Councillor Lee Scott, ECC Cabinet Member for Highways. All LHP meetings are private and are not streamed live.

I have made the conscious decision to delay this report until after the local elections as there was likely to be changes to district and parish council memberships. Reports are not routinely provided monthly as in many cases there is little material of interest to update. Members have enough reading material to cope with and full reports are only produced for significant issues. It would be ideal for me as the ECC member to visit every parish council, but I currently have 12 and almost half meet on the second Tuesday of each month! I am always available by phone or email should important issues need to be addressed. When time sensitive matters arise, such as the various funds, pothole and footway repair programs, I will send details as soon as they are available. In many cases I may forward ECC communications if they have relevance to district or parish members.

Finally, the devolution work for Essex is continuing and the leaders of the upper tier authorities have met with the government minister recently. At this stage we don't know to what level the devolution proposition will be, or when we are likely to see some changes. I am aware that we may have a more comprehensive roadmap by September this year. Clearly as soon as we have more information, this will be passed down to districts and parish councils. It is important to understand that neither MP's nor district councils are involved with the face to face negotiations with government. The main decisions will be taken by the leaders of the current upper tier authorities, being Essex County Council, Thurrock and Southend Unitary Councils. The principal objective is to ensure that as much money is obtained from central government as possible which can be used to improve the services and delivery to Essex residents.

May I congratulate all new district and parish councillors and those who have already been serving in their councils. I would also like to thank those members who either retired or were not elected on May 4<sup>th</sup>. County Councillors rely on co-operation with district and parish members as neither can work in isolation. We all have the responsibility to serve our residents, putting aside political differences and personal ambition. This can be difficult, particularly around elections, but I am certain that all elected members in my division are fully aware of their role and will do their best to serve the electorate.



Cllr. Mark FL Durham CC  
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7 May 2023



Reference: 22/00237/OUT  
Planning Officer: Devan Hearnah

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

**Site Address:** Land East Of Guisnes Lodge Chapel Road Tollesbury Essex  
**Proposal:** Outline planning application (with all matters reserved for future determination) Residential development of up to 4 no. dwellings and associated works  
**Application Ref:** 22/00237/OUT  
**Appellants Name:** Jack & Joseph Ramsey  
**Appeal Ref:** APP/X1545/W/23/3315464  
**Appeal Start Date:** 4 May 2023

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of **written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so on the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing **east1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk**. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send **three** copies to:

Simon Dunn  
The Planning Inspectorate  
3C  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN



**All representations must be received by 8 June 2023.** Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned.



The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the appeal reference.**

The appeal documents are available to view on our website [www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk).

Guidance on taking part in planning appeals is available from  
<https://www.gov.uk/topic/planning-development/planning-permission-appeals>

When made, the decision will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website  
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Michael Johnson  
Lead Specialist Development Management



**TOLLESBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLAYGROUND CHECKLIST**

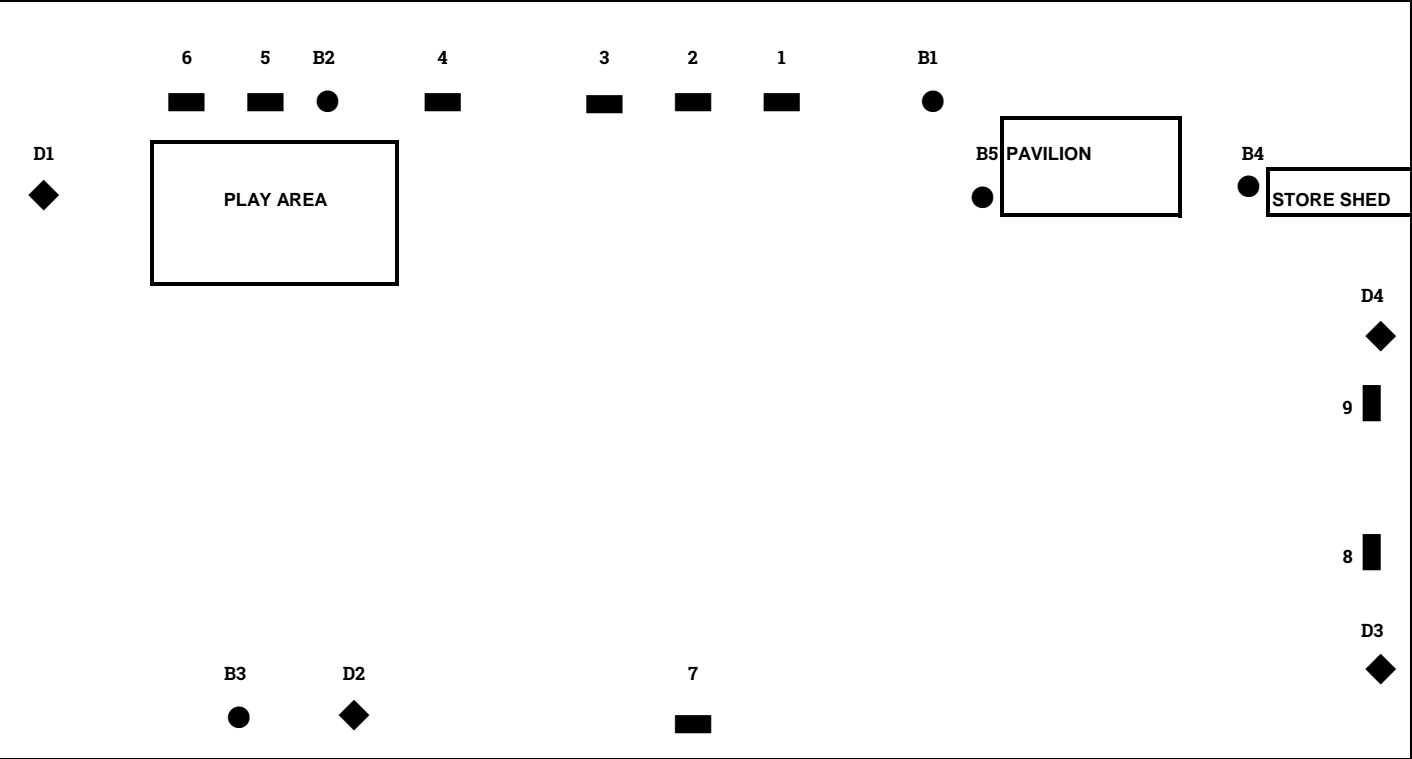
DATE OF INSPECTION: 29/05/2023

	Checked	Comments
EQUIPMENT	√	
Junior Swing	√	Rubber matting under swing needs replacing
Toddler Swing	√	
Snake Slide	√	
Wooden Climber Platform	√	
Tower and Slide	√	
Spinning Seasaw	√	
Igloo Climber	√	
Roundabout	√	
Zip Wire	√	
Playship	√	
Chicken and Cow Springer	√	
Youth Shelter	√	Graffiti
Skate Park	√	Graffiti
Surfer Springer	√	
Fire Engine	√	
Fence	√	
Football Goal Posts	√	

Signed: *S J Curtis*

**TOLLESBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**BENCHES AND BINS**

DATE OF INSPECTION: 29/04/2023



**Benches**

1	Ok
2	Ok
3	Ok
4	Ok
5	Ok
6	Ok
7	Ok
8	Ok
9	Ok

**Dog Bins (D\*)**

1	Ok
2	Ok
3	Ok
4	Ok

**Litter Bins (B\*)**

1	Ok
2	Ok
3	Ok
4	Ok
5	Ok

Signed: *S J Curtis*

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** tollesburypc@btinternet.com  
**Date:** May 17, 2023 8:53:54 AM  
**Subject:** Recreation Park - Dog Attack

Good Morning,

My name is [REDACTED], a resident in the village for nearly 10 years and a small business owner.

My wife and I regularly exercise in the village, this morning I was subject to a dog attack in the recreation park which has caused quite a lot of bleeding and I am booked in for a tetanus injection later today. I have pictures but I have not attached them as they are quite gruesome.

I have a witness and I have submitted a report to Essex police along with the evidence. I have a physical job, so I will have to see if this affects my ability to work.

My reason for contacting you is to inform you of the incident and to enquire what the current rules are for dogs in the park? Do they need to be on a lead? Is exercise permitted in the park? If so do we need to look out for dogs off the lead?

This dog was not on a lead and [REDACTED]. My injury would be head height for a child so I wonder if it could be considered as an agenda point at your next meeting as to whether dogs should be kept on leads at all time or perhaps some signs put up regarding the dangers of dogs roaming free?

Thanks for your help in advance, I look forward to hearing your response,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** tollesbury p c <tollesburypc@btinternet.com>  
**Date:** May 13, 2023 8:57:33 AM  
**Subject:** Recreation ground

Oh no!! they have shaved all the daisies off the rec!

I appreciate the rec has to be mown but could I request that the council review the areas that could be left to 'go wild'. I note that an area under the avenue of trees remains wild and also along the fence backing onto Elysian Gardens. Could we have more please? Perhaps a notice explaining the wild areas could be posted so the 'tidy' people will understand.

Thank you for considering this request

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** tollesburypc@btinternet.com  
**Date:** May 1, 2023 10:41:52 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Datum Attitude Brewing  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0191.jpg

Hi Michelle

I wonder if you could ask Simon and the other parish councillors, who kindly supported our recent ventures in Tollesbury whether they would be willing to help us have a presence in the village this summer.

We have been at a number of events recently with the brew truck (photos attached) and we have had a numerous local people from Tollesbury and the surrounding villages approach us and express their disappointment that we have reluctantly decided not to proceed with opening the taproom. As we have the mobile taproom/brew truck, there is still the ability for us to bring our beers to Tollesbury every now and again and this could be something really special for the community to enjoy.

With the good weather now on the horizon we wondered whether we could do a pop up on the fields behind the pavilion? We don't need much space and we could bring our branded gazebo and our bistro sets so people could sit and enjoy a beer in the sun. We would take care of the TEN (permission to sell alcohol) and we are fully insured.

If the above is of interest, we could agree a percentage of our takings to donate to the parish council or perhaps a local charity of your choosing? If it proves to be popular we would like to ask one of our food truck friends to join us so that people could have a locally brewed craft beer and a light bite on a weekend afternoon or evening. We were pitched next to a brilliant Thai street food truck yesterday and we chatted about trying to do some events together. We are not proposing a late finish, perhaps noon until 8 or 9pm on a warm sunny evening.

If this isn't something that the Parish Council feels would be a good use of public land then we would understand, but we would be extremely grateful if you could discuss this proposal at your next meeting.

Kind regards

Amy Morris

Director

Datum Attitude Brewing Co



**Datum Attitude Brewing Co:**

Datum Attitude Brewing Co Limited is a private limited company registered in England & Wales (company number 12794841), registered address: Lime House 75 Church Street, Tiptree, Colchester, CO5 0HB.

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**From:** Cllr. Emma Stephens <cllr.emma.stephens@maldon.gov.uk>  
**To:** [REDACTED] >, tollesburypreschoolcic@hotmail.com  
<tollesburypreschoolcic@hotmail.com>  
**CC:** Tollesbury Parish Council <tollesburypc@btinternet.com>  
**Date:** May 22, 2023 11:11:32 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Tollesbury Pre-School dilemma

Hello Steve

Thank you very much for taking the time to alert everyone to the plight of our pre-school, and indeed to such organisations everywhere – and for copying me in.

On the costs you provide I would urge you to write to Priti Patel MP, and if you do so, then to encourage others to do likewise. This is national policy, so our MP is the right person to take this to the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan MP. I've not verified your figures but they look alarming.

On the proposal for a building, it's a really interesting idea, and in equal measure, I feel great wariness about building on playing fields. It's not down to opinion though, as planning policy covers this, and if we (Maldon District Council) breach a policy, it reduces our ability to use that policy in future. In other words, if we say yes to building on one playing field, then if we say no next time, the applicant is very likely to win their case at appeal. So a decision for Tollesbury could lead to other villages' playing fields being built on too, quite possibly against their wishes. That's not me saying "no" – I'm not authorised to do that, and by law I have to remain impartial right up to a planning committee vote – but I do think you'll want to be aware of [Maldon District Council's Local Development Plan](#), policy N3, Open Space, Sport and Leisure, on p105. There are exceptions to this policy as you'll see, some of which could apply, so please do take a read.

Have you also considered discussing this with the primary school's Chair of Governors, Andrew Gilbert? I appreciate you just wrote a letter and don't necessarily want to start a project, but a discussion might be useful, and I'd be glad to attend that. On the GP surgery, I would also strongly recommend that you discuss with the Practice Manager Karen Allen, as the surgery may be interested – and / or may be progressing other routes. Planning for a new building somewhere in the village could well be an outcome of such discussions – then I'd need to step away to remain impartial – but I'd be happy to attend meetings to understand current and future educational and clinical requirements and numbers.

As you'll know, Tollesbury could see new housing soon by speculative developers on various sites around the village. You may also be aware of "section 106 payments" (money paid by home builders to offset large developments). This could be useful for Tollesbury, but please note that S106 money must be to meet the needs of the development proposed, and not be spent on making good a pre-existing deficiency. I say this because I'm sure someone will suggest getting S106 money. It's just a limitation to be aware of though – not something to be ruled out entirely.

Finally, I'll try to get some time with one of the planning officers to see if there are other suggestions I can make on this – I'll let you know.

With best regards,

*Emma*

Emma Stephens

Maldon District Councillor for Tollesbury (Independent)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** Tollesbury Parish Council <tollesburypc@btinternet.com>  
**Cc:** Cllr. Emma Stephens <cllr.emma.stephens@maldon.gov.uk>; tollesburypreschoolcic@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Tollesbury Pre-School dilemma

For the attention of the Parish Council.

I am writing not as a representative of the pre-school but as a concerned resident of the village. The preschool has not prompted me to make this appeal. I am writing independently based upon my understanding of the situation, which I have gleaned from various sources.

I am aware of two significant problems facing the pre-school currently which threaten it's very existence.

Firstly, the premises are too small and it's not sustainable at that size. In order to become a viable organisation they need to be able to accept more children, and children of a broader age range, and also for longer hours.

The younger the age group they accept, the more staff they need to employ, increasing the need for even more space.

They cannot do this at present because of size limitations of the Manse building.

I would suggest that the community needs to find another central location and build a purpose-built building for this (100+ children) and perhaps to include a new Doctor's surgery.

I would propose that the Recreation Ground is the perfect location at the village-end near the pavilion. I can hear the squeals of objection to this already, but the pavilion got built. So did the defunct toilet block. I'm sure there must be a way to overcome, or reinterpret the covenants which have been imposed on that location.

The second problem faced by the pre-school, and indeed every other such organisation nationwide, is the new proposed introduction of the government's 'free pre school' for all children.

The fact is, the grant will be limited to just £4.85 per hour per child. Parents will be able to send their child to preschool for no cost to the parents, and that is the sum the organisation will receive.

The actual cost to the typical preschool, when taking into account wages, rent, power, consumables and other overheads, is well in excess of this.

That means that later this year every single preschool in the country will be making a loss for every single child they take on.

The government has made it illegal for the school to charge a top-up fee to the parents.

Each preschool therefore will have no option but to appeal to parents for donations, or fund raise in some other way.

You may well have seen TPS had a fund raiser fayre in the Centre this past weekend, and there has also been an appeal on Facebook for a 'GoFundMe' account for general donations from the wider community.

Their existence is under severe and imminent threat.

I have written this to make the Parish Council aware of these fundamental problems and also in the hope that you may be able to assist and support a resolution to these issues.


Thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]


Maldon District Council

Our Vision: Sustainable Council, Prosperous Future

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Dear Councillor

I have recently been made aware of an initiative in another part of the country to commemorate The King's Coronation. It impressed me so much that I thought I would give it some wider publicity and let you know about it. The plaque is the result of a collaboration between HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner and the British Ironwork Centre, Oswestry. It involves the design and manufacture of a Coronation plaque and its distribution amongst at least 20 towns and organisations in Shropshire to commemorate the Coronation and to serve as a lasting legacy of this significant occasion. The plaque looks attractive, as you can see from the diagram below. After making some enquiries, I am informed that the plaque is made of 3D Deluxe stainless steel and measures 500mm in diameter and 3mm in thickness. Each plaque costs £199.00, including delivery, which is near enough cost price. Examples of the plaque can be seen below, as too are contact details for the British Ironwork Centre and its Chairman, Clive Knowles should you wish to follow up. I am told that this offer will remain open throughout 2023, so there is no immediate hurry to place an order before the Coronation, but the opportunity can be considered at leisure in the period after the Coronation. I am sending this information in case you might be interested.

For more information, please contact:

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With very best wishes

Jennifer Tolhurst

**Jennifer Tolhurst,  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex**





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** tollesburypc@btinternet.com <tollesburypc@btinternet.com>  
**Date:** May 19, 2023 2:07:46 PM  
**Subject:** Allotments - Station Road Your Ref: TPC/784-23/MC

Dear Michelle,

I wonder if you could pass this letter to the Parish Council for their response.

Dear Sirs,

I am responding to the letter referenced above.

I have had the enormous privilege of having an allotment at Station Road for over 20 years and received your correspondence with some dismay as I have managed the border adjacent to my plot for most of this time and in the last 10 years (or maybe longer ago) the Blackthorne & Hawthorne saplings that had unwisely been planted there had become so ungainly in between the occasional trimmings from contractors that they were obstructing the path and hitting other allotment holders in the face with their thorny branches. Prior to my managing the border others would (I assume in frustration at being slapped by thorny branches) break off branches and drop them on my site. I took this as a message that they felt that I should be responsible for the restriction of these thorns, which became too much with the constant effort of removal of branches with thorns that have in the past pierced through my wellington boots and lodged in my foot, I replaced these thorns with a fruiting hedge style of trees. This took a huge amount of effort on my part - I do hope that the Parish Council will not remove these trees.

With regard to my plastic compost bins I have now as instructed removed them; however, I wish to state that my bins NEVER obstructed the path or anyone's access to their allotments. As the date for removal of obstructions to the border has now passed, I would like to understand why there are still remaining sheds that have been built in the border, surely, they encroach on the path? I understand from other allotment holders that one of the sheds paving slabs makes it difficult to get the hose to their sites as the hose catches on these slabs, thereby causing "a nuisance or annoyance". I would like to understand how my plastic bins are unacceptable while the sheds remain.

It seems to me that the Parish Council should apply the rules to all plot holders equally and not discriminate against certain plot holders. Or perhaps I've misunderstood the situation.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

<b>Parish / Town Council</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Number of Hours</b>
Tollesbury	April	3
<b>PCNs Issued</b>	<b>FPNs Dog Fouling</b>	<b>FPNs Litter Fouling</b>
0	0	0
<b>ASB Issues</b>		<b>VMO (Vehicle Moved On)</b>
0		1
<b>Any Other Details</b>		

Officer	Date	Parish	Start	Finish	Total	Patrol Area	COMMENTS ON PATROL
LF/DR	20/04/2023	Tollesbury	08:30	10:00	01:30	School patrol, onstreet and playing field check	Engaged with public and dog walkers. Checked toilets. All looked good, nothing to report.
DR/LF	27/04/2023	Tollesbury	08:45	09:15	00:30	School Patrol	1 VMO from single yellow near school and then educated the driver about hem
DR/LF	27/04/2023	Tollesbury	10:00	11:00	01:00	Patrolled through the High street and playing field check	Engaged with dog walkers.
					<b>3:00:00</b>		