

**Report for Tollesbury Parish Council meeting
on 3rd March 2026** (report written 23rd February 2026)

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1. PLANNING

Next planning committee meetings: [North Western Area](#) 1Apr26; [District](#) 25Feb26, 10Jun26 (provisional).

2. MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

❖ Budget 2026/27

The Council agreed its 2026/27 budget at Full Council on 12 February 2026.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Richard Siddall, delivered his annual budget speech to formally present the proposed budget. The full speech can be accessed at tinyurl.com/33r9cpuc.

It was agreed to increase the Maldon District Council element of council tax, by an average of 13p per week or £6.76 annually for a Band D property. This is a 2.99% increase.

Note that this is just the MDC element. Although MDC collects the entirety of each household's council tax, most of the money is allocated to other areas of local government. Essex County Council's increase is 3.95%; the increase for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex is 5.74%; and the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service increase will be 5.65%.

Maldon District Council's car park charges will remain unchanged, to benefit local businesses.

In his address, the Leader highlighted the collaborative efforts of Members from all political groups within the Council, alongside officers, to secure a fully balanced budget for the upcoming year. The budget is founded on robust principles established in recent years and underscores the Council's commitment to investment, financial sustainability, and exceptional service provision for the district. The Leader expressed continued confidence in the Council's ability to deliver optimal outcomes for Maldon District.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION AND DEVOLUTION

- ❖ MDC expects the Government to announce its 'Minded To' decision on the number and composition of unitary authorities in Essex during March 2026.

Tollesbury Parish Council
Agenda Item 6 - Planning Decisions

Agenda Item 6.1

25/01061/TCA Tollesbury East
T1 Maple - (Highway land fronting No 48) Reduce by 2m in height and spread
Grass Verge Outside 48 East Street Tollesbury Essex
(UPRN - 010094638533)
Mr Mark Davis - Essex County Council

ALLOWED TO PROCEED

Officer: Charlie Mumford
Dated : 27/01/2026