

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2021 Remotely, via Zoom

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)
Cllr N Farmer
Cllr C Wardle

Cllr P Crabbe
Cllr J Miller

Cllr H Jones
Cllr Stavenhagen

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr A Alford (Dorset Council), Tara Hansford (Rights of Way, Dorset Council)

Public Democratic Forum

No issues raised as no members of the public were in attendance.

740. Apologies for absence

None.

741. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None.

742. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council were proposed and duly accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr N Farmer

Seconded: Cllr C Wardle

RESOLVED

743. Matters arising

Members noted that:

- Cllr Ennals had received a legal dedication stating that Dorset Council had legal responsibility for the surfacing of the BOAT; however, drainage remained unclear. Cllr Alford agreed to check correspondence with officers and hopefully arrange a site meeting after restrictions are lifted;
- The 30mph repeater signs on the High Street and Frogmore Lane had been removed as per agreement with DC Highways;
- Some tidying up of outbuildings at Manor Farm had taken place which was welcomed;
- The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Environment Agency re testing water at Toller Brook but they had declined to attend site due to resource limitations and required evidence of serious environmental impact before they could get involved.

744. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

Cllr Alford reported that:

- Dorset Council had received a grant from Government to replace all fossil fuel heating systems in its buildings (leisure centres, libraries, council offices etc).

ii. DAPTC

Cllr Crabbe reported from the recent Central Area Committee, noting that the legislation enabling Parish Councils to meet remotely would be expiring at the beginning of May.

iv. TP Recreational Area Association

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- A recent quarterly inspection had identified minor issues which had been rectified.

745. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due and note bank reconciliation

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- Barrowlands Lane verges and edging could do with improving in due course.

iii. To receive a Footpaths update

Cllr Wardle reported that:

- Three further stiles for gate replacement had been identified and submitted to Tara Hansford at Dorset Council; Tara confirmed she had now sent over the landowner consent forms for completion; Cllr Wardle would pinpoint the gates using Dorset Explorer;
- The gravelling of the new gates had been completed and thanks were recorded to James Billen who carried out the work.
- In relation to the application for a definitive map modification order T582, Cllr Wardle reported he had collated some responses for submission. Dorset Council was dealing with three separate applications in respect of this byway but only one formal consultation would be held. It was believed that the timescales for this would be quite lengthy.

Some discussion took place regarding the progression of the Trailway, particularly with respect to the Toller Fratrum/Maiden Newton sections. Tara Hansford stated that she was liaising with all landowners re specific requirements and issues. Parish Councillors reiterated their support for the project going forward.

748. Correspondence

The previously circulated correspondence list was noted. The Clerk drew members' attention to recent changes to free parking arrangements in the County and a consultation relating to the Fire Authority. Cllr Ennals requested the following information be reproduced in the minutes for information:

*“To support local economy, Dorset Council will give a total of **6 free parking days** in Dorset Council car parks each year. This is made up of the following:*

- *At the request of the Town or Parish Council free parking in all Dorset Council car parks for **four** days each year, for events which generate valuable footfall for that town. These four days cannot be used in December but can be used on Sundays*
- *At the request of the Town or Parish Council free parking in all Dorset Council Town Centre car parks for that town on **one** weekday in December*
- *Free parking in all Dorset Council Town Centre car parks on **Small Business Saturday** in December*

No other days in December will be considered unless the Town Council or Local BID is willing to meet the cost of the lost income at an amount to be calculated by the Council's parking team based on average weekend costs for that time of year. “

749. Date and items for the next meeting — details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Cllr Ennals informed members that, after 14 years as Chairman, he was intending to step down as Chair at the next AGM (although remain on the Parish Council). He thanked everyone for their support.

Clerk to advise dates and arrangements for the AGM and APA once clearer guidance has been issued by NALC/Government/DAPTC.