

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday August 11th 2010 in St Andrew's and St Peter's Church at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies: none

2. Present : Councillors – Ennals, Miller, Billen, Connelly, Rutherford, Davies, Knowles, Knox (County Councillor), Pattemore (District Councillor).. 36 members of the public. Mr Asprey (Rural Housing Officer)

3. Comments from the public: i. Query over the condition of the streetlamp at Frogmore Lane – Cllr Ennals replied that in the long term it is hoped that the streetlamp will be adopted. ii. Strimming required on bridge and round the corner towards Frogmore Lane – Cllr Ennals has requested action to be taken by Mr Wilson, iii Parking sign for Village Hall needs attention – Clerk to respond.

4. Declaration of Interest – None

5. Minutes: The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting, held on June 30th 2010 were read and signed as a true record.

6. Appointment of Clerk – Cllrs Ennals, Miller and Davies interviewed Mr Nicholas Applebee for the post earlier in July and recommended to the full council that Mr Applebee be appointed by the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously. Chairman to send details to DAPTC

7. Matter Arising – Blue road sign warning heavy vehicle access has been replaced at the top of Toller Hill. Street lights still working towards adoption. Railway Bridge the dangerous drop on the verge of the bridge has now been safely fenced. Salt bin purchase is still to be actioned.

8. Affordable Housing – Mr Asprey attended the meeting and reported on the intention of building approximately 6 new dwellings that would be termed affordable

housing. The most likely site at present would appear to be that owned by Vanora Herewood, but this would require access via Old Mills. One benefit to the village that this development would bring would be a new building for a Post Office. This site is only a proposal, no outline planning has been applied for; a feasibility study has yet to be carried out. The scheme would be part owned or part rented. Main queries/comments from councillors and public were:

i. Would Parish Council have any say on who reside in these properties.

Answer: it would

appear not, but Clerk to ask Geoff Joy.

ii. Density would be 4 cottages and a flat, which would equal the demand.

iii. Village needs young people and a Post Office – this development would meet this need.

iv. Concern about the access through Old Mills in that the road was not wide enough and

traffic would increase considerably.

v. Village Association was formed to keep a Post Office in the village and it is by the

generosity of the plot owner and that the potential development has the intention of housing a

new Post Office to the benefit of all residents.

vi. The priority of any future development did not necessarily include a Post Office.

vi. Concern over possible flooding to an adjacent dwelling. Would an environmental study be

carried out? Answer: not likely as the development was above the flood plain.

vii. Is access into and through the village adequate for more dwellings?

viii. Mr Asprey concluded that following a planning application there would be a full

consultation with residents and that this was likely to be held in the Village Hall and the public

would have the opportunity to comment on any build in the village.

9. Development Applications – none.

10. Bills for Payment – Mr Martin Wilson £84.

11. Litter Warden – One resident has applied for the grant to become the village litter warden.

It is hoped that CPRE will fund this for at least one year.

12. Correspondence: The council was given a copy of a letter to the Case Officer

Development Services Division regarding objections to a retrospective

planning application to a dwelling in Frogmore Lane. Another letter from residents in the High Street supporting the proposed development of affordable homes.

13. Items for report: i. Cllr Rutherford queried the use of the bin by the telephone box, as it was being used for litter as opposed to its primary purpose. Was another bin required? Cllr Rutherford agreed to monitor the situation.

14. Comments from the public - Concern over traffic speeding through the village. Is a traffic census needed?

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday October 6th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall committee Room.

Signed correct and approved