

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2015 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (Chairman)	Cllr Baker
Cllr J Miller (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Billen
Cllr P Rutherford	Cllr P Davies
Cllr J Knowles	Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

282. Welcome-Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone including 2 members of the public.

283. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Knox and Cllr Jill Haynes (WDDC)

284. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting held on 15th January 2015 having previously been circulated were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr P Davies

Resolved

285. Matters arising for info only:

Item 273 Cllr Davies reminded the Council that when the recharging of elections comes into force this will have an impact on the precept.

Item 274 (i) Snowplough in the Parish-The Council do not know where it is at present but when it is found it will need to be stored by the person who will use it and maintained by the Parish.

Item 274 (ii) Emergency plan- Cllr Ennals explained that it is good practice to have a plan and good practice to have a meeting when an issue arises also to inform the DCC emergency planning officer. Cllr Ennals explained that the Council have done their best and Cllr Miller suggested that there is an area set out for it at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Item 278 (ii)- Bridge repairs- The Council agreed that although the contractors had been back to cement the bottom this was not completely done and did not expect the contractors to come back for such a small repair. The Council will look at this.

Item 278 (v) Cllr Knowles reported that the steps have now been repaired to the footpath behind Old Mills.

Item 278 (vi) Cllr Davies reported that the gully's have been jetted at the entrance to Barton Close and Barrowlands Crossroads

286. Democratic Forum 15 minutes agenda items only-None

287. County Matters: None.

288. District Matters: None.

289. To consider the procedure and promote the elections on 7th May 2015

The Clerk reported that the nomination papers had previously been sent for those who wished to stand again. The forms would need to be completed and returned by hand to WDDC offices in Dorchester by 9th April. The Council agreed to do a poster for the village and put something in the Toller Times. Cllr Davies and Cllr Rutherford have decided to step down this time. Cllr Davies was thanked for his work to the Website, planning and roads he explained he was happy to continue to update the website and complete the repair to the timber work to the fingerpost at the junction of Lower Road and Kingcombe Road. He explained that there are others interested in the PC and it is good for the Parish Council to have a change. Cllr Rutherford was thanked for looking after the phone box and giving 20

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years' service to the PC. Although Cllr Rutherford did report that you can only make emergency calls from the phone box now. Cllr Davies commented at this point on the Broadband situation and that Toller will not receive it yet as the ducting has to be laid and there are blockages to Maiden Newton but looking at the end of 2015 before it could be available.

290. Finance:

a) To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts	Detail		Amount
WDDC	Bridge Grant		351.00
Total			351.00
Payments	Detail	Voucher	Amount
K Miller	Sand Bag Store	105	92.25
D Billen	Toller Times	106	21.60
Mrs M Harding	Salary/exp	107	300.32
HMRC	Paye	108	63.20
DAPTC	Clerks Seminar	109	62.50
D Billen	Toller Times	110	7.20
Total			547.07

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford

Seconded Cllr D Ennals

Resolved

291. Planning:

a) To consider any planning applications in circulation:

None in circulation but Cllr Davies reported that there are still issues with the solar farm at Rampisham as it has been called in at Government level.

b) Affordable Housing: - Cllr Baker reported that building is going ahead slowly and should be complete by the end of May.

Cllr Baker reported that Aster homes announced that anybody interested in applying should do so again now. This can be done online through Dorset Housing Choice or by telephone. You can also apply for a housing swap. It is hoped that the CLT will have a say over the way the houses will be allocated.

There have also been some issues with the adjacent land owner but this is being dealt with.

292. Highways:

i) "Duck Sign"- The Council had received a number of complaints about the "for ducks sake slow down sign" and on this basis had decided to discuss the issue. The sign has been placed on the bridge as you enter the village. - Highways and the PCSO have been contacted to find a solution to the problem. There is concern as it could be a distraction to drivers and it is an untidy sign in the village.

The Council agreed to write to the land owner to ask him to please remove the sign.

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Proposed Cllr D Ennals

Seconded Cllr P Rutherford

Resolved

3 Abstained - 4 FOR the proposal

The Council also brought up the sensitive issue of the shrine at the junction to Toller from the A356. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police liaison officer for the family to ask if a more appropriate memorial could be displayed either a plant or bush.

- ii) Highways issues: Cllr Davies will report the various pothole issues that came up at the meeting.
- iii) Fingerposts: Cllr Davies reported that all the broken pieces from the fingerposts are either with him or Mr Masters. The Council discussed the project and costs and Cllr Ennals will speak to a resident in the village to see if they would be interested in assisting with the project and looking into costs of the work which could be funded by the precept and possible grant funding. The 4 posts to be repaired are at Poor End, Barrowlands, Higher Kingcombe and Kingcombe Road.

293. Correspondence: Previously circulated:

Cllr Miller reported on item 37 –a letter Mrs Miller had received from Wessex Water who in extreme weather conditions would like to pump treated sewerage in pipes across Cllr Millers land in a more direct route to the river Hooke. The Council discussed the plan of the proposed changes and thanked Cllr Miller for bringing this to the attention of the Council. This is being dealt with by the land owners involved.

294. To arrange Annual Parish Assembly and Annual PC meeting on Wednesday 13th May

2015: The usual reports from Chairman’s address- Cllr Ennals, Recreation –Debra Billen, Church- Judy Miller, Village Hall- Judy Miller, Affordable Housing- Colin Baker, Finance- Mrs Harding. The Clerk was asked to invite George Sartan to speak about the Sustrans project, an officer from Broadband would be asked to speak about the project in Toller. There will information on the website, emergency plan and a questionnaire about a notice board for the bus shelter. Cllr Ennals wife will help with the refreshments.

295. Democratic Forum 15 minutes:

Alex Carstairs reported on the affordable housing item and responded to the issue of the adjacent land owner, that an offer was made to assist but withdrawn due to complications. Also regarding the houses on the register, houses will be given to those with a local connection and that fit the criteria set by WDDC.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm