

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2013

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr P Davies

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr D Billen

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr R Knox (DCC)

Cllr J Haynes (WDDC)

Apologies: None

2 guests

134. Welcome: Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Mr Gordon and Mr Gibbs will be attending the meeting at around 7.15 to talk about the bus shelter and Old Swan.

135. Apologies for absence: None recorded

136. Declarations of Interest or grants of dispensation: None recorded

137. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting on 3rd July having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford

Seconded Cllr J Knowles

Resolved

138. Matters arising: Cllr Jill Haynes commented on the SSSI that has been placed on Rampisham which has slowed up the decision, it is now hoped to be dealt with in October. The clerk reported on the correspondence regarding the A356 memorial, the lighted signs will be removed and the flowers in time. Cllr Miller reported that the Old Swan mosaic is to stay with the property. The grit bin has been purchased and when the site has been considered by the council highways will be consulted prior to filling.

139. County Matters: Cllr Knox reported on Superfast broadband and a Superfast Champions day on 30th September. It is now reported that 97% will receive more than the basic 2mbps. The use of radio is being trialled and BT is starting with the easier and cheaper sections of the project. The Beaminster tunnel is currently covered in Himalayan Balsam this will be treated but it is the wrong time to pull at the moment. Cllr Knox also reported on her role in Children's services and family safe guarding as she is no longer on Highways. The winter plan is to be pulled apart as so few councils produced a winter plan; the DCC will deal direct with farmers regarding the snow plough schemes. The Salt bins will be filled once for free and after that there will be a charge for community bins. Although strategic bins will still be free. *(these are essential for access as stated by Highways)*

140. To consider the Bus Shelter site next to the Old Swan (Mr Gordon and Mr Gibbs)

Mr Gordon and Mr Gibbs spoke to the meeting about the plans for the Old Swan Pub and the meeting discussed the way forward for a bus shelter for the village. The works to the Old Swan should start in November and at that point the back structure of the Bus Shelter will be built. The land would be gifted to the Parish Council but the back wall would remain the property and maintenance of the owners of The Old Swan now and in the future. Cllr Davies will draft up a plan for a bus shelter. Quotes could then be sought to build the bus shelter. Highways had confirmed by email they could see no problem with placing a bus shelter on this site. When the new owners send in the revised application later this year a recess will be noted on the plans where the Bus Shelter will be so it can be consulted upon officially for the records. Cllr Ennals reported that he had received a letter to donate £1000.00 towards the building of the bus shelter. Proposal was taken that the land be gift to the parish Council

Proposed Cllr J Knowles

Seconded Cllr P Davies

Resolved

The property is hoped to be up for sale early in 2014. The new owners also spoke about the building work and that the builders will be living on site and gave the council contact details should there be any issues. Mr Gordon and Mr Gibbs were thanked for their time and support in this matter and left the meeting at 7.43pm

141. District Matters: Cllr Jill Haynes spoke on the WDDC Boundary review to reduce the number of councillors from 48 to either 42, 43 or 44. This will not have an effect on Toller Porcorum as it will still

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be with Maiden Newton. There will also be a boundary review of DCC. Cllr Haines also spoke about the tendering process for the Care and Repair service and a planning application will soon be submitted for the Sure-start building in Maiden Newton to extend the pre-school.

142. To consider digital reception: Cllr Ennals reported on the issue of poor digital reception in some parts of the parish. Mr and Mrs Ralph had reported to Cllr Ennals that they can no longer receive digital radio. Cllr Ennals had contacted Ken Pett of DorBag who had explained some of the issues with digital tall trees and house structures. The detail of the email will be placed on the notice board.

143. Update on a rubbish bin at the recreation field: The clerk had contacted WDDC who could supply a bin for £150 plus £100 for fitting. The council had resolved to purchase a bin if not more than £120. The council were concerned at the cost and so resolved not to purchase a bin due to the cost.

Proposed Cllr J Knowles

Seconded Cllr J Miller

Resolved

144. Finance:

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts:	None	
Payments:		
Mrs Harding	Salary/Exp	£343.01
HMRC	PAYE/TAX	£3.40
Glasdon	Grit Bin	£214.93
Mrs Ennals	Refreshments	£13.16
P Davies	Expenses	£147.70
Mr Ennals	Weed killer	£19.99
Total		£742.19

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

145. Planning:

i. *To consider any planning applications in circulation:*

1/D/13/01002- Land at Kingcombe- Erect cattle housing building- The PC support the application but noted that FP 33 was not located in the map/plan where the housing is to be located.

ii. *Post Office and Affordable Housing:* Cllr Baker reported that the planning application has not yet been to committee possibly in October.

146. Highways:

i. *Updating on the painting of the bridge:* The WDDC committee who consider the grant meet on the 17th September so we should hear from 23rd September about the decision.

ii. *Update on sign repairs:* Cllr Davies reported on the repairs, a grant is available from AONB for £400 towards each sign post. When Cllr Davies has gathered the list of materials required to do the works an application will be submitted. **(PD)**

iii. *To consider the changes to the bus service:* The council discussed the loss of the No 73 service and the request for support from Maiden Newton PC. The council were concerned about the changes and agreed to contact Maiden Newton Chairman to ask how the PC can be of support.

iv. *Potholes:* Cllr Davies reported potholes out to Barrowlands and water runs down Toller Lane where a spring flows, Cllr Davies to follow up on the potholes. **(PD)**

147. Correspondence: The clerk had previously circulated a list of correspondence to the council.

Cllr Davies commented on the chief executive circular reporting on a community speed watch scheme.

148. Date of the next meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday 13th November 2013

149. Items for the next meeting: Budget, considering the bus shelter and the grants made by the council.

150. Democratic Forum: None.

Meeting closed at 8.44pm