

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2014

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr D Billen

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr J Haynes (WDDC)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr R Knox (DCC) Cllr P Davies 5 members of the public

183. Welcome: Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting including Sally Falkingham transport rep for Maiden Newton PC

184. Apologies for absence: received and recorded

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

186. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting on 15th January 2014 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford

Seconded Cllr P Davies

Resolved

187. Matters arising:

- a. The Grit bin supplied for the Magna Houses is currently with Cllr Ennals awaiting confirmation of siting from Highways
- b. Cllr Ennals reported on item 177(i) Mr Cligg will be tackling the hedge in the few weeks
- c. Further potholes were reported these will be sent to Cllr Davies.
- d. Clerk to contact Highways regarding a disputed hedge that is over grown by the bridge

188. Speaker Mrs Sally Falkingham to speak on the hospital car service.

Sally explained that County Cars provides subsidised transport to the doctors, hospital and to collect prescriptions, but there is fear that the service will have to stop because the DCC are withdrawing this funding from 30th June. The group who run the car scheme are looking into forming a Neighbourhood support scheme, considering a grant from POPP (Partnership for Older People Programme) and speaking to Parish Councils about assistance with financing the scheme in the future. County Cars does assist residents of Toller Porcorum but its biggest users are Maiden Newton and Cattistock. Admin and finance would need to be set up. Sally invited a representative from the council to a meeting on 8th April in the Village Hall at Maiden Newton at 11.30am. A member of the council will aim to attend. Cllr Haynes explained that instead of whole series of schemes the Neighbourhood scheme would be a more uniform scheme and there is a grant to help set up.

Sally also spoke about the No73 bus that will be running for the last time on 5th April on the Saturday service but the weekday service will continue. Sally was thanked for her time and left the meeting.

189. County Matters: None:

190. District Matters: Cllr Haynes reported on the following:-

- a. Regarding the hospital car service, there is a Neighbourhood Grant available of up to £2000 to set up a scheme so can so reason for this service to stop. Also it is not a statutory duty to provide this service by the DCC.

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- b. The Local plan has been delayed due to a lack of housing figures provided there is now a call for sites from landowners and developers. There is a change in planning for barns on farms they can now be used for housing and not just holiday units.
- c. The SSSI at Rampisham is still in question
- d. The New CE for WDDC comes from Oxfordshire he is taking over from David Clerk who is retiring.

191. Democratic Forum 15 mins for agenda items only:

Concerns were raised about the lack of room for wheelchair access in the new bus shelter, the chairman explained that the plan is to have access for wheelchairs and the level of the floor will drain water away from the area.

192. Update on the Bus Shelter:

The Council have received a £1000 donation towards the building of the Bus Shelter, this was an anonymous donation but the council recorded grateful thanks to those concerned for the very generous donation.

193. Finance:

To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts: Vat refund £160.65

Payments:

Mrs M Harding	Salary/exp	52	£ 338.04
HMRC	Paye		£ -
Travis Perkins	Bus Shelter	53	£ 444.06
DAPTC	seminar	54	£ 57.50
			<u>£ 839.60</u>

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

194. Update on the WDDC Community Grant for the repainting of the bridge

The clerk reported that she had spoken to the granting department and it is looking favourable but the applications are still being signed off. The work to clean the bridge will be carried out by a professional company and the repainting will be a volunteer effort. The council have full permission from the Railway Board to do the work and they will provide the paint. The Railway Board provided a survey carried out on the bridge to verify that it is sound, the volunteers will be covered by the PC insurance as they will be working on a PC approved project under the auspices of the PC, full risk assessments will be carried out.

195. Planning:

- i. *To consider any planning applications in circulation:* None
- ii. *Post Office and Affordable Housing:* Paul Derrien the Housing needs officer is contacting Colin Baker as the s106 is due to be signed off very soon and then the builders can start work straight away.

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196. Highways:

- i. *Update on the Grit Bin:* Awaiting Highways confirmation of siting.
- ii. *Any other Highways Issues: (PD):* The sweeping Lorry had been though the village and wasn't looking where it was going and was pushing all the rubbish into the middle of the road. Clerk to contact WDDC and report. Potholes to be reported outside the Post Office.

197. Correspondence: The Clerk had previously circulated a list of correspondence to the council. Broadband is being rolled out in the Bridport area; it won't be coming to Toller Porcorum until phase 3 when other technology may have to be considered given the distance the village is from the green cabinets.

198. To discuss preparations for the Annual Parish Assembly: The Annual Parish Assembly and PC meeting will be held on the 14th May. Speakers were suggested clerk to contact Highways, Sustrans through Tara Hansford and ROW through Jill Exton. There will also be reports from the bodies that the council makes donations to, Play Area, Church and Village Hall committee. Cllr Ennals wife will do some drinks and nibbles.

199. Items for the next meeting: To be confirmed

200. Democratic Forum: None

201. Meeting closed at 8.20pm