

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2014
At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (<i>Chairman</i>)	Cllr C Baker
Cllr J Miller (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)	Cllr D Billen
Cllr P Rutherford	Cllr P Davies
Cllr J Haynes	Mrs M Harding (Clerk/RFO)

250. Welcome-Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting;

251. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Knox

252. Declarations of Interest or grants of dispensation: None

253. Democratic Forum 15 mins agenda items only- None

254. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting on 10th September 2014 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr P Davies

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

255. Matters arising for info only:

- a. The Grit bin is to be done by the end of the month
- b. The WDDC litter bin by the Tel Box has been emptied

256. County Matters: Cllr Rebecca Knox was unable to attend but had sent a report for the meeting. Cllr Knox reported on the projects being given priority from the Ask Dorset feedback: rural roads, employment and transport were top of the list. Overall across all services there is a re-organisation to try and bring about more flexible working so that officers can spend less time travelling and more time carrying out the service they are so good at.

Highways has had a larger budget this year due to successful bids for monies to be spent on potholes, gully and drain clearance, winter damage and addressing the back log of surface treatment which is so needed on C and D roads. Superfast Broadband is being rolled out across Dorset and as part of promoting the rural economy.

Ensuring children are safe and that families have access to help if they need it is a priority for all. The focus of the service is to try and provide early help to families so that over time. Working with the police, schools and community groups together is essential in order to protect young people and raise their awareness of some of the criminal activity using social media to contact them. For adult social services plans are underway to provide a means for people to use the services even if they are not within the social services system.

Community Safety – the top issues at the moment are road speeds and accidents (the police are stepping up their enforcement and education messages) and the dangers of social media for children and young people which is increasing daily.

257. District Matters: Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the County boundary review which could mean that Toller could lose Rebecca and gain Ron Coatsworth as its County Councillor and Jill's patch will also change. The local plan is being examined on the 24th November and hopefully all the issues will be ironed out. Some villages are keen to see development.

The planning application for Rampisham is going to committee Jill will be representing the villages. There are still issues with the SSSI as it is a complicated case.

258. Update on the Emergency Plan Template for Toller Porcorum

The Clerk will gather the local information from the website and circulate.

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259. Finance:

a. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts	Detail			Amount
WDDC	Precept			3464.60
WDDC	LGCT			66.50
Total				3531.10
Payments	Detail	Voucher	Chq	Amount
Mrs M Harding	Salary/exp		79	341.70
HMRC	Paye		80	76.80
DAPTC	Clerks Seminar		81	12.50
DCC	Dumpy bag of grit		82	66.00
TPVH	Hall Hire		83	35.00
J Miller	Printing of Toller Times		84	7.20
Total				539.20

Proposed Cllr D Ennals

Seconded Cllr J Miller

Resolved

b. To consider a donation for the printing costs of the "Toller Times"

Cllr Miller explained that a group of 4 residents have done a newsletter called the Toller Times to keep the residents of the village informed of what's on in the village each month. It won't be taking over the minutes of the PC meeting or the Team news. Cllr Ennals advised that the editors get together to consider the overall aim or vision and clearly state the objectives of the newsletter which will provide specific parameters for accepting and publishing printed material.

Cllr Miller asked if the PC would fund the printing of the newsletter at a cost of £156 per year. The Council considered the proposal and suggested that it is funded for a year and then revisited to see how it is going.

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

c. To consider the Budget and precept for 2015-16

The Clerk had prepared a budget for the Council to consider, each expenditure item was discussed individually. The Council asked to see the village hall finances before giving a grant for the coming year.

Cllr Ennals asked if the Council were happy to donate all or some of the grant that the Council were awarded to contribute to the repair and repainting of the bridge should the council be asked by the Highways agency. This was agreed.

The Budget was agreed and the precept was agreed to be raised at **£5500.00** which is £1562.20 less than the current year.

d. Lloyds banking arrangements. In order to implement internet banking that was previously agreed by the Council the Clerk is to become a signatory also Cllr Billen. This will mean that

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the four signatories will be Cllrs Billen, Ennals, Miller and the Clerk, Cllrs Ennals, Billen and the clerk will also be set up for internet banking.

Clerk to action

Proposed Cllr D Ennals

Seconded Cllr P Rutherford

Resolved

260.

Planning:

- a. *To consider any planning applications in circulation:* None
- b. *Post Office and Affordable Housing:* Cllr Baker reported that the name of the new development will be "Hereward Close". This was supported by the. The Surface water, electricity etc is now being dealt with and this is all underground.

261.

Highways:

- i. *Update on the repainting of the Bridge:* Cllr Ennals reported on the trials of the Bridge issue over the last 2 months but was pleased to report that works to the bridge have been started. The Clerk and Cllr Ennals had engaged a new sand blaster who was very helpful in providing consultancy advice on the regulations and issues. These were in turn reported back to the highways agency who eventually gave in and have taken on the project of repairing and painting the whole of the bridge. Cllr Ennals thanked the Clerk for all the emails and following up with the Highways agency officers. Cllr Ennals asked that the Consultant from Moorland Blasting Mr Gary Cooper be paid expenses to cover his costs of the site visit etc even though he did not get the job. The money would come from the Community grant obtained from WDDC. The Clerk to contact Mr Cooper of Moorland Blasting and offer to pay up to £250.00 for his consultancy work and costs.
- ii. *To consider the storage of sandbags in the Parish:* The Council discussed a storage facility at the village hall for the sand bags if the VH were agreeable. There would need to be enough storage for 50 bags. The VH to be approached about building a lean to against the hall. Cllr Ennals to price up the materials.
- iii. *Any other Highways Issues:* A letter was sent to Mr Cligg regarding the cutting of the hedges opposite Old Mills.
Clerk to write to the owner of the land for development on School Lane to request they cut back the brambles.
Cllr Knowles had sent a report to say that the sign post at Jubilee Road has been reported. All other issues that have come to Cllr Knowles' notice have been reported. The footsteps up to the Old Mills estate are to be 'properly repaired' this time the stiles will be repaired 'in due course'. It was also reported that the BOAT is unsafe to walk down; this will be reported to Jill Exton.

262.

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

263.

Date of the next meeting and items for the agenda: The next meeting of the Council is on **Thursday 15th January 2015**. Barry Rutherford would be asked to Clerk the meeting in the

absence of the Clerk during December and January.

264.

Democratic Forum 15 minutes: None

Meeting closed at 9.05pm