

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2019 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr C Baker

Cllr C Wardle

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr N Farmer

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr Mark Roberts (County Councillor), 1 member of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Democratic Forum

Cllr Ennals thanked Mr Phillips, in attendance, for his ongoing efforts with the fingerposts. Mr Phillips reported that the post had been obtained for the Higher Kingcombe post, the final one. A vote of thanks to Mr Phillips from the whole Parish Council was recorded. No further issues were raised.

625. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Miller and also from District Councillor Jill Haynes.

626. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Cllr Ennals declared an interest in correspondence relating to a Beech hedge in Frogmore Lane by virtue of being contracted for gardening works at the property in question.

627. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council were proposed and duly accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr N Farmer

Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen

RESOLVED

628. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- An update from Cllr Roberts on the beech hedge in Frogmore Lane was received. It was noted that the Parish Council had no formal corporate position on this issue and had not been formally discussed for some time. Some discussion took place about the process of determining the edge of the highways and the Clerk was asked to write to the Community Highways Officer to ask for an explanation of policy.
- The ABCT plaque was now mounted on the wall of the village hall.
- In response to a query raised by a member of the public at January's meeting regarding a missing stile between Colesmoor Farm and Brickies, the Clerk reported that she had contacted Rights of Way officers who had confirmed that a gate was in operation and consequently there were no plans to put in a stile.
- Clerk reported that the 'Slow' sign on Lower Road had been agreed by Highways for the new financial year.

Actions: Clerk to write to Highways regarding edge of highway, Cllr Ennals to take photos of ABCT plaque and send to Clerk.

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629. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. County Council

Cllr Roberts reported that:

- The new budget had been approved and balanced using revenue reserves;
- Adult social services and childrens services pressures emerging;
- Alignment of service charges eg building control had taken place and harmonisation of council tax would take effect straight away;
- As this was Cllr Roberts' last meeting as TP's County Councillor, Cllr Ennals thanked him for his time, support and attendance at meetings.

ii. District Council

Cllr Roberts covered District Council functions above. Separate council reports would be under one 'Dorset Council' heading on future agendas.

iii. DAPTC

Cllr Baker stated that he had attended the DAPTC meeting in February where most discussion related to speeding through villages. Future membership of the DAPTC was flagged as a future item for consideration, following the election in May.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Cllr Ennals reported that:

- A Big Lottery Fund application had been successful and thanks were due to Neil Farmer and Ann Bayliss for their efforts with this.

v. Rights of Way Officer

It was noted that the gates for 'Four gates' RoW were on order and Tara Hansford was completing paperwork with the landowners in question. Stiles on footpath 20 were noted as being in poor condition and the Clerk agreed to contact Tara Hansford. A broken stile at Mogpits was also noted.

630. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts				Feb/Mar
FVPC	50% contribution to IT bill			18.00
				18.00
Payments		Voucher	Chq	
Frome Valley PC	SLCC contribution 20%	225	bacs	31.20
C Baker	DAPTC mileage	226	124	4.50
Staff	Salary/expenses	227	bacs	305.02
HMRC	PAYE	228	bacs	31.00
				371.72

Proposed: Cllr N Farmer Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen RESOLVED for payment

ii. To consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly, Annual Parish Council and May meeting of the Parish Council

Members noted that the APA, with guest speaker Sir Oliver Letwin MP was confirmed for Friday 10th May at 7pm. Due to the date of the election and the number of days required to

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serve legal notice to new councillors the Annual PC meeting and May monthly meeting of the PC would both take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm. Clerk was asked to invite Tara Hansford, George Sartin and PCSO Sarah Pilcher to address the APA.

iii. To note arrangements for the submission of nomination papers for the Parish elections on 2nd May

The Clerk outlined the timetable and process for submitting nomination papers. Deferred until May for adoption by the newly elected Parish Council.

iv. To consider changes to legislation relating to Parish Council websites and accessibility

Clerk briefly updated members on new accessibility regulations coming into force in 2020, stating that she was currently liaising with Peter Davies to see what could be done to make the current website compliant. It was noted there would likely be a cost to increase the number of pages as links to documents would no longer be permitted.

631. Planning

i. To consider any applications currently in circulation

Cllr Farmer updated members on various applications – Bracken House (no objections submitted), Higher Kingcombe Farm (now approved), Stones Common (enforcement case closed), and Poor End (No objections submitted).

632. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that during recent wet weather Lower Road had not flooded. Possible works at Powerstock to reduce flooding were being discussed and work on potholes was ongoing. It was noted that the tree was still obscuring the light on the corner of School Lane and Cllr Ennals agreed to discuss with the PCC.

ii. To receive an update on heritage signpost restoration

The Clerk reported that the CLT had generously agreed to support the final fingerpost with a grant of £600. Mr Phillips reported that Highways were preparing to install the post and submitted invoices for payment.

iii. To receive an update on gate replacement project

As discussed earlier in meeting.

633. Correspondence

Noted.

634. Date and items for the next meeting – Friday 10th May and Wednesday 15th May 2019

- Items for the agenda to be notified to Clerk 7 days in advance of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.55.