Toller Porcorum Recreation Association Minutes of meeting held on the 17th January 2023 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall @7.00pm

Present: Neil Farmer (Chairman), Jean Walbridge (Treasurer), David Walbridge and Judy Miller (Trustees)

Apologies: Debbie Billen, David Ennals, Nigel Phillips.

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved. Proposed Judy Miller, Seconded David Walbridge

Matters Arising: None.

New Equipment: Boule application submitted to Dorset Council. Decision expected by end of March. No further action on any additional equipment until decision on funding is known.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance before outstanding payments to David Walbridge and Ken Hussey of £3,835.64p. Parish Council grant of £870 for 23/24 expected.

New Trees: Chairman to speak to Secretary about when is the appropriate to put down weedkiller (paid for by Parish Council) around new trees (see footnote). David Walbridge to see about replacing lost canes and guards.

General Maintenance: Chairman thanked David Walbridge for replacing gate post and re- hanging gate.

Ken Hussey carried out play equipment inspection. Small works necessary around 3 swing unit (NF to carry out) and continued maintenance of benches needed (DW to undertake).

NF to carried out some hedge and ground cover maintenance in north west corner of playing field over next couple of months.

Date of next Meeting: 11th April 2023 @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Footnote to minutes:

Re: Item – New Trees: DE checked every tree on Saturday January 15th. He spread weedkiller (Gem Granules) around all the trees. The trees choked with grass in the protective tubes were freed up, sticks and tubes replaced; a few sticks were missing. DE estimates that about 8 trees have died (or have been pulled up?), but at least 12 saplings are needed to fill the gaps and extend over the area where the

bonfire was. DE has 2 protective tubes, and a few Beech saplings – does anyone have any more saplings self-sown in their gardens, protective tubes or a few canes? George Sartin could be approached – anyone have his email address? DE.