

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the Wednesday 14th April 2010, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies. none

Present.

Councillors, Ennals, Miller, P Billen, D Billen, Davies, Knowles, Knox & Patmore
3 members of Public

2. Comments from Public.

Cllr Knox reported that a Public consultation regarding potential changes to the A356 between Maiden Newton and South Perrott will take place on 26th April at Maiden Newton School 3-8pm

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, held on the 24th February 2010, were read and signed as a true record.

5 Matters Arising

TV reception - Cllr Knox attended a meeting at Dorchester by Dorbag, and by logging on to the Dorbag site the public can add their name to a petition. Mrs Gibson has been in negotiation with Ofcom and suggested the households who experiencing difficulties to report the problem to them. She will contact everyone affected. It was suggested that this be promoted at the Parish Meeting in May.

Village sign Kingcombe Road – new sign is now in place, however an e-mail had been received to ask why the old one was replaced and with a bigger modern sign. The sign was replaced to match the signs replaced last year and now meets the legal requirements. It was suggested that are signs in the village, which need to be identified that possibly could be taken down.

The Blue 'Unsuitable for long vehicles' sign, which was knocked down, has been reported to Highways – Clerk to chase progress.

SC

Roads update – some potholes have been filled clerk to chase reported road surface at the dairy farm
A letter has been received re the impending PMU changes in July – further details to follow. Cllr Davies said he would be completing a PMU during May, in preparation for the PMU visit in June.

SC

Streetlights - Clerk has obtained costs to transfer the streetlights back to the County Council; the cost as at 31st March 2010 would be £1998.57 +vat. To keep the streetlights and put timer switches on would be £63 per column. The electricity per year would also still have to be paid. The chairman proposed that a vote should be taken to transfer ownership of the lights back to the County Council. It was unanimously voted 6 – 0 that that the Council pay the fee to get the lights adopted by Dorset County Council.
Clerk to contact the DCC, enquire of any increase in price and also ask if timer switches can be integrated to each light.

SC

Railway bridge – clerk to chase progress. It has been established that the Parish Council shouldn't be held liable if an accident occurs, adjoining landowners and bridge owners would be.

SC

If the council did undertake a repair, which turned out to be faulty or caused injury or damage, they may be liable. At present Laurie Graham (Highways Dept) is carrying out a search to ascertain who owns the land.

SC

Salt bin Purchase it was agreed that another salt bin be purchased between the railway bridge and the path to the village hall, at a cost of £ £89 + delivery + VAT. Planning permission will not be required but

permission from highways to site on a public highway needed (conditions apply – concrete base, indemnity insurance etc) Clerk to contact Highways & Proceed. It was requested that the Salt bin be green instead of yellow if possible – clerk to enquire.

SC

Telephone Kiosk – Listing still in progress – clerk to chase.

SC

Area behind Telephone Box – Following comments from a resident Cllrs Ennals and Miller met with Martin Wilson to see what could be done. It has been agreed that that the area be strimmed & tidied as usual and the stepping stones to be replaced.

Affordable Housing update – Robert Asprey will be meeting with Cllrs Knowles and Miller to look at suitable sites in the village.

JK/JM

Lengthsman’s Scheme – Cllr Knox distributed a definitive statement of the Lengthsman’s duties and key points and brief evaluation of the scheme. It was agreed that this should be looked into and a list of duties that a lengthsman may be required to do in the Village. Cllr Knox will contact Bridport to ask if they have capacity for the Parish Council to share their Lengthsman for a few days a year, and at what cost.

7. Parish Plan update – Grant has been received and is in the bank.

8. Election of new councillors/resignations – Cllr Goodwin has resigned, Electoral Services manager at West Dorset District Council has been notified – vacancy posters for display are on their way. Cllr P. Billen will be resigning at the Parish Meeting on May 12th after approximately 30 years of service.

9. Arrangements for Parish Meeting & AGM- Local Groups to be invited as last year, District and County Councillors to give a brief report, it was also agreed that Robert Asprey – Affordable Housing, Sustrans and the PCSO be invited. Light refreshments to be provided. 7pm start. Clerk to place notice in The Team News.

10. Planning Applications

1/D/10/000066 Convert redundant far buildings into residential training centre & 4 holiday lets & separate dwelling.

Manor Farm, Green Lane Hooke Dorset – no objections

1/D/10/000426 Erection of three satellite dishes

Transmitting station A356 Ramipsham

1/D/09/001807 Summer House Approved

Sunnyside Farm Lower Kingcombe, Kingcombe Road - Approved

Appeal – Agricultural Worker’s Dwelling Middle Farm Higher Kingcombe - Refused

11 Bills for Payment/ Payments received & Made

Novatech Ltd £66.96 repairs to laptop

Mrs S Collins £333.76 – Feb & March Salary

Nildram - £15.99 paid by bacs – march Broadband

Payments Made

£2340.00 Grant for \Parish Plan

£2702.50 Grant for business plan for SOS Toller

12 Correspondence

TP Homes – letter re Certificate of Lawfulness

SOS Toller – copy of letter to Dr D Evans WDDC

Mobile library timetable

Great Dorset Beach Clean

Sustrans – Letters of support needed.

13 Items for report/next Agenda
None

14 Comments from the Public – a member of the public reminded the council the Blue Road signs were advisory only – they can be ignored.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next time the council convenes is at The Parish Meeting on May 12th at 7pm. This is followed by the AGM.

The next full council meeting is Wednesday 16th June 2010 at 7.30 pm. Public and press welcome.

Signed.....Date.....