

# TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 January 2014

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr P Davies

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr J Knowles

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr R Knox (DCC)

Cllr J Haynes (WDDC)

**Apologies:** Cllr D Billen (arrived during meeting)

2 members of the public

**166. Welcome:** Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting

**167. Apologies for absence:** received and recorded

**168. Declarations of Interest or grants of dispensation:** None recorded

**169. Minutes:** The minutes of the PC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

**Proposed Cllr C Baker**

**Seconded Cllr P Davies**

**Resolved**

**170. Matters arising:**

- a. Cllr Ennals explained that the working group have held their first meeting prior to the PC meeting to open the Bus Shelter quotes.
- b. Cllr Baker raised his concerns over the increased precept and would like to see it reduced next year, it was explained that WDDC will not be returning the localisation tax grant to parishes in 2015-16 so the precept may need to be increased.
- c. The Clerk reported that magna housing had agreed to purchase a grit bin for Toller Porcorum but would not be responsible for the fitting and filling. The clerk was asked to contact Magna to initiate the purchase of a Grit bin, Cllrs Davies would seek a suitable site in discussion with residents and this will be clarified with Highways.

**Proposed Cllr J Miller**

**Seconded Cllr P Davies**

**Resolved**

**171. County Matters:** Cllr Knox reported on the following:

- a. Changes within County including redundancy to reduce costs and include better efficiencies
- b. The new way of reporting highways issues resulting in email confirmations
- c. Services for young people and Adults

**172. District Matters:** Cllr Haynes reported on the following:-

- a. The WD & W&P local plan that is being independently examined- issues have been raised over the figures provided for new housing sites, this leaves the district vulnerable, a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January is being held at WDDC offices with the inspector.
- b. The SSSI at Rampisham is in question and is being challenged.
- c. WDDC are having a staffing review and considering sharing staff with North Dorset District Council.
- d. Cllr Haynes also spoke about the delay in approval for the Post office and affordable housing as the wording in the Section106 needs to be clarified to ensure the houses are for people with local connections as this had been challenged. It is hoped this will be dealt with and the planning can be approved.

**173. To consider the tenders for the building of the Bus Shelter:**

The council advertised the tender in accordance with the financial regulations; a quotation was received from Mr Sherwood, which was within the budget allocated for the project and it being in accordance with financial regulation the council voted to accept the tender.

**Proposed Cllr D Ennals**

**Seconded Cllr C Baker**

**Resolved**

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Sherwood and ask for a start date. The clerk also reported that the Insurance Company has been contacted and the premium for the bus shelter would be in the region of

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£22 per annum. This would be confirmed when the work begins. Cllr Davies explained that the existing level of the bus shelter was the foundation level not the finished floor level.

- 174. To consider the new model standing orders:** The clerk had previously circulated the new model standing orders with tracked changes to all councillors. Cllr Davies proposed that the council accept this document and remind councillors to read this as this explains how the council should conduct itself. This document is reviewed annually

**Proposed Cllr P Davies**

**Seconded Cllr D Ennals**

**Resolved**

- 175. Finance:**

To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts: **None**

Payments:

Mrs Harding	Salary/Exp	£276.35
HMRC	PAYE/TAX	£2.00
DAPTC	Clerks Seminar	£36.30
P Davies	Expenses	£14.85
Mrs M Harding	Computer repair	£25.00
DCC	Dumpy bag of grit	£66.00
Total		<b>£411.50</b>

**Proposed Cllr J Miller**

**Seconded Cllr P Rutherford**

**Resolved**

- 176. Planning:**

- i. *To consider any planning applications in circulation:*  
*1/D/13/001738- Kingcombe centre- Alteration to existing facades and internal alterations- PC support application.*
- ii. *Post Office and Affordable Housing:* Nothing further as dealt with under District matters.
- iii. *Update on the Old Swan and Bus Shelter-* It has been noted that the Bus shelter area has been built in and an old well has been found on the site.

- 177. Highways:**

- i. *To consider hedge cutting in the Parish:* Cllr Davies reported on the issues when hedge cutting was done in the parish causing punctures and blocked drains , Cllr Ennals contacted the tenant farmer Mr Trevor Cligg who was very receptive and arranged for the road to be swept. Highways also came out to sweep as this had also been reported. The council would like it minuted how helpful the farmer was on this occasion. Cllr Ennals will also contact him regarding the overgrown hedge opposite Old Mills where the mobile Library stops.
- ii. *Update on sign post repairs (PD):* Nothing at this time
- iii. *Potholes:* Reports were received on potholes at Malm Pitts and the road to Eggardon, PD to action. Cllr Knowles reported the fallen tree that was blocking footpaths S21 and S24 and had damaged the bridge across the Toller Brook behind Old Mills. The bridge was repaired and footpath S24 cleared the next day. The tree has been cut up except the trunk which is still lying across Toller Brook and blocking footpath S21.

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

- 179. Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

- 180. Items for the next meeting:** Bus Shelter/PO and Affordable housing/Annual Parish Assembly  
Cllr Billen arrived at 8pm

- 181. Democratic Forum:** A concern was raised over the size of the bus shelter; Cllr Davies explained that there will be enough room for a bench and for a wheel chair in front. Superfast broadband project commences February 2014 and it is hoped to be in the parish by the Summer of 2016. On the 28<sup>th</sup> February there will be a meeting in Maiden Newton regarding the new recycling and wheelie bins this info is available on the website.

- 182.** Meeting closed at 8.11pm