

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2015
At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (Chairman)	Cllr Baker
Cllr J Miller (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Billen
Cllr P Rutherford	Cllr P Davies
Cllr J Haynes	Ruth Chipp-Marshall (temporary Clerk)

265. Welcome-Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone and introduced the temporary Clerk.

266. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Knox

267. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation: None.

268. 268. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting held on 12th November 2014 having previously been circulated were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford	Seconded Cllr J Miller	Resolved
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269. Democratic Forum 15 minutes agenda items only-None

270. Matters arising for info only:

- a. The Grit Bin is done
- b. The Litter Bin by the Phone Box has been emptied
- c. Everyone agreed that the Toller Times had been a great initiative and the Chairman thanked Debbie, Julie, Cheryl and Rachel.

271. County Matters: Jill Hayne reported on Transport issues. The Council are addressing the need for a joined up approach to bus and car schemes. Approx. £22 million is spent per annum on transport. Car sharing, disabled transport sharing and provision of mobility cars for families are all being considered by the Council to reduce costs. Council are looking in to providing transport to 16-18 year olds who are in education, this would not be free.

Several of the Council Departments have been grouped together to form a Local Authority Trading Company, this is a 100% trading company. Included in this are Adult Services and Day Centre Services. The emphasis is now on generating income.

272. District Matters: Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the meeting she had attended today regarding the planning application for Rampisham Down. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the plans. The 3 members of English Nature who attended the meeting declared that they now intend to ask the Secretary of State to call the plan in for review.

This is the address Cllr Rutherford made to the meeting:-

“Good afternoon. I represent the Parish Council of Toller Porcorum. The Parish Council carefully considered carefully this application when it was first presented in 2012 and unanimously agreed to support the Application, since that time there have been a number of changes and the application has been discussed on a regular basis at our Parish Council meetings. We are still of the unanimous opinion that the solar park should be approved. Our reasons are as follows:
This is a brown field site that has very limited agricultural use due to the footing for the pylons for the transmitter station. These sites should be used first rather than developing agricultural land. The solar panels will have considerably less impact on the surrounding area than we had with the Pylons. These were originally erected during the Second World War and then considerably enlarged in the mid 1970’s. The United Kingdom has a major energy crisis looming and the Parish Council supports solar as a sustainable and unobtrusive way of producing much needed power. Our councillors come from rural or farming backgrounds and do not agree with the objections of English Nature. Councillors feel that there is little evidence to support the claim that the panels would damage the vegetation and wild flowers. On the contrary unless a scheme like this is agreed upon the site then there will be no management plan for the area. This will result in the area being left to grow back into scrub. The Applicants have agreed to support a management plan on the whole area. We approve of the amended plan which provides, in our opinion, the best of both worlds: renewable solar energy and protection of the environment on Rampisham Down.

We need this development and ask the committee to approve the application Thank you for listening to our views today. “

WDDC and Weymouth and Portland Council are still considering joining with North Dorset District Council, this would then become a Tri-Partnership. There are issues regarding who will have the most authority, the officers or the elected Councillors.

Dorset Waste Partnership- there have been issues with the scheme since it started. There is a £1.5 million overspend. There has been a reorganisation of management. The value of recycled products had fallen short of the estimate and the council is now paying for certain items to be recycled. This is still much cheaper than sending it to landfill, in fact around half the cost.

273. To consider a response to review of charging for Elections to Parishes due in 2018:- To be discussed at next meeting.

274. Emergency Plan:

i) Snowplough-the Parish Council discussed and queried the location of the snowplough. Councillors were urged to try and find out. Jill Haynes added that the County Council owned all the snowploughs but they had now lost track of who had them and where they were located. The intention now is for all Parish Councils who have a snow plough that the whereabouts of it is known and it is the job of the Parish Councils to maintain them.

ii) Community Emergency Meeting- David Ennals will email DAPTC to ask if the Community Emergency Meeting is necessary and if so how often it should be held **ACTION DE.**

The Parish Council voted to adopt the Emergency Plan with Amendments.

Proposed: Cllr Colin Baker

Seconded: Cllr Debbie Billen

275. Training and Seminars: Cllr Peter Davies attended the area DAPTC meeting. He reported that Toller Porcorum will get Broadband later this year. The delay is due to the issues relating to actually getting the village connected. Each resident will need to contact their particular provider to upgrade their equipment to enable them to access the new faster broadband.

Another topic was County Care-he reported that the Council would like to change from using County Cars as their hospital transport and were looking for another company to save money. Drivers are currently paid mileage for the journey between their own home and when the collect the resident. It has been suggested to use a company that do not charge for this part of the journey and therefore reduce costs.

Finally, the Local Plan will now not be ready until the autumn, this leaves open the opportunity for developers to submit plans in the meantime. Cllr Davies has agreed to attend the DAPTC AGM.

Cllr David Ennals- attended the Chairman's Seminar- There were only 7 people in attendance. The 2 main points taken from the meeting were-New Local Councils Award Schemes- there are 3 levels of award and all attendees agreed that this was not worth the time and effort involved. And it is now legal for anyone to attend Parish Council Meetings and to record and film the meeting.

276. Finance:

a) To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipt	None		
Payments	Detail	Chq No	Amount
J Miller	Toller Times	84	7.20
Moorland blasting	Consultancy	85	354.00
D Ennals	Grit Bin Materials	86	79.33
DAPTC	Chairman's Seminar	87	30.00
Mrs M Harding	Sand bag store	88	149.00
D Ennals	Materials	89	67.06
Mrs M Harding	Salary	90	253.60
HMRC	PAYE	91	58.00
R Chipp-Marshall	Meeting Clerk	92	44.67

TOTAL 1042.86

- b) To consider who will pay for the haunching required on the bridge M Harding (Clerk) to look into whether the cost of 'haunching' should come from the Community Grant or whether the Highway Agency are going to fund. ACTION MH

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

277. Planning:

- a) To consider any planning applications in circulation:

Garage for house on Church Mead

Utility Room at Woolacombe Farm

Cllr Davies explained the applications and felt there was no reason to object. All agreed.

b) Affordable Housing: - Cllr Baker reported that building is going ahead slowly. Should be finished and handover is due in April 2015.

It was reported there may be a possible Road Closure to allow for sewerage/water pipes to be installed. Notices will be displayed that the High Street from Frogmore Road to Barrowlands will be closed for one week from February 2nd. Residents will still be able to gain access, and it is assumed small vehicles should be able to get through most of the time, but not larger vehicles.

Post Office: Fundraising events have raised £2000 so far for a small retail section of the Post Office. There is a target figure of £2,700 and a 2nd application has been put into the Lottery purely for the Post Office. An application has also been put into Magna Housing; Barry Rutherford is going to a meeting in February and is hoping to get £2,500.

278. Highways:

- i) Sandbags:-Cllr Ennals reported that sand bags store below the Village Hall is three quarters finished, the concrete base has been put down and work should be completed within a week. Sandbags need to be arranged **ACTION Cllr D Billen**
- ii) Bridge Repair:-There is concern that the bridge repair has not been finished off properly as there are gaps either side where water can run through and corrode the metal or a child could get their foot stuck and cause injury. Cllr Davies advised that it would be better if the gaps were filled with haunching. Cllr Davies to take photo of bridge and email to Clerk. **ACTION PD and MH**
- iii) **ACTION PD and MH**
- iv) Highways Issues:- The hedges opposite the Old Mill have now been cut. Clerk to write to Mr Cligg to say thank you **ACTION MH**
- v) Item 261 iii. Should read 'Jubilee Trail' not Jubilee Road
- vi) v) Cllr Knowles reported that there has been a repair to the steps on the footpath behind Old Mills but it is reported there are further steps now broken. Cllr Knowles will check and report further. **ACTION JK**
- vii) Gulleys need jetting out at the entrance to Barton Close and Barrowlands Crossroads
- viii) It was noted there have been 4 bollards just before Barrowlands for the past 7 months and no-one is sure the reason they are there. Cllr Davies to report **ACTION PD**
- ix) Large Pothole opposite Number 3 High Street: Cllr Davies to report
- x) Damaged drain cover in a BOAT on the track from School Lane: Cllr Davies to report

279. Correspondence: from the list previously circulated: No Comment

Letter received from Tara Hansford Countryside Access Officer asking for support from the Parish Council regarding the need for a multi-user route from Toller to Maiden Newton.

The Clerk to write a letter of support to the Chief Executive of DCC.

Action Clerk

280. Date of the next meeting and items for the Agenda: The next meeting of the Council is on **Wednesday 11th March 2015**. Cllrs need to have decided by this date whether they are willing to stand for election again. Democracy Packs are available to download on the DAPTC website, which will be of interest to anyone in the community who wishes to stand for election.

281. Democratic Forum 15 minutes: None. Meeting closed at 2055 hours.