

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association (TPRAA)

Annual General Meeting held in Village Hall Committee Room at 7pm on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Minutes

Present: Judy Miller, David Wallbridge, Jean Wallbridge, Neil Farmer, Debbie Billen, Nigel Phillips, David Ennals, Sophie Carpenter.

Apologies: none.

1. A warm welcome was given by NF.
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM accepted as a true and accurate record: proposed JM, seconded DW.
3. Matters Arising: none.
4. Election of Trustees for 2023-2024. We were delighted to welcome Sophie Carpenter as a new Trustee: proposed JW, seconded DB; all other Trustees present were re-elected on block: proposed DW; seconded NP.
5. Registration of Trustees: SC completed the registration sheet; all other registrations were carried forward as proposed and seconded in item 4.
6. Elect of Chair of the Charity: JM proposed NF, seconded by JW. NF agreed to stand for one further year. All in favour.
7. Appoint auditor or independent examiner for the Charity if necessary: Evelyn Whitcombe: proposed DW, seconded DE. All in favour.
8. Election of Secretary and Treasurer and Parish Council Rep. DB proposed DE and JW to continue in their posts, seconded SC. DE and JW agreed to continue. All were in favour. DE proposed that JM continue as the PC representative seconded NP. JM agreed. All in favour.
9. Chairman's Report - NF highlighted the following:
  - about 80% of the trees survived. NF thanked DE for replacing dead trees, applying weedkiller, replacing guards and canes.

- DW was thanked for replacing the rotten gate post.
- The Chair, himself, cut back vegetation at the far end of the field, despite some opposition from a resident!!
- Unfortunately, some tables were damaged when some teenagers moved them.
- George Sartin completed laying of the hedge at bottom of the field for which the association is truly grateful.
- A good year overall!

10. Adoption of 2022/23 accounts: JW had submitted a sheet of income v expenditure. The balance at year end was £3,810.64. (The PC grant is still to be received).

11. Action plan for 2023-2024.

11.1 – new equipment: See-saw as quoted by Ken Hussey costing £1,592. New picnic table, seating 6, made from recycled plastic; DW proposed that a concrete base be put down first and this would allow for ease of grass cutting and strimming around and under the table. The table would cost approximately £660. KH to be asked for a quote, as well as his advice on how the tables should be fixed to the ground.

11.2 – grounds maintenance: the signs need replacing; it was agreed 2 signs were needed for either side of the noticeboard. DE agreed to oversee. One seat does need replacing on a swing due to the corrosion underneath it. KH had quoted £120 to supply and fit. NF was happy to trim hedging as necessary.

11.3 – planting of trees: possibility of applying for more free trees from Woodland Trust if these become available.

12. Future of the Association. The following motion was discussed as proposed by NF:

‘Should the Association ask Toller Porcorum Parish Council to take over the long-term management of the recreation ground as set out in the terms of agreement between the Association and ‘Fields in Trust,’ (formerly the National Playing Fields Association)’.

There being no disadvantage to the management of the playing field, and with the Chair having given one year’s notice, and with no other residents willing to come forward to replace Trustees who may wish to retire (with

the exception of SC), the Trustees agreed that: there must now be a discussion involving the Parish Council, Fields in Trust, together with the existing Trustees to ascertain the best route forward for the Parish Council to take on the management of the Playing Field by July 2024 at the latest.

Proposed by DE, seconded by JW, agreement was unanimous.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 2010 hours. DE.