

Toller Porcorum Parish Council.

Meeting of Full Council held in Village Hall at 7pm. on Wednesday 1st February, 2012

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1.Attendance. Cllrs Ennals (Chairman), Rutherford, Miller, Billen, Knowles, Knox (County) Haynes (District), Mr. Rutherford (Acting clerk), and three members of the public.

2.Apologies. Cllrs Baker and Davies.

3.Public Comments. Mr. Paul COMER referred to correspondence from Roger Bell, Rights of Way officer for Dorset County Council which had been circulated to local landowners and to the council. This stated that an application had been received to create a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) at Frogmore Lane and to upgrade Bridleways 6 and 8 in the parish to BOATs (DETAIL SHOWN HEREUNDER). It was stated that the application originated with "Trailfinders" who seek motorised access to existing byways. Mr. COMER and Mr. David SOLLY expressed their strong opposition to this application and asked for the support of the council in this matter. The chairman noted these remarks and deferred discussion of the subject to item 11 on the agenda.

4.Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

5.Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2011, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

6 Matters Arising.

Para 5. Cllr Rutherford reported that the telephone box light had been repaired and that arrangements had been made for the box to be repainted. Cllr Knowles pointed out that a window pane in the box had been recently broken. Councillor Rutherford said she would report the damage.

Para 8. The acting clerk summarised a letter received from the Environment Directorate of the County Council on the subject of broadband. It referred to the new plan Connecting Dorset Fast (Condorfast) which sets out local and national funding of £19.44 million to be provided early in 2013. As part of the project it seems likely that the "final mile" connection will need to be met jointly by the internet service provider and the property owner.

Para 10. The clerk was advised to contact County Council (David Maunder) to arrange replenishment of the salt bins.

Para 16. Darwin Culley continues his duties as village litter warden.

7.Parish/Neighbourhood Plan. The chairman presented a draft summary of the parish plan, and sought the views of members. Cllr Haynes advised that the draft plan should be brought before a pre-publicised open meeting when it could be discussed and, if necessary, amended before final publication and submission to the District Council. After discussion it was

agreed that the draft plan could be put to the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9th May 2012

The council went on to discuss its contribution to a Neighbourhood Plan introduced under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, which provides a way for communities to influence planning issues in their area. Such a plan should include the use and development of land and buildings (Housing, shops, pub etc) and it was noted that some work had already been done by the Village Association in its proposal for a post office and associated housing. (This proposal is subject of an open meeting on 28th February in Village Hall). It was considered that the Council should proceed towards a Neighbourhood Plan when the Parish Plan is finalised.

8.Update from District. Cllr Haynes referred to a review and re-procurement of Home Help services in the County. The proposed reorganisation of home help providers would lead to greater efficiency and should be introduced between now and the end of September.

9 Report on Area Meeting. In his absence Cllr Davies' report on a meeting of the DAPTC was summarised by the Chairman. The following points were raised:

a) An address by the Commissioning Officer for the NHS described changes with regard to the commissioning and provision of patient services. Cllr Haynes pointed out that the Country Car scheme in use in Maiden Newton DID cover transport to hospitals contrary to para 5 of the report.

b) A speaker for Community Development WDDC discussed the needs of young people, referring to Dorset Youth Bank, a source of small grants to youth projects.

c) David Evans spoke on the Localism Act 2012 and the need to draw up local plans (See para 7 of these minutes). He also referred to the GSW rail franchise which is coming up for renewal. This provides an opportunity for rail users to seek improvements in the line (Dorchester – Bristol via Maiden Newton)(Not Exeter). It was agreed that the Council should collate any local suggestions and link up with those raised by Maiden Newton Council.

d) Crime and Disorder Panel. The new non-professional Commissioner of Police is to be elected later in 2012. He/she is to replace the present Police Authority and will be supported by a professional police officer

10 Appointments Policies. At a recent meeting of the Appointments Committee of the Council, policy documents on the following subjects were agreed in principle. Contract of Employment and Job Description of Clerk, Complaints, Dismissal, Discipline, and Grievance Policy. Cllr Davies has since raised three issues on the policy documents and these were considered.

Para2 Annual Leave entitlement where the clerk works for more than one council. Policy to remain as agreed.

Para 10.2.3. Payment of line rental where clerk works for more than one council. Review at the end of probation period. A percentage split would be negotiated. We had been advised 50% unless the clerk was employed by another Parish Council or WDDC when the percentage negotiated would be lower.

Para 19.1. Adoption of National Green Book. Policy to remain as agreed.

Following discussion the policy documents were adopted without dissent.

11.Highways. The Chairman re-introduced the correspondence from the Rights of Way Office (See Para 3 of these minutes) and sought views on the application to convert local bridlepaths for the use of motorised vehicles. There was unanimous disapproval of the application, with objections ranging from danger to existing lawful users on foot or horseback, danger to stock, environmental issues eg. Badger setts which would generate opposition from Natural England, and noise pollution in this peaceful and quiet area. Cllr Knox pointed out that it was important to gather evidence on local byways to establish their lawful use over the past 20 years or so. In particular, the enquiry is likely to seek information on:

- a) The use of the routes by the public.
- b) Any action taken to prevent the public from using the path as a public right of way.
- c) Any documentation recording or relating to the route.

The council is invited to respond to this matter before 27th February 2012.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT THE ACTING CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (01300 321267) OR COMMUNICATE DIRECT WITH ROGER BELL, RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER, COUNTY HALL, COLLITON PARK, DORCHESTER DT1 1XJ

12.Naming the Brook. Cllr Rutherford reported on the naming of the village river/brook to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. She proposed leaving the final decision to the Annual Parish Meeting in May when the following suggestions could be considered:

The Diamond Brook/River

The Toller Royale Brook/River

The Queens Brook/River.

13.The Queens Diamond Jubilee. The meeting discussed ideas for celebrating the jubilee later this year. It was proposed that a party with refreshments and musical entertainment could be organised on the recreation ground, It was proposed and agreed that a contribution to the costs be shared between the Parish Council and the Village Hall trust. Cllr Miller agreed to progress.

14.Correspondence. The acting clerk summarised two items of correspondence. A news item from Dorset Waste Partnership on the proposed new waste recycling service to be introduced in Dorset over the next few years. Secondly, a letter from Dorset County Council regarding the contracts for cleaning bus shelters, which has no application in the village at present.

15. Any Other Business. The chairman introduced a re-submitted planning application for the conversion of farm buildings at Stableford Farm, Green Lane, Hooke. CllrDavies has examined this application and confirmed that it replicated an earlier submission with minor changes, to which the Council had offered no objection. The Council put forward no new objections to the application and the clerk was instructed to reply to WDDC accordingly.

The chairman referred to an earlier decision to change the date of the AGM from 4th to 11th April 2012. It has now become necessary to reverse that decision and the AGM will take place on 4th April, 2012 as originally intended.

16 Bills to Pay. The clerk reported £100 received for litter collection duties and the issue of one cheque for £25 to Darwin Culley.

17. Comments from the Public. Mr.Keith Miller raised the issue of the Parish Plan, speaking as a member of the original parish plan committee. There was reference to earlier discussion (see para 7 of these minutes) and Mr. Miller indicated that the plan was in draft stage and sought guidance on the way forward. The chairman asked Mr. Miller if it could be arranged for the draft plan to be presented to a pre-publicised Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th May 2012.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting closed at 9pm.

B.Rutherford

Acting Clerk