

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

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A Parish Council meeting was held on the Wednesday 24th February 2010, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies.

Cllrs Knowles, Goodwin & Davies

Present.

Councillors, Ennals, Miller, P Billen, D Billen, Knox & Patmore

Robert Asprey , Rural Housing Development Officer, West Dorset District Council

4 members of Public

2. Comments from Public.

A member of the public commented on the condition of the area near the telephone kiosk and footpath map and asked if this could be tidied. Cllrs Ennals & Miller to inspect.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, held on the 9th December 2009, were read and signed as a true record.

5 Robert Asprey gave a short presentation on the progress of affordable housing in Toller. 7 households are now on the housing register. The next step in the process is an inspection of the area for potential sites by Mr Asprey and one or two residents. Volunteers were asked for and the council have agreed to identify residents who may be able to help. It was suggested that Mr Asprey should attend the Parish meeting on 12th May.

6. Matters Arising

Finger Signposts & Village sign – All finger signposts have been repaired or replaced. The village sign in Kingcombe Road should be replaced by the end of March.

Roads Update – The work on the ditches seems to be successful as flooding has been reduced. The Chairman wrote to Highways pointing out the number of Potholes and the bad state of the road by the Dairy, a reply was received and as a result approx 18 potholes have been filled. The condition of the road surface has been passed to the Asset team for inspection. It was also suggested that the Clerk report the condition of the road surface to Dorset Direct to obtain a reference to number to check progress. Cllr Knox also volunteered to take the same action. As all correspondence should come from the Clerk it was agreed that Cllr Davies still completes the PMU, enclosing a Compliments slip from the Clerk.

Street Lights - The advantage of the Council giving the street lights back to the County Council would be cost effective in the long term as they would pay for the electricity, however, the County Council would insist on an inspection of each lamp to see if they reach their required standard for adoption. If they do not reach the required standard the cost of rectifying would also be charged.

The inspection would cost approximately £80 per lamp? It was suggested and agreed that on the basis that all 3 lamps are of a similar age and condition that one lamp was to be inspected, and this would be the lamp on the School Lane/High Street junction by the telephone kiosk. Clerk to contact.

Clerk is also in contact with SEC to see if the Council could put the lamps on timers.

TV Reception – Residents of Kingcombe Road have been in contact with Ofcom, they have sent forms to all residents either by post or e-mail and have visited the area, but cannot find the cause of bad TV reception. Councillors are to encourage residents to complete the form and return to Ofcom. It was also suggested that Kingcombe Road residents contact DORBAG group at Beaminster. Cllr Knox to e-mail contact details.

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Cllr Ennals to contact the residents who first brought the matter to the council's attention.

Lengthsman Scheme - Cllr Knox outlined the duties of the Lengthsman costs, etc and how the scheme would work. The Council agreed that the best policy would be to wait a while before making any decision when advantages and disadvantages could be researched more.

Gaps on the Railway bridge - Clerk has been in contact with Graham Laurie (Highways Dept) and he suggests that if names of possible landowners are supplied he could try to contact them. Two possible owners were suggested – Clerk to forward to Mr Laurie. It was also suggested that the Clerk try a land registry search and also contact DAPTC to seek advice regarding liability if the Parish Council were to repair the Gaps.

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Telephone Kiosk – English Heritage have confirm application for listing is with the Department of Culture, Media & Sport and will enquire about the current status.

7. Parish Plan update – Questionnaire is being complied.

8. Development Applications

1/D/09/001807 Summer House

Sunnyside Farm Lower Kingcombe, Kingcombe Road – No objections

Appeal – Agricultural Worker's Dwelling Middle Farm Higher Kingcombe – Hearing to be being held on 18th March

Still in circulation:

1/D/10/000201 New Path on line of former railway - Cllr Miller received a letter from a landowner to be put with application for Councillors to See. Cllr P Billen and Cllr D Billen were reminded that they should declare a declaration of interest in this application.

9. Bills for payments /payments received

Nildram – Broadband Fee £15.65 Paid by BACS – December

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Mrs S Collins January Salary £166.88

10. New Grit Bin on Railway Bridge – Following the recent weather conditions it was suggested that the council purchase a grit bin for the railway bridge, as the Highways department will not put piles of grit on the roadside as previously. The price for a 198 litre grit bin is at present £85 plus £15 carriage. Cllr Ennals to look at suitable site and report to next meeting.

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11. Councillors were asked for suggested jobs for Martin Wilson besides his regular strimming and pruning etc. It was suggested that he tidy the previously mentioned area near the footpath map, and also prune the trees overhanging the bridge. Clerk to contact Martin.

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12 Parish Meeting and AGM Date – Due to several unforeseen circumstances the council were asked if the dates of the parish Meeting and AGM be moved to 12th May. It was agreed and Clerk has booked the hall.

13 Correspondence.

BDO – Audit Briefing

WDDC – Community Planning Sessions – Rearranged dates

Andrew Gwynne MP – Private Members Ballot

West Dorset Proposed works February 2010-02-25 DCA Dorset Village of the Year Competition

POPP

WDDC West Dorset Spring Clean

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14 Items for report/Next agenda

The Chairman has received letters from Cllrs P.Billen and P. Goodwin tendering their resignation. Clerk to inform elections officer.

15. Comments from the Public

A member of the public has noted an increase in Traffic through the village, could traffic survey be done?
Clerk to research possibility of survey or traffic counter strips.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.30 pm. Public and press welcome

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