

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the Wednesday 30th June 2010, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Patmore & Knox

Present.

Councillors, Ennals, Miller, D Billen, Davies, Knowles,
4 members of Public

2. Comments from Public.

None

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Ennals declared an interest in item no 5 co-option of new parish councillors, as a relative would be standing as a candidate, therefore cllr Ennals would be unable to vote.

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, held on the 14th April 2010, were read and signed as a true record.

5 Co-option of new Councillors - There are 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, and 3 applicants, the co-option will be by closed ballot, with each applicant giving a small speech on why they want to be a Parish Councillor with questions to follow individually. Members of the public and other applicants were asked to leave the room. Cllr Ennals also left the room whilst the ballot was taken. The ballot was worked on priority voting, each councillor to mark one to or three, one being the most suitable after and 3 the least.

The result of the ballot concluded that Mrs P Rutherford and Mr G Connelly were elected. After signing their Declaration of Acceptance forms they were asked to join the meeting. The chairman thanked the third applicant for applying, and commented that such interest having been shown in the vacancies was most encouraging to the existing councillors who work hard on behalf of the community.

6. Matters Arising

Blue Sign – Clerk has chased the replacement, however this is taking longer due to The District council now taking control of ordering and replacing the signs.

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JM

Salt Bin – The council has permission from highway to site the bin. A concrete base and secure fitting would have to be installed. Cllr Ennals to see Martin Wilson. Clerk to order salt bin and arrange delivery to Cllr Miller.

Streetlights – Clerk to look at information re obtaining a loan for cost of getting streetlights up to county's standards for adoption.

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Roads update – A letter from highways re maintenance was read. Cllr Davies reports that drainage was a problem, he has written to highways previously, but will do another report when there has been sufficient rain. Edges and some potholes have been repaired. New PUM details were given and cllr Davies to complete PMU.

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Railway Bridge – No Update clerk to chase Laurie Graham to suggest he looks at the County Council's Terrier to obtain ownership details of last corner to be repaired.

Affordable Housing – Robert Asprey wishes to attend the next meeting to update the progress clerk to invite.

SC

7 Clerk Appointment – The clerk has agreed to stay until the end of July when the appointment of a new clerk will have taken place. Procedure is under way to find a replacement with advertisements being placed on the village notice board and the DAPTC website. So far one application has been received and another applicant is interested. Council can legally appoint a clerk on a higher rate of pay if necessary – to be accounted in the precept. Cllr Ennals (chair) Cllr Miller (vice chair) and Cllr Davies will interview and make a recommendation to the council.

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8.Audit – The annual Audit and cashbook were signed. Clerk to post to Auditors

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9. Parish Plan Update – a questionnaire is in process of being compiled for distribution.

10- Litter Warden – The chairman has been notified that there is £100 per annum available for the Parish Council to appoint a litter warden to keep the village litter free. This is funded by the Keep Britain Tidy Group if anyone is interested please contact the chairman for further details.

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11. Planning Applications

1/D/10/000347 Certificate of lawfulness for continuation of development approved under pp ref 1/E/99/000368 to erect two houses with garages and construct vehicular access –School lane Toller Porcorum

1/D/10000703 Clad Car port & install doors Beech Cottage Frogmore Lane Toller Porcorum

1/D/10000475 Log Cabin for use as accommodation for carer 6 Clift Lane Toller Porcorum

1/D110/000907 Demolish Shed & erect livestock housing & tractor shed Northover farmhouse Kingcombe Road Toller Porcorum

1/D/10000703 Clad Car port & install doors Beech Cottage Frogmore Lane Toller Porcorum- approved

1/D/10/000347 Certificate of lawfulness for continuation of development approved under pp ref 1/E/99/000368 to erect two houses with garages and construct vehicular access –School lane Toller Porcorum- refused

Notice of Making a Public Path Diversion order – Part of Footpath 4 Hooke at Manor Farm Received

1/D/10/000201 Former Railway Line adjacent Barrowland Lane Toller Porcorum – Approved

1/D/10/000066 Convert redundant far buildings into residential training centre & 4 holiday lets & separate dwelling - withdrawn

12 Dog Litter Bin – Raised by a member of the Public at the AGM – would it be possible for a dog litterbin & bags to be placed near the recreation ground. When the council previously asked they were told to use the standard bins. Emptying the bin could be problematic, as the dustcart can't access to the top of school lane. Cllr Billen reminded the council that dogs should not be allowed on children's play area. Church Mead would be a more suitable site. No planning permission to site a bin would be needed, but emptying would be an issue. Chairman asked the council if they wanted to pursue the matter and after a vote, which resulted in For 2 against 5, it was decided not to.

13 Bills for Payment/ Payments received & Made

Pba accountants £2702.50 on behalf of SOS Toller

Southern Electric £297.60 – electricity

DAPTC £93.26 subscriptions

Toller Porcorum Village Hall £36.00 on behalf of Parish Plan

Broker Network Ltd £262.50 insurance renewal

Toller Porcorum Village Hall £275 – grant

Toller Porcorum OPCC £150 Grant

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area £125 Grant

Mrs S Collins £400.51 – April, May & June Salary

Mrs S Collins £74.80 Expenses

Martin Wilson £102 Village jobs

Mr D Ennals £36.95 Framing for retirement present Cllr Billen

Nildram - £15.99 paid by bacs – April Broadband

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14 Correspondence

Alliance & Leicester – Changes to bank accounts & Name to Santander

DCC Community Self Help during extreme Winter Weather

Rachael McCarthy – Rural Housing Advice Officer

WDDC Overview and scrutiny annual report

15 Items for report/next Agenda

Reminder to invite Robert Asprey

Cllr Knowles produced details for the Parish Grant Scheme criteria for work done around the village to be forwarded to council members by clerk. – To be discussed at the next meeting

16 Comments from the Public –A member of the public pointed out that the Council tax would be possibly frozen. Should any increase in clerks Salary should be taken into consideration

A member of the public questioned why dogs are not allowed on the play are – this is due health and hygiene regulations. Who owns the recreational area? Cllr Ennals to follow up next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 11th August 2010 at 7.30 pm. Public and press welcome

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