

Toller Porcorum Parish Council  
**A Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011  
in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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1. **Apologies:** Cllr Davies and Cllr Haynes (District). **Present:** Cllrs Ennals, Miller, Rutherford, Knowles, Baker and Cllr Knox, (County), Mr Applebee (Clerk); Five members of the public were present.
2. **Comments from the Public:** S.O.S. representatives were asked to wait until item 8 on the Agenda.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Baker on the viability of the Old Swan.
4. **Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting** held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, were read and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising:** A financial statement was made by the Clerk. Cllr Knox reported that Toller Porcorum was not on the winter maintenance list for road surfacing at Toller Lane despite the fact that an e-mail had been received by the Clerk indicating that work would begin in October. She would follow this up. RK  
Parish Development Plan: Cllr Miller said that a meeting was to be arranged via Cllr Haynes.  
Grit/Salt Storage: A new bin to be ordered for the top of Mop Pitts Hill at a cost of £208. NA
6. **Highways Update:** Cllr Knowles reported that the new bridge on footpath 24 was complete. She also explained the background to the problems being experienced in Old Mills with regard to the foot path. Cllr Ennals will reply to a letter received from Mr. Blackmore of 29 High Street with reference to this. DE  
The Track (at The Manor): The PMU had been notified by Jill Exton that the drains need to be cleared and repaired and deep pot holes needed attention. Hedges either side have now been cut back. The hedge on Lower Road at the Old Swan is overgrown and needs to be cut back. The Clerk to contact Palmers' agent. NA
7. **Current Planning Application Procedure:** This was discussed and found to be inadequate for controversial matters. It was proposed that a new system be put in place when planning applications are presented to the Parish Council between meetings. Details to be finalised at the next meeting.
8. **The Old Swan:** SOS asked if they could be acknowledged for the work they had done over the last four years. It was stated by Cllr Ennals that as soon as a buyer could be found who had sufficient funds (estimated by WDDC to be in the region of £350K) and if Palmers refuse to negotiate over the selling price, then WDDC would begin a CPO. It was reiterated that this was made clear at the Annual Parish Meeting. A proposed questionnaire concerning the future of The Old Swan for residents to respond to, had been compiled by Cllrs Miller and Ennals. Following discussion a decision will be made at the next meeting.
9. **Affordable Housing and Post Office:** Cllr Baker reported that funding was now available to the Housing Association for consideration of the Old Mills area.

**10. Village Maintenance:** Damage to the wall on School Lane was reported. A dolly post to be considered to protect it. The hedge opposite the church entrance is overgrown, Clerk to look into this.

NA

**11. Comments from the Public:** There has been a problem with stray dogs in the village and dog fouling not being cleared up by owners. Notices to be put up.

**12. Bills to Pay:** Darwin Culley £25 litter picking; DAPTC £20 PAYE course; Keith Miller £5 village welcome letters; Clerk £41.72 PAYE registration costs.

NA

**13. Correspondence:** A letter from George and Val Connelly referring to the Old Swan. A letter from the Dorset Police referring to Enquiry Office review. The Chairman had received two letters, (1) from Mr. Blackmore with reference to his planning application at 29 High Street and (2) a copy of a letter to Mr. Chalmers, Highway and Client Services and Traffic Management. As this had been submitted anonymously, no action will be taken on this.

**14. Planning Applications:** None.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall Committee Room.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.

Nicholas Applebee (Clerk).