

Toller Porcorum Parish Council  
**A Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011  
in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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1. **Apologies:** Cllr Knox (County). **Present:** Cllrs Ennals, Miller, Rutherford, Knowles, Baker, Davies and Billen. Cllr Knox, (County) and Mr Asprey (Rural Housing Officer) also attended. Mr Applebee (Clerk) and five members of the public were present.
2. **Comments from the Public:** Maps of the area showing footpaths were available from County Hall.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None.
4. **Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting** held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, were read and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising:** A revised procedure for scrutinising Planning Applications by the Council was agreed unanimously and members of the Council in future would become a sub committee for any disputed applications. The Grit Bin had been sited and filled at the top of Mop Pits Hill. Thanks were expressed to Norman Billen for his assistance with this. The hedge on Lower road has now been cut back at The Old Swan. The siting of a 'Dolly Post' in School Lane and the cutting back of the hedge opposite was still being investigated. NA
6. **Update on Affordable Housing:** The Rural Housing Officer explained that despite economic restrictions and changes money is still available although it has been cut. Options are still being considered. The public were given opportunity to ask questions.
7. **Rights of Way:** The controversy over the Footpath at 29, High Street was discussed. Written evidence for the footpath to be obtained by the Clerk. Sustrans proposal to open up the track to Maiden Newton was discussed. A letter to be written to Mr Yates to obtain access to that section of the old railway. NA
8. **Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** The name for the brook running through the south part of the village was discussed and it was proposed to obtain ideas from the public as to what it might be called. Cllrs
9. **Telephone Box refurbishment:** It was reported that the Village Telephone box was looking shabby. The Clerk to investigate insurance cover for a self-help scheme. NA
10. **Village Maintenance:** The state of the ground by the telephone box was discussed with a view to planting up but this was considered not to be viable and was rejected.
11. **Report on Winter Maintenance:** The Clerk attended a briefing and gave a report. However, with changes within the County Council, Cllr. Knox reported by proxy that dumpy bags would be supplied and Toller Lane has now been put back on the County gritting run.
12. **Bills to Pay:** BDO – External Auditors £144. Grit Bin (already paid) £208. Clerk's Salary and Expenses £708.92 (three months). **Monies Received:** Six months' Precept £2,145. NA

**13. Correspondence:** Bournemouth University offering skills as archaeological and heritage consultants. DCC on Day Care and Vocational Services consultation. TalkTalk Business conceding that no money is outstanding by the Council. An e-mail from the Senior Economic Development Officer, DCC, with reference to her suggestion of a contribution from the Parish to help provide a better broadband service to rural areas. The Clerk to look into this. Two letters delivered to the Chairman from R. Blackmore and J. Stavenhagen, replies to which will be sent in due course.

NA

**14. Comments from the Public:** It had been noted that advice from DAPTC with regard to the Clerk writing to the WDDC Planning Department on behalf of the Council was quite in order.

**15. Matters for next Parish Council Meeting:** Precept Budget, Names for the Brook, Telephone Box, Affordable Housing and Planning Applications.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall Committee Room.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

Nicholas Applebee (Clerk).