

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2012

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr P Davies

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr D Billen

Cllr J Haines (WDDC)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr R Knox

2 members of the public

22. Welcome- Cllr Ennals welcomed the Councillors to the PC meeting

23. Apologies- received from Cllr R Knox

24. Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Miller declared an interest in Item 19(i) the Bus shelter on the agenda

25. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting on 4th July 2012 having previously been circulated were signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr P Davies

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

26. Matters arising:

Item 14ii- the new bank account has been opened and funds transferred to the new account, the council will now close the Santander account.

Item 16ii- the blocked culvert will be dealt with by highways in the coming week after an email from Dave Maunder a highways technical officer.

Item 16iv the Chairman reported that he had strimmed the area around the phone box and up to the bridge and will do this again by the end of September. **(DE)**

27. Democratic Forum:

The council was asked to consider a multi-use games area rather than a tennis court as this would be more appropriate, be more widely used and be better value for money.

28. County Matters: None

29. District Matters: Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the changes to the council tax benefits and the administrative problems with this. The Olympics were a huge success with very little traffic disruption. Events have been held at Weymouth College to promote the business prospects of Weymouth and Portland to businesses from outside the area.

30. To discuss support for DCC Broadband project: The procurement process is under way monies have been raised by DCC, WDDC and the government, 2 suppliers are tendering for the work. People can fill in the questionnaire online at Dorset for you to raise support for the project. **(ALL)**

31. To receive the register of interest of councillors for the newly adopted Code of conduct:

Councillors provided the clerk with completed register of interest forms for the records and to be forwarded to WDDC monitoring officer. **(MH)**

32. Parish plan update: Cllr Ennals produced the draft of the Parish Plan and volunteers were requested when the plan was printed, Cllrs suggested the same volunteers who delivered the questionnaire.

Thanks were given to Jane Ennals, Keith Miller, Siobhan Tindal and the rest of the Parish Plan group.

33. Official naming of the Brook-update. It was decided that naming of the brook/river would happen with the Jubilee tree planting.

34. Feedback on the Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Miller proposed that a tree be purchased from funds raised at the Jubilee celebrations, Cllrs considered a grant but decided upon using the funds raised. Clerk to contact Charlotte Woodsford regarding the tree.

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35. **To Discuss the DAPTC organisational structure:** Cllr Ennals explained the structure of the DAPTC of which the council are members and the support network it provides. Cllr Peter Davies is the area rep for the parish council and attends the western area meetings.

36. **To discuss Quality Council status:** Cllr Ennals asked the councillors to consider the Quality council status and read the leaflet circulated for discussion at the November meeting. The DAPTC have been asked for their advice on the status and its benefits which will be reported at the next meeting.

37. **To consider the training courses available**

The Chairman and vice chairman will attend the Chairman’s seminar on 15th November and Cllr Davies will attend the councillors update on 22nd November, the clerk will be attending the clerk’s seminar and the cost of this will be shared with the other parish councils that the clerk works for. The clerk will book the sessions. (MH)

38. **Finance:**

i.	To consider receipts and payments:	Receipts- none	
	Payments	Chq No	
	Mrs M Harding	Salary/exp	1 215.28
	HMRC	Paye	2 47.60
	Keith Miller	Parish plan	3 45.00
	Village hall	Grant	4 275.00
	Churchyard	Grant	5 200.00
	Recreation Area	Grant	6 125.00
			907.88

Proposed Cllr Miller	Seconded Cllr Ennals	Resolved
The clerk was asked to enquire about the Keep Britain tidy grant		

ii. **To discuss the funding of a tennis court in the parish**
 Cllr Billen reported that grants are being looked into; the clerk had not yet had a response from Palmers regarding funding of the project from 106 section monies from the planning application. WDDC leisure and development fund sent an application form for the project.

39. **Planning:**

- i. *The Old Swan*- Nothing to report
- ii. *Update-Post Office and Affordable Housing:*
 Cllr Baker reported that Toller Porcorum Land Trust is now established. Money will now be applied for from the government in the region of £903,000.00 to provide 5 affordable homes 1 flat and a post office. There will be an open meeting in the future to display the plans. There has been some opposition in the parish. Cllrs Miller and Billen will attend the meeting.
- iii. *Neighbourhood planning*- The councillors discussed neighbourhood planning and is this the time to do one? Cllr Jill Haynes explained the process to the council but thought it may be a too early yet. The clerk was asked to write to Jo Witherden to ask if Toller Porcorum was an appropriate are to consider a Neighbourhood plan. (MH)

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40. Highways:

- i. *Update on a Bus shelter for Toller Porcorum:* Cllr Ennals had a site visit with Paul Walters from Highways to consider the sites for a bus shelter. Mr Walters was going to do a land search to see who owns the land. Cllr Miller would speak to her son as he is the land agent for the land owner Mr Simmonds and report back at the next meeting.
- ii. *Update on works to road through Toller:* An email received from Dave Maunder explained that the drains and gulleys in the village will be cleared next week when the machine is available. Cllr Davies is meeting with the Environment agency regarding the flooding issues. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Vickers to cut back the hedge which is over grown.
- iii. *To discuss the unclassified road/ROW:* Cllr Knowles has spoken to Jill Exton from ROW regarding the UCR (unclassified road) and will ask Dave maunder whilst he is the village to take a look at the road.

41. Correspondence: The Clerk read out the list of correspondence received by the council

42. Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be November 7th 2012.

43. Items for the next meeting:

Neighbourhood Planning
QCS
Community and Conservation grant for 2013
Budget
Recycling low energy light bulbs

44. Democratic Forum 15 minutes: None.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm