

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2013

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr P Davies

Cllr C Baker

Cllr D Billen

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr J Haines (WDDC)

Cllr R Knox

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Apologies: None

No members of public

84. **Welcome-** Cllr Ennals welcomed the Councillors to the meeting

85. **Apologies - none**

86. **Declarations of Interest and to Grant Dispensations for voting on the precept:**

Cllr Miller declared an interest in item 12i on the agenda regarding the bus shelter as her son is the land agent for the land behind the proposed site.

87. **Minutes:** The minutes of the PC meeting on 9th January 2013 having previously been circulated and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr P Rutherford

Seconded Cllr J Miller

Resolved

88. **Matters arising for information**

Item 70- Cllr R Knox was asked to report on the Beaminster tunnel, the schedule has been put back 3 weeks in order to negotiate with landowners regarding insurance liability.

Item 70 BOAT: a neighbouring parish had presented a map of the proposed BOAT application Cllr R. Knox reported that the wrong maps had been sent and this particular BOAT is part of an appeal of approximately 6 applications, it is likely to be refused again but has not been put to the Parish Council for comment. The appeals are being opposed.

Item 71- New WDDC offices, Cllr Davies and the clerk had been to look around the offices, the officers and staff now operate a hot desking system in the offices, and the new library is likely to be moving in April.

Item 78 English Nature has objected to the Rampisham solar park, the application has been suspended temporarily. Solar panels will cover 30% of the land 1 pylon will remain due to contracts with the BBC.

89. **Democratic Forum:** None

90. **County Matters:** The council tax for the county has been frozen. Highways have been given another £2 million and a lot of that will be coming to West Dorset as it has the worst roads. The repairs will start in May. Cllr Knox has had a drive around the parishes with Dave Maunder and Mike Westwood to look at flooding at the bridge and other issues in the parish, Cllr Knox brought to attention of the PC the fingerpost that is down at Kingcombe and suggested that the post be taken in for safe keeping in case it is stolen as the roundel at the top is worth several hundred pounds.

Cllr Ennals proposed that the parish council repairs the finger post seconded by Cllr J Knowles.

The materials can be supplied by Highways and the time by the parish.

91. **District Matters:** Cllr J Haines reported on the boundary review as there are too many wards in the district. There is to be a revamp of the officers in WDDC and W & PBC. The new WDDC building is now in operation.

92. **Update on the local energy saving light bulb recycling scheme:** This is still on-going Cllr J Miller to follow up with the clerk. (JM)

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93. Finance:

- i. To consider receipts and payments:

Receipts:

Vat Refund £121.06

Payments:

Mrs M Harding	Salary/Exp	£280.43
HMRC	Paye	£59.80
DCC	Dumpy Bag Grit	£132.00
DAPTC	Seminar	£8.00
Total		<u>£480.23</u>

Proposed Cllr P Davies

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

The clerk provided the councillors with the financial statement to date the balance of the account including payments at the March meeting is **£2966.02**

- ii. **To consider localism of council tax support-NALC Request for local councils to lobby their MP's.** The council considered the request and agreed to send a letter to the MP. (Clerk)

- iii. **To consider a leaving gift for John Parker-DAPTC Chief executive.**

The council discussed the matter, it was felt not to be a good use for the General power of competence and that councillors would make individual contributions. This was collected by the clerk who will pass on the money. (Clerk)

94. Planning:

- i. No planning in circulation.
- ii. *Update-Post Office and Affordable Housing:* It was noted that the recent death of Hugh Hereward will not affect the affordable housing project, an issue with No 21 is being resolved and it is hoped to have 2 car parking spaces per property. There should be a planning application later this month. Cllr Davies reported that the Toller project was mentioned at the recent DAPTC legislation update. (CB)

95. Highways:

- i. *Update on a Bus shelter for Toller Porcorum:* Cllr Ennals reported that several sites along Lower Road are being considered, highways construction department have been out to visit the sites. The best site would be to the left of the farm building next to the telegraph pole. DCC are looking into the ownership of the land but it looks likely that it is Highways land. Unfortunately a site visit with Dawn Atkins has yet to be arranged. The resident of the cottage have been approached and seem happy with the proposed site. Cllr Davies is to prepare a design for the bus shelter structure which will then be approved by a structural engineer. (DE/PD)
- ii. *Update on the flooding, drains and gully's in the parish:* Cllr Davies reported that highways are working on a scheme to improve the drainage in the parish. Toller lane has been cleared recently. All potholes have been repaired where reported. At Poor End there is still a culvert under the road that needs to be unblocked (PD)

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- iii. Update on Railway Bridge.* Cllr Ennals reported that a response had been received from Oliver Letwin and the Railway Board. The bridge is apparently recorded as No 7. The Railway board is prepared to pay for the paint if a community effort can be raised to do the work. The council discussed the specification of the paint and surface preparation. It was agreed that the Parish Council would work out the costs of cleaning and preparing and ask the Railway Board what specification and paint is required. It was agreed a charcoal grey would be most appropriate (DE)
- iv. To consider any other Highways issues:* Cllr Davies reported that the road edges at Trinneys farm to Eggardon are in need of repair, Cllr Davies to follow up. (PD)

96. **Correspondence:** the correspondence received had been previously circulated to the members.

A letter of thanks was received from Mike Boardman for his gift.

The Clerk had gathered information about the new licensing act. This will not change for the licence to sell alcohol. Applying for bus passes and replacement passes can now be done.

A poster for a book written and published locally being sold in aid of St Basils Church at Toller Fratrum, this will be put to the village notice board.

Cllr Knowles reported on the seminar regarding the bus consultation. The funds for the service are being cut and those attending were asked for ideas on how to save money. It was interesting to note how many buses run though Toller. Cllr Knowles to follow up.

Broadband, Cllr Davies commented on the superfast broadband project. The Clerk explained that Cllr Haines had reported that Superfast will be provided by the Rampisham site for the surrounding villages including Toller. It was suggested that once the Bridge has been painted that Oliver Letwin is invited back to officiate. Cllr Knowles asked that bus timetables can be put on the PC side of the notice board.

97. **Date of the next meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be 8th May 2013. This will be the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting

98. **Items for the next meeting:**

Bus Shelter

Report on Post Office Affordable Housing

Invite Sustrans to speak at the meeting

Possible purchase of another git bin

Cllrs to bring some refreshments.

99. **Democratic Forum 15 minutes:** None

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

