

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

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A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 6th October 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

<p>1. Apologies: Cllr N. Patmore (District), Cllr R. Knox (County)</p> <p>Present : Councillors – Ennals, Miller, Billen, Connelly, Rutherford, Davies, Knowles, Cllr S. Falkingham (Maiden Newton), 3 members of the public.</p> <p>2. Comments from the public: There was an appreciative comment regarding the new salt/grit bin that has been placed on the railway bridge.</p> <p>3. Declaration of Interest – None</p> <p>4. Minutes: The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting, held on 11th August 2010 were read and signed as a true record.</p> <p>5. Affordable Housing: Cllr. Falkingham gave a most interesting presentation of her experiences of seeing through an affordable housing project in Maiden Newton. She said that it had been a lengthy process and that the housing representative would be needed to push the process through. She explained the definition of affordable housing was for part purchase (up to 80%)/part rent and should meet a local need, i.e. should have a strong connection with the village. In the Maiden Newton scheme 25% of properties are joint owned. Cllr. Falkingham stressed that there was a need for three bedroomed properties – for families, as well as one and two bedroomed dwellings. She emphasised the need to avoid the danger of buy to let! The aim of the Housing Association is to build it and process the grant application. She left the Chairman with a document to help the Council work through the procedure. Cllr. Davies said that covenants on the land need to include landscaping, as well as any orders on tree preservation. Cllr. Ennals asked how much Council management is expected on the joint ownership of a property. The answer was none.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>6. Matters Arising: The post of Litter Warden has been established, but the council is uncertain whether funding for one or two years has been granted. Follow up is needed.</p> <p>Cllr. Rutherford stated that the street light on the bridge remains on much of the day, thereby wasting electricity. The trees surrounding it need to be cut back. The Clerk was to seek advice from highways.</p> <p>The salt/grit bin on the bridge will be filled within the next fortnight, but to secure it, Cllr Ennals agreed to transfer some salt in the meantime.</p> <p>Traffic speeding through village is still considered to be a problem. The Clerk to look into ways of slowing the traffic.</p> <p>Cllr. Rutherford, having monitored the dog waste bin, assured the Council that there is no further problem with household rubbish being put in.</p> <p>Cllr. Knowles informed the Council of a website to report problems with footpaths directly to the District Council. http://maps.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/reportproblem/</p>	<p>Cllrs.</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>D.E.</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>7. Jobs for Martin Wilson: To tidy up the piece of land from the telephone box along the fence of No. 2 High Street. Strim both sides of bridge up to Old School House and Frogmore Lane.</p>	<p>D.B.</p>
<p>8. Shortcut to the Swings: The fence on School Lane is breaking due to children climbing over it. A gate or stile was suggested to overcome the problem. The Playing Fields Committee to look into this.</p>	
<p>9. Parking/Village Hall sign: The broken sign has now been replaced with a new one.</p>	<p>P.D.</p>

10. Roads Update - Potholes: Cllr. Davies is monitoring the situation and will report back at the next meeting.

11. Correspondence: The following correspondence has been received by the Clerk:

Toller Porcorum Village Association affordable housing project.

Community Protection Division WDDC Consultation of draft sex establishment policy.

Audit Report – issues arising report for Toller Porcorum Parish Council: March 2010.

Structural Maintenance Draft List of Schemes. 2011-12 (Highway Maintenance)

12. Planning Applications:

Change of Footpath 4 at Manor Farm, Hooke.

1/D/10/000475 6 Clift Lane. Refusal of Planning Application.

1/D/10/001379 Colesmore Farm, High Street.

13. Bills to Pay: New parking sign, Martin Wilson and Audit Report.

14. Information: Cllr Ennals was to attend a Chairman's seminar on Tuesday evening October 12th.

Items for next agenda:

Potholes

Councillors' allowances

Overhanging trees

County Car Service

15. Comments from the public: Mr. Sessions-Hodge asked how the plans for the development of the Old Swan were going with particular reference to the business plan. Cllr. Connelly explained the up-to-date situation but stated that the workings were very slow. The District Council will only apply compulsory purchase as a last resort. The projected business plan is viable but the condition of the building is now poor.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9.45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday, 1st December, 2010 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, Toller Porcorum.

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