

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday, 7th April, 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs. Davies, Knowles, County Cllr. Knox.
Present: Cllrs. Ennals, Miller, Rutherford, Connelly and Billen.
Mr. Applebee (Clerk).
- 2. Comments from the Public:** Five members present. The Government have requested that agents for affordable housing submit their financial needs to the Government by 5th May and they will, in turn, reply by the first week of July.
- 3. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 4. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting** held on 2nd February were read and signed as a true record.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Traffic Speed. The suggestion of having fixed gates at the entrance to the Village was discussed and it was suggested by Cllrs. Rutherford and Miller that the public should be asked their view at the next Parish Meeting. Cllr. Connelly asked if the gates could be seen first they before a decision was made. Cllr. Billen said that she would look into this. It is hoped to have pictures of the gates for the Parish Meeting.
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- 6. Drains.** It was reported that drains in the village have been cleared.
- 7. Parish Council Elections:** The Clerk stated that there were eight nominations for the seven places, so elections would take place on Thursday, 5th May in the Village Hall.
- 8. Update on the Old Swan:** Cllr. Ennals told the Council that he had visited Chesterton Humberts and discussed the sale of The Old Swan by Palmers, with the Agent, Nigel Jones. It had been valued by three separate Estate Agents at between £120K and £220K. The Council then discussed the possibility of indemnifying WDDC if they were to invoke a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). Indemnifying WDDC is a condition to be met before proceeding towards a CPO. SOS would also need to have a purchaser in place. Cllr. Rutherford asked that if the sale through a CPO collapsed at the last minute would the Parish Council be responsible for the costs or would individual Councillors be liable? The Chairman
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said that he would endeavour to find out. Cllr. Ennals then proposed that

he would write to Dr David Evans with suggestions and proposals from

this meeting, with the intention of pressing WDDC into invoking a CPO,

but he would need to seek advice from Oliver Letwin M.P. and DAPTC regarding the possibility of funding for the purposes of indemnifying WDDC.

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Cllr Connolly said that copies of letters to David Evans from the Parish Council must be kept confidential.

- 9. Highways:** A letter from Andy Ackerman to Cllr. Ennals stated that the condition of the road adjacent to Manor Farm would be addressed – a copy of the letter to be posted in the Parish Council Notice Board for residents to read. Cllr. Davies, although absent, had sent details of potholes and drains to be cleared to WDDC in preparation for the next visit of the Parish Maintenance Unit due in May.

N.A.

- 10. Arrangements for Parish Meeting:** Meeting to take place on Wednesday 18th May in the Village Hall when there will be refreshments. A number of people will be asked to attend to give reports, including Sustrans and Dr. David Evans. More details will be published in due course, the Clerk to advertise this meeting on the Notice Board and in the Post Office.

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11. Cllr. Ennals, as Chairman, thanked the Councillors for their hard work over the year and particularly Cllr. Connelly who is standing down. He, in turn, said that he had enjoyed working with the Parish Council and thanked them for their good work.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the **11th May, at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall Committee Room, followed by the A.G.M. immediately after the Parish Meeting on **18th May at 7p.m.** in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9p.m.

