

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

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

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1. **Apologies:** Cllr Billen, Cllr Haynes (District). **Present:** Cllrs Ennals, Miller, Rutherford, Knowles, Baker, Davies. Cllr Knox, (County). Mr Applebee (Clerk) and three members of the public were present.
 2. **Comments from the Public:** A complaint was made that (a) the Chairman had not replied to a letter sent to him (b) the contents of the Extraordinary Meeting had been made public and (c) the Clerk was not given opportunity to attend the Extraordinary Meeting. The answer given by the Chairman was that he was given six days notice but chose not to attend due to a previous work commitment.
 3. **Declarations of interest:** None.
 4. **Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting** held on Wednesday, 5th October, were read and signed as a true record.
 5. **Matters Arising:** Dolly Posts for School Lane: Cllr Knox offered to look into this provision. Telephone Box: Cllr Rutherford has arranged for repainting in the Spring by OpenReach. RK
 6. **Financial Statement for the Precept 2012/13:** This was approved by Councillors with some amendments.
 7. **Projector for Planning Applications:** The cost of this was discussed and it was decided that the purchase would not be made until it was necessary. Provision was made in the budget.
 8. **High Speed Broadband:** Cllr Davies gave a report. Funds were in place to upgrade the facilities to the village. Some time in the future individuals may have to pay to get it to their homes. This will take some years to implement. A letter to be written in support of the proposal on behalf of the Parish. PD/
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- Cllrs
9. **Localism Act:** A report by Cllr Davies informed the Council that a meeting was to be arranged before the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss implications of the Community Plan. A committee would be formed to consider the Act. Details to be found on the Dorsetforyou

website.

10. Highways and Rights of Way: A gritting run has been established through the village as a Community Route due to Cllr Knox's efforts. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mike Hansford, Assets Manager, for the road surfacing on Toller Lane. Complaints about potholes are being followed up. Hedge cutting on Toller Lane was commended by the Council, particularly clearing of the debris. Hedge on the High Street requires cutting. Cllr Baker to arrange. A letter written to Toller Fratrum Farm has not been replied to. Sustrans informed. Efforts will continue to open the old railway track to Maiden Newton.

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11. Affordable Housing and Post Office: Cllr Baker reported that a meeting of the Village Association took place in Maiden Newton. A further meeting to be arranged in Toller Porcorum.

12. Naming of the Brook: Cllr Rutherford took on the responsibility of finding a suitable and popular name to celebrate HM Queen's Jubilee. PR

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13. Correspondence: £100 had been received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England for litter picking. A hand delivered letter was received by the Chairman. Christmas tree and other recycling arrangements had been received.

14. Winter Maintenance: Comment sheet to be completed on behalf of the Parish by Cllr Davies.

15. Complaints and Discipline Procedures: It was proposed that this matter should be delayed to a future meeting.

16. Litter Warden: Darwin Culley has been approached to take on this task for another year. PR

17. Bills to Pay: Monies Received: Cllrs update £20; Chairman's Seminar £15; Clerk's Salary and Expenses £454.65 (two months); Hire of Village Hall £46. Received £100 Litter Warden.

18. Planning Applications: None.

19. Correspondence: See above.

20. Comments from the Public: None.

21. Public were excluded except for Internal Auditor.

22. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting: Held on 26th October were approved and signed as a true record and were to be kept as confidential. Thanks were expressed to Mike Boardman who acted as Recorder.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday, 1st February, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall Committee Room.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.
