

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

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A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th December 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies: Cllrs. Peter Davies and George Connelly.

Present : Councillors – Ennals, Miller, Billen, Rutherford, Knowles. Cllr. Knox (County).

2. Comments from the public: No members of the public were present.

3. Declaration of Interest – None

4. Minutes: The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting, held on October 6th 2010 were read and signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising:

Traffic Speed: It was suggested by the Clerk that artificial gates at the entrance to a village have the effect of slowing traffic. This was confirmed by Cllr Knox, who then volunteered to follow this up with R. Stubbs at County Hall for further information. This idea to be considered for inclusion in the Parish Plan. When further details are known, the Chairman will relay the information & recommendation to the – Parish Plan Committee.

Shortcut to Playing Field: The idea had been considered by the Playing Field Committee and it was decided that there were adequate gates into the field. The broken fence by School Lane to be repaired.

6. Village Precept for 2011: Figures were proposed by the Clerk and were accepted and passed unanimously by the Council.

7. Chairman's Seminar Report: Due to the inclement weather conditions a reduced presentation was made by the Chairman on what he had learnt at the Seminar. The bulk of information was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Street Lighting: The Clerk made a short presentation of the reason for the village owned lamps being handed back to the County. The adoption procedure is almost

complete, the lights having been upgraded. Clerk to follow up date of adoption, as at present the P.C. is paying the electricity.

9. Highways: The pot hole in School Lane opposite the boat had a cone on it, and it was hoped that this had been included on the latest PMU.

Drains: The drain at the bottom of Toller Hill and the two along Kingcombe Road to be cleared as soon as possible, and the Chairman was to ask Cllr Davies to include this on the next PMU.

Gritting: The Chairman had spent much time in trying to find out why Toller Hill had not been gritted during the recent icy weather. The reason being that only villages with populations of 750 were to be gritted. Toller was off the gritting list. Cllr. Knox was following this up on the village's behalf, and had advised the Council that letters needed writing to Andy Ackerman and Peter Finney at DCC. The Chairman said he would do this.

Grit Storage - Barton and Manor Farms had been approached as to the possibility of storing back up grit/salt bags, both were willing to do so, but had no covered area for them. Clerk was to discover whether polythene sheeting was acceptable to Highways Dept., and whether another local farm would also be willing to participate in the scheme.

Snowplough - It was established that a local resident had the village snowplough, the Clerk to confirm this and make an approach for future use and also that of spreading grit and salt. 10. Planning: The ongoing situation of the development on School Lane was briefly discussed.

11. Update on the Old Swan: Cllr. Connelly sent in a short update but as the building is to be auctioned on 16th December the village will have to wait until after that date to have any idea of what is to happen.

12. Litter Warden: Darwin Culley is to take responsibility for keeping the village litter free as from 1st December. He will be paid on a quarterly basis. Clerk to issue a cheque; Chairman to write to Mr Culley.

13. Correspondence: Nothing relevant to report.

14. Bills to Pay: Nothing outstanding.

15. Items for next Agenda: A list to be compiled during the month.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 2nd February, 2011. at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, Toller Porcorum.

The meeting concluded at 2110 hours.

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