

# Toller Porcorum Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chairman)	Cllr Baker
Cllr J Miller (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Billen
Cllr J Stavenhagen	Cllr J Knowles
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)	1 member of the Public

- 315. Welcome-** Cllr Ennals welcomed Mr Roger Simpson Chair of the Comptons Toller and Wynford PC and Mr Patrick Myers (Head of Business Development DCC) to the meeting.
- 316. Apologies for absence(3)-** Cllr A Carstairs, Jill Haynes and Rebecca Knox
- 317. Declarations of interest and grants of dispensations(4)-** None
- 318. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and sign the same(5).** These were signed as a true record of the meeting  
Proposed Cllr C Baker                      Seconded Cllr J Miller                      Resolved
- 319. Matters arising for info only (6):** Cllr Baker was thanked by the PC as he has done the haunching on the bridge.  
Item 302- Cllr Jeremy Stavenhagen was thanked for taking on the highways issues in the parish.  
Item 306 The Council will remain eligible to use the The General Power of competence until May 2016 unless the PC employs a qualified clerk or who becomes qualified by that time.  
Item 308-Cllr Knowles will ask Alan Knowles if he will be the bus rep and Cllr Billen will print off the timetable and place in the Bus shelter **Action DB/JK**  
Item 312- Cllrs Jeremy Stavenhagen and Alex Carstairs both attended the new Councillors course and Cllr Ennals will be attending the Chairman's seminar
- 320. Speaker- Mr Patrick Myers (Head of Business Development DCC)(2)**  
Mr Myers was invited to speak to the Council after a meeting was held by on communication and services provided by DCC and how these services are changing due to budget cuts, also how well the DCC work with Parish and Town Councils. The event was full so DCC officers offered to come out to the parish meeting and will also be holding meetings over the County on how to communicate better to the community.  
Mr Myers explained that £67M of savings has already been made but a further £42M is required. The current budget is £250M and the majority of that budget is Social and Adult Care.  
The DCC are looking to ask for help from parishes with volunteering and taking on some or parts of the services provided. The PC explained the volunteering already in the village when there is snow and ice as milk tankers cannot get into the village local farmers ensure the road is passable. The school and service busses are also unable to drive into the village. The Council asked about publishing of the winter routine, it was explained that there have been significant redundancies and this should be complete over the coming weeks to know which department will be providing this information. The PC explained that no verge cutting had been done and it took several phone calls to have the very dangerous junction cut.

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Mr Myers explained that Jill Exton will be the person to contact regarding verge cutting in future and copied into Rebecca Knox.

Mr Myers went through some of the issues raised at the meeting with the CEO's

The DCC are not communicating well, practical support from DCC would be welcomed, Dorset For You is not easy to navigate. The Council explained that some people just want to talk to someone and for the elderly a phone call is the natural way to communicate.

Mr Myers explained the costs involved with communication:

- Contact digitally through website 17p
- A Phone call costs £3.00
- Face to Face contact costs £17.00

ClIr Knowles reported that Toller is not on the Dorset For You website when reporting faults on RoW.

DCC asked Councillors what it is like to be Parish and Town Cllrs- rewarding, satisfying, challenging, frustrating, like hitting your head against a brick wall. The DCC were accused of not being transparent when making decisions. The PC suggested that DCC work more closely with the DAPTC, it was explained that the DCC support DAPTC financially.

The Councillors explained that the biggest problem is the roads through Toller with the amount of potholes. The road now needs to be resurfaced. The Council queried the criteria by which roads are resurfaced. ClIr Stavenhagen asked if 2 Cllrs could meet with the head of highways to discuss the issues with the roads, drains and gulleys. The Council was advised to contact Rebecca Knox to arrange a meeting at County Hall.

Mr Myers also explained that a liaison person who will be appointed working through DAPTC for someone specific for Parish and Town Councils to contact should there be problems with communications. Another request was to let Parish Councils know when highway inspections are being carried out so Cllrs can be available for comment with local knowledge.

Finally liability and insurance cover for work being done by volunteers was discussed and this will be something that DCC will need to clarify.

Mr Myers was thanked for attending the meeting and the PC look forward to working with a more efficient Council, and especially to receive his responses to our concerns.

**321. Democratic Forum (7)-None**

**322. County Matters(8)-None**

**323. District Matters(9)-None**

**324. To discuss the appointment of a New Clerk/RFO (10)-** ClIr Ennals explained that the closing date was the 20<sup>th</sup> July and there had been a few applicants. Interviews will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Those on the interview panel will be David Ennals, Janet Knowles, Judy Miller, the Clerk and Jill Haynes will also be asked. Mrs Harding will continue to act as clerk until the beginning of September when the handover should have been completed.

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**325. Finance(11)**

**i. To consider the receipts and payments due**

Receipts	Detail		Amount
Payments	Detail	Voucher	Amount
J Miller	Toller Times	120	14.40
Mrs Harding	Salary/mileage	121	282.22
HMRC	PAYE/tax	122	62.00
DAPTC	Subs Training	123	174.93
ICO	Data Collector	DD	35.00

**Proposed Cllr D Ennals**

**Seconded Cllr D Billen**

**Resolved**

**326. To consider any planning applications in circulation(12)-**

- i. WD/D/15/001280 Thunderbolt Farm-Agricultural building to accommodate lambing pens forage storage and secure storage for machinery and requisites necessary for the operation of the farm. (Full)- no objections
- ii. WD/D/15/001324- (adjoining consultation) Brooms Farm Erect link between farmhouse & barn (retrospective) (Full)- no objections
- iii. Post Office and Affordable Housing (CB)- The keys have been handed over for the Post Office. There is to be a review by Aster of the work done by Halshall shortly. Telephone line to be installed and it is hoped to be open in 4 weeks. The Builders have now left the site. Cllrs asked if there is a list of potential tenants with local connections. Cllr Baker reported that the housing association will be at the meeting to update this information.

**327. Highways(13)**

- i. To consider a meeting with the Head of DCC Highways to discuss the resurfacing of The High Street- after the discussion with Mr Myers, and the issues with the highway, the clerk will contact Rebecca Knox to arrange a meeting with the head of Highways to ask questions about the criteria for road surfacing, and the drains. This will be arranged at County hall.
- ii. To enquire with Wessex Water into the sewerage capacity in Toller given the increase in properties- Cllr Stavenhagen explained his concern about the level of sewerage and the closeness to the river should there be excessive rain fall, Cllr Baker explained that a full survey was carried out when the planning application was approved for the new development and there was deemed to be sufficient capacity.
- iii. Any other Highways issues  
Cllr Stavenhagen will report to Highways the road issues in Hooke, it was thought a good idea to communicate with local PC's on the issues where some roads are used as rat runs.

**328. Correspondence (14)-** The Clerk pointed out several items of interest on the correspondence list. Including the boundary review where Toller may well be joined with Bridport

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North. Cllrs were opposed to this consideration. The hedge at School Lane has been cut back and is being paid for by the Church. Cllr Baker will attend the NFU meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July Clerk to reply on behalf and James Billen to also attend.

**329. Date and items for the next meeting(15)**

The next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Introduction of the new clerk, Affordable Housing,

**330. Democratic Forum 15 minutes (16)-** a Vote of thanks was given to Colin for his work on the new development for affordable homes.

Cllr Knowles will deal with the footpath going to the High Street as it is very muddy.

**Meeting closed at 9.02pm**