

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 8th May 2013
At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr D Billen

Cllr C Baker

Cllr Peter Davies

Cllr P Rutherford

Cllr R Knox (DCC)

Cllr J Haynes (WDDC)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

7 members of the public

Apologies: None

1. Welcome

Cllr Ennals welcomed all to the 2013 Annual Parish Assembly and introduced the speakers for the meeting

2. Apologies none received

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly on 9th May 2012

The minutes were circulated to all at the meeting, proposed that the meeting accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2012

Proposed Mr Walbridge

Seconded Mr Baker

Resolved

4. Matters arising- None

5. Report of the Chairman-

Cllr David Ennals reported on the activities covering the last year. Cllr Ennals congratulated Cllrs Rebecca Knox and Cllr Jill Haynes being recently re-elected in the County council elections, thanked Jane Ennals for the refreshments and the parish emergency contacts Mr Walbridge and Mr Comer for their support during the year.

Cllr Ennals thanked Cllr Peter Davies for all he has done over the course of the year as a parish councillor on roads and drainage, signs, the website, planning, being DAPTC area rep and assisting with the Bus shelter project he is a valued member of the parish council.

6. Report by Tara Hansford Countryside & Conservation Management-ROW

Tara spoke to the meeting on the proposed Trailway or multi user route to provide a safe off roader route for many. Tara reported on the progress so far in creating these routes, negotiating with landowners and entering into agreements. Tara also spoke about the state of the muddy areas around stiles in the extreme weather we have had this year. Tara also spoke of the innocent ignorance of dog fouling and the issues surrounding dog fouling.

7. Report on Affordable Housing and Post Office-

Cllr Colin Baker spoke on the CLT project. A CLT meeting will be held on 13th May with the principle players. A planning application will hopefully be submitted shortly. Permission has been given to remove the Willow Tree which needed to be removed in order that the building operations can proceed. It is hoped that the project will be up and running by October 2014. There will be a report in the Team news.

8. Report from the Recreation Ground Committee:

Cllr Debbie Billen reported on the Recreation area. It was established in 2004 for provide a venue for village events, the area is maintained by volunteers. A chestnut tree was planted in the area on 4th January in commemoration of the Jubilee. The committee will shortly be conducting a survey into providing a Tennis court in the village.

9. Report from the Village Hall Committee:

Cllr Judy Miller reported in the Village hall, the hall is now 16 years old and its income comes from regular hall hire and grants. User groups in the village are short mat bowls, table tennis, yoga and the 6th year of the village show.

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10. **County Councillor report:** - Cllr Rebecca Knox thanked all for the support she received in the recent elections, (RK) also thanked Peter Davies for providing the best detailed maps and reporting on road issues. (RK) reported on the changes to the structure of Highways encouraging more self-help on some Highways repairs. Cllr Knox reported on the county issues of Adult Social Care, community libraries, trading standards where arrests are being made in fraudulent rural crimes and the Fire Service providing a prevention service. Finally reporting on the very good schools in the county and the school travel system. Cllr Knox does have a website with lots of information on local issues.
11. **District Councillor report:** - Cllr Jill Haynes reported on the changes in structure by West Dorset district and Weymouth and Portland borough councils this year merging and opening new offices which came in under budget. The 2012 Olympics which has been fantastic for the county providing 80M of investment in business after a very successful business fayre. (JH) reported on the new local plan which is to provide 450 new houses per year over the next 20 years. (JH) spoke about Neighbourhood plans, localisation of council tax. (JH) commented on the Solar Park at Rampisham which is hoped to come to committee in June. The serious dangers of the coast after the huge landslide.
12. **Financial Report:-**
The clerk presented the financial report the year the income and expenditure for the year was reported and the balances for the year are below.
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| Opening balance as at 1 st April 2012 | £2903.57 |
| Closing Balance as at 31 st March 2013 | £2921.02 |
| The precept for 2013/14 will be | £4728.52 |

13. **Democratic Forum-** none

14. Close for refreshments

Meeting closed at 8.05pm