

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the Wednesday 9th December 2009, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies.

Cllrs Ennals, D Billen, P Billen, Knox & Patmore

Present.

Councillors, Miller, Davies, Knowles, Goodwin
2 members of Public

2. Comments from Public.

Street lighting – a member of the public advised the council that a resident at the old Saw Mills would like the streetlight to be turned off at 12 midnight.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, held on the 4th November, were read and signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

Finger Signposts & Village sign – Clerk has been contact with Dorset Works, they have advised that the posts need replacing as well as the finger arms, after a site meeting they will start this work Monday 7th December and work through until it is finished. The Village sign at Kingcombe Road will be replaced to include "please drive carefully through the Village".

Roads Update – Approx 2 weeks ago the ditches on Kingcombe to Hooke road were cleared and this has reduced the flooding. PMU survey has been sent, awaiting reply. Bottom of Toller Hill not too bad at present, but the gullies are still blocked. Cllr Davies has written to Mr Osmond to report.

Following an email from Powerstock Parish Council about Flooding at Powerstock Bridge it was agreed the Cllr Davies contact them to discuss the matter.

Clerk also reported that Mr House from Maiden Newton had contacted her to inform the council that Sandbags are available at Maiden Newton Service Station free of charge, should anyone need any.

Telephone Kiosk – No response from English Heritage. A letter has been received from WDDC who have now issued their draft decision in accordance with Ofcom guidance and is objecting to the loss of 97 payphones. Final decision to be issued to Secretary of State and BT by 19th December.

Affordable Housing – E mail received from Robert Aspray, informing council of 5 responses to letters, and one completed application form returned. He would like to attend a Parish Council meeting in the New Year to discuss the matter.

Street Light Kingcombe Road – This has been deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Knox was not in attendance. In an email to Cllr Knox from Dorset County Council the Parish Council may want to give back the three streetlights they own. Clerk to inform Cllr Knox of request for Old Saw mills light and also to find out what advantages would be made if the Council were to give Dorset County Council back the streetlights and to switch them off at midnight.

Plastic bottle recycling – e mail received from the Recycling Officer WDDC stating that the money allocated to the project is being spent elsewhere and have put the scheme on hold indefinitely.

TV Reception – Cllr Ennals has completed and returned a form to Ofcom and they are monitoring the area. The council is grateful to Mr & Mrs Gibson for their involvement thus far, and for keeping residents updated on their own responses from Ofcom.

Lengthsman Scheme – referred to the next meeting, as Cllr Knox was not in attendance to give further information on recent meeting held in another parish.

6. Parish Plan update – A meeting will be held in January when a questionnaire will be compiled.

7. Village Website – Nothing to report

8. Old Swan Update – ongoing – George Connelly to contact clerk regarding business plan brief.

9. Development Applications

1/D/09/001633 Retain Timber outbuilding. Replace fishing hut & toilet shed. Retain aviary. Knights in the Bottom Fisheries, Hooke Park Lane, Hooke – no objections.

10. Bills for payments /payments received

Bills for payments:

Nildram – Broadband Fee £15.65 Paid by BACS – November

Toller Porcorum Homewatch £50 to replace lost cheque issued in May

Toller Porcorum Village Hall – 46.50 hire of meeting room & Hall 2009

DAPTC £5 for seminar attending by clerk 19th November

Dialdraft - £120 for repair to village bench

Mrs S Collins – Salary £41.72 (December)

Mrs S Collins - £58.06 for attending seminar 19/11 and mileage allowance

Mrs S Collins £433.88 – back pay to April 2009-12-12

Mr D Ennals -£66.90 for Ink cartridges

Payments received:

DCC – £70 reimbursement for work carried out by M Wilson

Mr D Ennals - £93.90 6 months broadband fee

11. It was agreed that the dates for 2010 meetings be 8 weeks from 6th January. Clerk to book meeting room

12. Empowering Parish and Town Councils by getting the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill
Clerk gave a brief description of this and was asked to forward letters to MP's as requested.

SC

13. Railway Bridge – Concern has been raised of the gaps on either side of the railway bridge – a risk assessment has been done. Clerk to write to highways to stress the extreme danger to both pedestrians and motorists.

SC

14 Correspondence

WDDC- Electoral register

WDDC – Efficiency Scrutiny Committee meeting dates Jan 2010

WDDC–Christmas Refuse collections revised

DCC – Western Highways team new address

SC

15 Items for report/Next agenda

Lengthsman Scheme

Street lighting

Railway Bridge

It has been brought to the attention of the council that the Village does not have a bus shelter, when this was previously discussed there was nowhere to put one.

An observation was made that campers were in the wood at the top of the village.

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16. Comments from the Public
None

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.30 pm. Public and press welcome

Signed.....Date.....