

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2013

At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Ennals (*Chairman*)

Cllr J Miller (*Vice Chairman*)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr P Davies

Cllr C Baker

Cllr D Billen

Cllr J Haines (WDDC)

Cllr R Knox

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr P Rutherford

No members of public

64. **Welcome-** Cllr Ennals welcomed the Councillors to the PC meeting

65. **Apologies were received and recorded**

66. **Declarations of Interest and to Grant Dispensations for voting on the precept:**

Cllr Miller declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda regarding the bus shelter as her son is the land agent for the land behind the proposed site.

67. **Minutes:** The minutes of the PC meeting on 7th November 2012 having previously been circulated and was signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

68. **Matters arising for information**

Cllr Ennals had brought to the meeting the gift for Mike Boardman who has internally audited the accounts for many years, as agreed at the last meeting to be paid from Chairman's expenses

69. **Democratic Forum:** None

70. **County Matters:** Cllr R Knox reported that more savings need to be made within DCC. There was a good response to the mobile Library service consultation and actions have been put in place. Cllr Knox suggested the council comment on the concessionary fairs consultation. The Beaminster tunnel should be ready at the end of May. Smart card bus passes are being trialled by Beaminster School. A scheme to report and repair road defects direct from the Parish council is being trialled and Toller could be part of this. There are BOAT applications coming for appeal in April.

71. **District Matters:** The new council offices are being moved into shortly and they have come in under budget. The new library is in the new building and DCC will be using the old library as offices. The tourist office is going into the WDDC offices, the court and cells will be preserved.

72. **Report on the Official Naming of the Brook and Tree planting:** Cllr Ennals reported that the event went well and a report with photos was sent to the Bridport News and to the DAPTC Winter newsletter. A wooden frame is due to be placed around the tree to protect it.

Whilst Oliver Letwin was in the parish Cllr Ennals discussed the state of the bridge and he agreed to assist with contacting the Railway Board regarding its upkeep.

73. **Update on the local energy saving light bulb recycling scheme:** The clerk reported that a suitable indoor location and volunteer were required. The phone box was suggested so the clerk was asked to find out the size of the box set up the scheme.

74. **Parish plan update on final account**

The clerk had received the Parish Plan final account from Keith Miller and had arranged the final payments. This leaves £808.00 in reserve for an update in the future.

75. **Update on the Toller Porcorum parish website:** Cllr Davies explained how the website was set up how many people had visited the site in such a short time. Cllr Ennals thanked Cllr Davies for all his work on the website. The new website address is www.tollerporcorum.org

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76. **To resolve that Toller Porcorum Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of competence having met the prescribed conditions:** The clerk explained that in order to use the power the council must have 2/3rds of the council elected and a qualified clerk. The clerk has recently passed the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and explained that this power allows the council to do anything an individual can do as long as it complies with any laws.

Proposed Cllr Ennals

Seconded Cllr Davies

Resolved

77. Finance:

- i. To consider receipts and payments:

Receipts:

None

Payments:

S Tindal	Parish plan	£300.00
J Ennals	Parish plan	£150.00
K Miller	Parish plan	£250.00
Mrs M Harding	Salary/Exp	£270.58
HMRC	Paye	£47.60
J Ennals	Gift	£11.99
Total		<u>£1030.17</u>

Proposed Cllr D Ennals

Seconded Cllr C Baker

Resolved

ii. **Update on the Tax Base and precept setting**

The clerk explained that the council tax base has now been set and the council now needs to approve the payments being made in two amounts one as the precept and one as the grant. The total amount will equal the precept originally requested.

The council proposed to accept the changes in payment.

Proposed Cllr J Miller

Seconded Cllr D Billen

Resolved

78. Planning:

- i. *Update on The Old Swan-* The application has been approved and the parish will now wait to see if and when the development will take place.
- ii. *1/D/12/001664 - Adjoining parish Consultation Construction of a solar park at the Rampisham radio station-* The council discussed the application and have no objection assuming that the hedges and planting are put in place and some of the masts are left in case they are required in the future, also that there should not be any wind turbines on the site. The clerk was asked to respond to the application.
- iii. *Update-Post Office and Affordable Housing:*
Cllr Baker reported that a drop in session had been arranged for 15th January for people to see the plans. The funding from the government was £87,000.00 short and this is being raised by WDDC from section 106 money.

79. Highways:

- i. *Update on a Bus shelter for Toller Porcorum:* Cllr Ennals reported that a site visit has been held and DCC engineers have been to the proposed site. If agreed DCC will put in the base to their specifications and the council will fund and arrange for the Bus shelter to be built. This is still on-going

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- ii. *Update on unclassified road:* The fallen tree has been removed
- iii. *To consider any other Highways issues:* Cllr Davies has been reporting potholes. The council discussed the blocked drains gulley's and flooding issues in the parish, letters of thanks are to be sent to Mr Comer and Mr Walbridge for all their work and help during the floods. Cllr Knox will look into some of the gulley issues. (MH)
- iv. *Dumpy bags of grit:* The council will confirm with the clerk where the dumpy bags of grit are for the winter plan.

80. **Correspondence:** the correspondence had been previously circulated to the council.

Flood mitigation assistance is available to those who need it and Cllr Knox reported that there are sand bags available free for those who want them. Property levy protection forms have been sent to the council and Cllr Davies will put these on the website.

The new training calendar is now available. Seminars to be booked.

81. **Date of the next meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be 6th March 2013.

82. **Items for the next meeting:**

Bus Shelter

Post Office and affordable housing

83. **Democratic Forum 15 minutes:** None

Meeting closed at 8.45pm