

## TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft

A Parish Council meeting was held on the Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

#### 1. Apologies.

Cllr Davies, Knox

#### Present.

Councillors, Ennals, Miller, D Billen, P Billen, Goodwin, Knowles , Patmore & 3 members of Public

#### 2. Comments from Public.

None

#### 3. Declaration of Interest

None

#### 4. Minutes.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, were read and signed as a true record.

#### 5. Matters Arising

Finger Signposts & Village sign – no progress clerk to follow up

Streetlight Kingcombe Road – Clerk to contact Cllr Knox re change of policy.

Wall – Dorset County Council advised that the wall is sole responsibility of the property owner, however, it has been inspected and cones have been placed by the wall and a card delivered to the property. Clerk to write to Mrs Johnson.

Roads Update – The chairman has written to West Dorset District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> August enclosing photos of recent flooding, a reply was received stating that the flooding has occurred due to the meandering nature of the River. The letter has been forwarded to the Environment Agency and WDDC Land Drainage Authority.

Telephone Kiosk – The application for Listed building has been sent, awaiting reply.

Footpaths – Cllr Knowles reported that a new bridge has been placed at Frogmore where path 7 meets path 8. Badger lane still to be cleared, and sleeper bridges are to be replaced. Cllr Knowles is also investigating the adoption of footpaths by parishioners if they wish.

Affordable Housing – Letter from Robert Asprey received following the last meeting, including template for postal survey for residents. The Council agree for these to be sent – clerk to contact Mr Asprey.

Tree on Bridge – Cllr Davies has been to look at the tree and found no problem

6. Village Bench – Cllr Goodwin investigated the prices of Wooden Benches and these ranged from £269 to £668, and proposed that the old bench should be repaired instead of being

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replaced. The council expressed a concern over the comfort and safety of a stone bench. A vote was taken and the council voted in favour of repairing the old bench.

7. Parish Plan – Nothing to report

8. Village Website- Nothing to report. The Chairman advised that the website was well worth looking at.

9 Old Swan Update – The Grant for £3000 for development of a business plan is available on the condition "*that it is used to develop a business plan for reopening of the Old swan as a community enterprise based on Palmers offer to open discussions for a lease on terms similar to that which currently exist in relation to the New Inn at Shipton Gorge.*" SOS disagree and state that the grant should be applied for all possibilities, not just one. Oliver Letwin MP is in discussion to try to change this and still waiting for a reply. Discussions are still taking place between SOS and WDDC

10. Development applications

1/D/09/001245 27 High Street Toller Porcorum – Two storey extension & first storey rear extension. – No objections

1/D/09/001118 Lancombe Farmhouse, Higher Chilfrome – Detached double Garage – no objections – no objections

1/D/09/001152 Middle Farm, Higher Kingcombe – Agricultural workers dwelling- no objections

1/D/09/000665 Dairy House Farm, Lower Kingcombe – new outbuilding amended and additional plan – no objections

11. Bills for payments /payments received

Bills for payments:

Nildram – Broadband Fee £15.65 Paid by BACS

Mr M Wilson- Village maintenance - £70

BDO Stoy Hayward – Audit - £57.50

DAPTC – Clerks Seminar - £30

Mrs S Collins – Salary £137.30

Mrs S Collins – payment for attending Clerks Seminar & travelling exps £57.42

Payments received:

HM Revenue & Customs -VAT Return £56.71

DCC – reimbursement for Village Maintenance £70

It was agreed that £250 be transferred from the Nationwide account to the Current account to help cover the payments out.

12. The Audit has now been completed. This was approved and accepted by the council.

13 Clerks hours – The clerk has been recording hours worked since February and this totalled 69\_, it was suggested that the working hours be increased to 4 hours per week with an additional 1 hour per week whilst obtaining the CiLCA qualification. Totalling 20 hours per month. Chairman to consult DAPTC.

14 Correspondence

TP Homes replied to the council's letter regarding the rubbish on their site at School Lane. They state that they have not left any rubbish there, however they would be willing to do whatever they can to co-operate with any clearing up operation which the Parish Council wishes to

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instigate. It was suggested that the clerk write to them to enquire if they would provide a skip and access to the land if the village organised a working party.  
DCC Environment Directorate Open Day 21 September  
DCC Dorset Waste Forum 26<sup>th</sup> November  
West Dorset Partnership Annual assembly and Launch of West Dorset Climate change strategy 16<sup>th</sup> October.

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15 Items for report/Next agenda  
None.

16 Comments from the Public  
None

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Public and press welcome

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