

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th March 2018 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr A Carstairs (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Miller

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Stavenhagen

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk)

Cllr Jill Haynes (District Councillor)

Mr Chris Wardle (Rights of Way Liaison Officer)

2 members of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

550. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Billen. Cllr Ennals noted Cllr Billen had sent apologies for two consecutive meetings and agreed to contact her regarding this.

551. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None.

552. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council were proposed and duly accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

553. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- The markings at the T-junction of School Lane/Church Mead had been repainted
- Consultation on a Saturday bus to Bridport had stalled following the resignation of County Councillor Ros Kayes. Agreed to leave this for now as existing services seemed to be sufficient.
- PFA – had not been progressed and Cllr Ennals agreed to discuss with Cllr Billen and report back in May, including whether the grass cutting arrangements for the growing season had been confirmed.
- The Fingerposts at Barrowlands and Old Swan Inn were now complete, the one at Clift Lane nearly so and the one at Higher Kingcombe possibly for the new financial year.
- Clerk reported that the planning enforcement officer had visited Stones Common and was preparing a report.
- The Clerk reported that a grant of £611 towards fingerpost repairs had been received from the Community Land Trust.
- Cllr Stavenhagen reported that some rodding had been undertaken on Toller Lane and a slight improvement to the flooded area had been observed. Members felt regular rodding would be of value.

Action: Clerk to apply for AONB funding now fingerpost complete. Clerk to write and formally thank Nigel Phillips and the Community Land Trust for their contributions ad

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support for the fingerpost project. Clerk to write to Highways to request rodding is undertaken quarterly.

554. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. County Council

In the absence of Cllrs Roberts and Day, Cllr Haynes gave a brief report on County matters, stating that the unitary proposal had received assent from the Secretary of State and was moving forwards. Complicated arrangements for reallocating staff were underway and a 'shadow' authority was being formed prior to the first elections to the new Dorset Council scheduled for May 2019.

ii. District Council

Members queried a recent survey circulated regarding the devolution of services and assets from higher tier authorities. Cllr Haynes replied that this email had been premature and was not representing all areas of the new authority. Proper consultation would be organised further down the line. She anticipated some model probably along the lines of Area Boards being formed with funding available for local works and projects.

iii. DAPTC

Cllr Baker reported that he had attended the annual DAPTC conference where speakers had included Oliver Letwin MP, Cllr Rebecca Knox and the Police Commissioner.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Deferred.

v. Rights of Way Officer

Mr Wardle reported that he had discussed a number of issues with Tara Hansford at the County Council. With regards to the right of way determination at Frogmore Farm/Badger Lane, he reported it was expected to take between two and three years to investigate the background. The route alignment at Colesmore Farm was being clarified and once it was finalised, there would be liaison with the landowners to install gates and enable public access. Finally, with regards to Yates Farm at Toller Fratrum, work had been undertaken with Mr Yeates to enable a culvert to be installed in the new financial year. Cllr Ennals thanked Mr Wardle for his report.

555. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts				Feb/Mar	
CLT	Grant for fingerpost			611.00	
				611.00	
Payments		Voucher	Chq		
Hyperblast	Fingerpost blasting	195	bacs	432.00	pd online
S Coles	Fingerpost letters	196	bacs	396.00	pd online
Staff	Salary/expenses	197	bacs	348.72	
				1176.72	

Proposed: Cllr A Carstairs

Seconded: Cllr D Ennals

RESOLVED for payment

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556. Planning

i. To consider any applications currently in circulation

None.

ii. To consider a proposal from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT) to erect a memorial plaque to Toller Airfield in the village

Members considered an offer from the ABCT to receive and erect a small memorial plaque free of charge, to commemorate nearby Toller Airfield. No objections were raised to the idea of hosting the plaque in the village and some discussion took place about where it should go.

Action: Clerk to contact ABCT to agree in principle while Cllr Ennals asks Village Hall Committee for permission to place plaque on VH wall.

557. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive an update on the fingerpost signs

Discussed in 'Matters Arising'.

ii. To receive an update on progress with flood damage

Discussed in 'Matters Arising'.

558. Correspondence

Noted.

559. To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly

Members noted the APA was scheduled for Wednesday 9th May, with the Parish Council's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 8th May. Cllr Ennals asked for volunteers to assist with putting out chairs from 6.30pm and the Clerk was asked to produce posters nearer to the time.

560. Date and Items for the next meeting – Tuesday 8th May 2018

Items for the next agenda should be referred to the Clerk a minimum of seven days before the date of the next meeting.

561. Democratic Forum

Mr Neil Farmer noted that the County Council Highways team had done an excellent job in recent periods of cold weather. He also suggested that the Airfield memorial plaque could be situated on the railway bridge for a more central location.

The meeting closed at 20.08.