

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2018 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr A Carstairs (Vice Chair)

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr N Farmer

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk)

Cllr Jill Haynes (District Councillor), Cllr Mark Roberts (County Councillor)

1 member of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

579. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Messrs Rawlings and Wardle (Rights of Way Liaison).

580. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None.

581. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th May 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.

Proposed: Cllr J Miller

Seconded: Cllr A Carstairs

RESOLVED

582. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- The need for an additional signatory to the PC bank account was discussed and Cllr Farmer agreed to become a cheque (but not online) signatory.
- The Clerk confirmed the AONB funding application had been successful and funds received.
- Possibility of 'buying in' services from Dorchester Town Council, or private contractors such as Buckland Newton Hire or Alan Goff of MNPC, who undertook various works of the nature described.
- The Clerk stated that she had spoken with the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust regarding the Toller airfield memorial plaque and understood that they were waiting on a shipment of the plaques due August/September time.

Action: Clerk to contact Dorchester TC ref buying in services and to arrange for change of mandate form for Cllr Farmer.

583. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. County Council

Cllr Roberts reported that council officers are busy preparing for the formation of the new authority, which has now met. This has meant a reduction in the number of meetings. Some discussion about service sharing took place and Cllr Roberts reported a few smaller parishes which might be interested in this, but that it was too early to enter into any formal agreements at present.

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ii. District Council

Cllr Haynes reported that new roles were being given out for the newly formed Shadow Executive for the unitary authority. An interim Chief Executive was in post but interviews would be taking place for the permanent CE shortly.

iii. DAPTC

Cllr Baker stated that the next meeting would be in Sherborne. Members discussed whether to forward a resolution to the DAPTC AGM and decided no further action.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Cllr Ennals reported that:

- No parents of young children had responded to the advert but some interest in the positions of Chair and Treasurer had been received. Along with Cllr Ennals as Secretary it was now possible a committee could be formed;
- He was awaiting legal and procedural advice from Fields in Trust about the resignation process for original trustees
- A local RPII and NEBOSH qualified play inspector had been identified who could potentially do quarterly inspections plus minor on the spot repairs, this was well received although Cllr Ennals would need to get approval from Fields in Trust for this;

Furthermore, the cheque from TPPC granting money towards grass cutting was received by Cllr Ennals for the PFA and thanks were recorded to Nigel Phillips who had undertaken some maintenance works at the Playing field recently.

v. Rights of Way Officer

None.

584. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts		Receipt #	June/July 2018		
DCC	Fingerpost grant	2	532.00		
Total			532.00		
Payments		Voucher #	Chq No		
P Davies	Website upgrade	207	BACS	177.31	pd 31/5
D Ennals	APA refreshments	208	BACS	38.47	pd 31/5
ICO	Data Registration	209	DD	35.00	Pd 22/6
N Phillips	Fingerpost expenses	210	BACS	38.85	pd 27/6
Staff	Salary/expenses	211	BACS	295.28	
Normtec	Fingerpost materials	212	BACS	112.80	
DAPTC	Annual Subscription	213	BACS	123.17	
DAPTC	Course fees	214	BACS	25.00	
				845.88	

Proposed: Cllr J Miller

Seconded: Cllr N Farmer

RESOLVED for payment

ii. To consider the Boundary Commission draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements consultation

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Members noted the inclusion of Toller Porcorum into the new Eggardon ward. Details of the consultation had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. No further action.

585. Planning

i. To consider any applications currently in circulation

None.

Cllr Carstairs reported that the only recent planning issue had been the retrospective application for Stones Common and the comments from the Parish Council emphasising that it should be for storage purposes only and not residential had been logged with the LPA.

586. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive an update on heritage signpost restoration

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that he was awaiting confirmation from Mr Phillips about the size of the post required for the Higher Kingcombe sign. The Clerk had investigated the possibility of AONB funding for this post but this had not proven possible. In other Highways matters Cllr Stavenhagen reported that:

- Drain clearance on Toller Lane was going ahead shortly;
- Ditches outside Manor Farm would be cleared w/c 16th July;
- Works at Mogpits would be taking place in the school holidays, replacing drains and gullies where necessary;
- Overgrowth at the A356 junction was supposed to have been cut back but there seemed to have been confusion on the part of the operative as the hedges rather than the verges had been cut.

Cllr Baker reported that the drain outside Crooked Field was collapsing under the weight of larger vehicles. Cllr Stavenhagen agreed to approach Mr Turner (CHO) about this.

ii. To consider possible courses of action on speeding through the village

Cllr Carstairs reported that following queries made at the Annual Parish Assembly in May he had pursued this issue with PCSO Sarah Pilcher. The principal issue remains that evidence (i.e. accidents) is required before speed limits can be introduced. Cllr Carstairs added that he was awaiting a further response to queries on this which he would circulate when received. Cllr Farmer stated that he had found references to a government policy stating that speed limits in rural areas should have comparable speed limits to urban areas.

Action: Clerk to draft letter to Oliver Letwin MP to ask him to take this issue up on behalf of the village, cc Andrew Martin (Head of Highways, DCC) and Mark Roberts (County Councillor).

iii. To discuss HGV movements through the village

In light of a recent incident where a large 5 axil HGV had gotten stuck in Kingcombe Road forcing the road to be closed for approximately 7 hours. Local resident, Mr N Stephenson had informed the police not least because the vehicle on attempting to turn the corner at junction of Kingcombe Road with Lower Road was in danger of damaging any of the three properties bordering this junction. The policeman with another lorry driver aided the driver in reversing all the way back to Higher Kingcombe Farm. To negate such an incident happening again, Councillors discussed the merits of possibly signing certain village access points as unsuitable for heavy/large vehicles. The Clerk reported she had contacted Highways about the process of doing this and was awaiting a response from the relevant member of staff, currently on leave. Mr N Stephenson, (speaking at the invitation of the Chairman) commented that even advisory signs would have value in informing drivers,

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particularly if located where it was still possible to change direction/route. It was noted, however, that this was the first time an HGV had become entrapped in our narrow lanes. Nevertheless, Cllr Stavenhagen agreed to survey routes into Toller Porcorum with a view to siting the best places for such signage.

Action: Cllr Stavenhagen to survey roads as stated above; Clerk to liaise with Highways on procedure for installation and purchase of suitable signs.

587. Correspondence

Noted.

588. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 12th September 2018

- To confirm N Farmer formally as a signatory/resolution to change the mandate
- Update on HGV movements/signage
- PFA update and formation of new committee

589. Democratic Forum

None.