

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2018 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr N Farmer

Cllr C Wardle

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (County Councillor)

3 members of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

590. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jill Haynes (WDDC), and Cllr Keith Day (DCC).

591. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None.

592. To co-opt a member onto the Parish Council

Following the resignation of Cllr Carstairs, a casual vacancy had arisen and duly been advertised in accordance with legislation. Two applicants for the vacancy had come forward, Mr Chris Wardle and Mrs Jenny Crumpton, and detailed CVs circulated to all Parish Councillors for consideration. A ballot was taken and a majority obtained in favour of Mr Chris Wardle, who was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed. Thanks were extended to both candidates for coming forward and answering questions.

593. To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chairman, one nomination for Cllr Farmer was received.

Proposed: Cllr J Miller

Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen

RESOLVED

594. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 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 C Baker

RESOLVED

595. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- Possibility of 'buying in' services from Dorchester Town Council mentioned in July's meeting had been investigated by the Clerk who had established this was no longer being offered;
- Cllr Stavenhagen stated that the work at Mogpits was now complete, vegetation at the A356 junction had been cut back once more, and the drain at Crooked Field repaired. Cllr Ennals thanked Cllr Stavenhagen for his efforts.

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- Cllr Stavenhagen had thoroughly investigated HGV signage for the village and noted that any signage would need to be paid for and maintained by the PC. It was also noted that the location of suitable signs would have to be installed some distance from Toller Porcorum in order for them to be effective – if they were placed near to the village, drivers of large vehicles would have gone beyond the point of being able to turn around. Councillors agreed at present to treat the blockage in Kingcombe Road as hopefully a ‘one off’ but to revisit the possibility of signage if it happens again.
- The Clerk reiterated that the Toller airfield memorial would hopefully be available following a shipment of plaques to the ABCT due soon.

Action: Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement Officer ref Stones Common to check it is being used for the purposes for which retrospective planning was given. Clerk to investigate process of removing routes from HGV sat navs.

596. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. County Council

Cllr Roberts reported that:

- The new Shadow Executive was now up and running;
- Results of the interviews for a Chief Executive would be announced shortly;
- Five-year election cycles would begin from May 2019;
- Boundary Commission’s proposed changes were not yet ratified

Cllr Roberts also answered questions regarding budget issues in Somerset and the Local Plan.

ii. District Council

None.

iii. DAPTC

Cllr Baker stated that the latest meeting had been postponed.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Cllr Ennals reported that:

- The PFA AGM had now been convened for Tuesday 18th September;
- An updated list of Trustees had been received and could accommodate a maximum of 14;
- A broken bench had been reported to the play inspector for attention.

v. Rights of Way Officer

Cllr Wardle reported that:

- He had chased DCC for outstanding issues on RoW and noted a fallen tree across a footpath for action.

Action: Clerk to contact Tara Hansford about the stiles/gates funding.

597. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Payments		Voucher	Chq/Bacs	Amount
Staff	Salary/exp	215	BACS	297.46
J Stavenhagen	Mileage - HGV signage research	218	BACS	9.00
HMRC	PAYE	217	BACS	37.40
				343.86

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Proposed: Cllr C Wardle

Seconded: Cllr J Miller

RESOLVED for payment

No payments were received in this period.

ii. To resolve to add an additional cheque signatory to the mandate

A proposal to add Cllr Farmer as an additional signatory to the mandate was received.

Proposed: Cllr Ennals

Seconded: Cllr Baker

RESOLVED

598. Planning

i. To appoint a lead member for Planning/review current planning processes

Cllr Farmer agreed to co-ordinate planning responses until the new Parish Council is elected in May. No further changes to planning process.

ii. To consider any applications currently in circulation

None.

iii. To consider representations received regarding possible local river blockage

Cllr Farmer reported on correspondence received from a local landowner who requested that members of the public/Parish Councillors make efforts to contact landowners in the first instance when issues such as river blockages are reported.

599. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive an update on heritage signpost restoration

The Clerk reported that Nigel Phillips had been unsuccessful in obtaining a response from Hooke Parish regarding lettering.

ii. To consider possible courses of action on speeding through the village and to arrange a site visit with Sir Oliver Letwin MP

The Clerk had circulated a response from Sir Oliver indicating his support for the campaign and arrangements for a site visit were confirmed on 5th October at 6.30pm. Cllrs Stavenhagen, Farmer, Ennals and the Clerk indicated they would attend, additionally County Councillor Mark Roberts hoped to attend and support.

Additionally, Cllr Stavenhagen reported concerns about slurry potentially washing down the road from a local farm and the Clerk was asked to make informal approaches to the farmer in the first instance as it was noted that this was a sensitive matter.

iii. To discuss HGV movements through the village (see above)

600. Correspondence

Noted.

601. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 14th November 2018

- Budget proposals/precept requirement for 2019/20

602. Democratic Forum

Members of the public present commented that although a 20mph speed limit would be desirable, as it was unlikely to be achieved, a 30mph limit would still be worth pursuing.

The meeting closed at 20.37.