

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2020 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)
Cllr J Stavenhagen
Cllr J Miller

Cllr P Crabbe
Cllr N Farmer
Cllr Wardle

Cllr H Jones

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minute's silence was held in memory of Jennifer Rolfe, who had served 17 years as Chair of the Parish Council.

Public Democratic Forum

No issues raised.

693. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Dorset Councillor Tony Alford (meeting clash).

694. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Cllr Farmer reported that he had been contacted by the owners of Venery Lodge regarding planning procedure for their application but would speak and vote on the application.

695. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2020

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 N Farmer

Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen

RESOLVED

696. Matters arising

The following issues were discussed as matters arising from the minutes:

- No response had been received regarding chippings in new accessibility gateways – Clerk would chase RoW again. Members felt the communication from Rights of Way should be flagged up at a higher level.

697. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

Written report from Cllr Alford had been circulate – no questions.

ii. DAPTC

None. Next meeting date would be mid/late March.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- All lottery funded works were now complete. The spring for the new springer was in the ground and the spoil has been used to create a feature. Future fundraising efforts would hopefully support the installation of a slide on this feature.
- Members were reminded of the Big Breakfast fundraising event in the Village Hall on 25th April, half of proceeds to the church and half to the play area.

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698. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due and note bank reconciliation

Receipts				Feb/Mar 2020
				0.00
				0.00
Payments		Voucher	Chq/Bacs	Amount
Misterton PC	SLCC contribution 20%	254	BACS	32.20
Staff	Salary/expenses	255	BACS	341.89
H Turner	Bench/noticeboard refurb	256	Chq 130	100.00
				474.09

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals Seconded: Cllr J Miller RESOLVED for payment

Thanks were recorded to Mr Turner for the excellent job completed with both the village bench and noticeboard.

ii. To review the asset register for the year ending 31st March 2020

Members considered the asset register. Noted that the defibrillator had been added, subject to confirmation of value from the WI. Clerk was asked to take off the lines on the spreadsheet relating to disposed items.

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals Seconded: Cllr J Miller RESOLVED

iii. To review and amend the Press and Media Policy

Reviewed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals Seconded: Cllr N Farmer RESOLVED

iv. To resolve that the Council will participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of the Clerk with effect from 1st April 2020

Notice having been given for over two months of this proposal and details circulated to all members for consideration, this matter was proposed and agreed.

Proposed to participate as above: Cllr D Ennals Seconded: Cllr N Farmer RESOLVED
Clerk to make necessary arrangements with LGPS.

v. To finalise arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly on Friday 15th May

Cllr Ennals requested anyone available to help setting up please join him at the hall before 7pm. Mrs Ennals had kindly agreed to provide refreshments. The Clerk confirmed the speakers would be Chris Loder MP, PCSO Sarah Pilcher and that a representative of Openreach had offered to attend to discuss Community Fibre Partnerships with residents who could possibly benefit from these schemes. As no response had been received from anyone regarding the CFPs, it was agreed not to pursue the option of the Openreach representative. Tara Hansford from Dorset Council's Rights of Way team had been invited but had not yet responded.

699. Planning

i. To approve the TPPC response to Dorset Council's Local Plan consultation

Cllr Farmer introduced this pre-circulated report, which had already been submitted to Dorset Council whose deadline had been at the end of February. He suggested one further paragraph in support of sustainable transportation and electric car charging facilities, particularly in rural areas.

Proposed: Cllr Farmer Seconded: Cllr D Ennals RESOLVED

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ii. WD/D/19/003092 – Venery Lodge Kennels, Clift Lane

The applicants (in attendance) explained the background to the application and answered questions from councillors.

After discussion, a proposal to support the application on the proviso that officers give consideration to the location of the site within the AONB when considering appearance and materials.

Proposed: Cllr N Farmer

Seconded: Cllr D Ennals

RESOLVED

Clerk to submit response to planning officer.

Determinations noted: WD/D/19/002785 Frogmore Farm – APPROVED

WD/D/19/002676 Orchard House – APPROVED

700. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that:

- A number of potholes had appeared and he was reporting them, noting that repairs made by utility companies were superior and longer lasting than those effected by Dorset Council. Clerk was asked to write to Executive member for Highways to find out why road repairs by Highways did not match the standard of the repairs carried out by utility companies, such work by Highways was not viewed as cost-effective especially as repairs to pot holes barely lasted 6 months - one issue being was why water based filling was used? It was also agreed that the Clerk should raise the issue of legal responsibility for the BOAT in this letter.

ii. To receive a footpaths update

Councillor Wardle reported that:

- He had not received any responses from Dorset Council about any issues he had raised.
- Broken gate on corner of Frogmore Lane had been picked up and moved, Clerk had contacted the land agent about a possible repair.
- Horse activity had been noted on the playing field – members of the public were reminded that this was not permitted.

701. Correspondence

Noted.

702. To receive information regarding the village telephone kiosk

Cllr Ennals reported for the minutes that he had recently received information that the telephone kiosk was a grade 2 listed building.

703. To consider interest in Community Fibre Partnerships – see above.

704. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 13th May 2020, 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.