

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 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.

536. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Billen.

537. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None, bar the budget and precept discussions where the existing dispensation applied to all Councillors.

538. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th November 2017

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 C Baker

Seconded: Cllr D Ennals

RESOLVED

539. Matters Arising

The issue of the overhanging vegetation by the bridge was again noted as an ongoing issue. Cllr Baker stated that the Parish Council should fund the work. In order to save money, Cllr Ennals volunteered to undertake the job, with assistance offered from Cllr Baker. Members noted that County Councillor Ros Kayes had tendered her resignation and there would be a by-election in due course for both her district and county seats. Cllr Stavenhagen reported that he had contacted Highways about the worn junction markings at School Lane but that he was not optimistic that they would receive attention but agreed to chase the Community Highways Officer again. Members noted that no responses from the bus consultation had been received, but that the Toller Times had only just been published. Cllr Ennals reported that Mr Keith Miller had kindly agreed to repaint the bench and fix the noticeboard, but would wait for drier weather and the wood to dry out first.

Action: Cllr Ennals to cut back overhanging vegetation by the bridge. Cllr Stavenhagen to chase CHO regarding School Lane t-junction markings.

540. County Matters

In the absence of Cllrs Kayes and Day, Cllr Haynes reported that further progress was being made with the unitary proposals, but that final confirmation from the Secretary of State was still awaited. In the event that Christchurch does move across to Bournemouth & Poole,

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further staffing issues will need to be resolved. The Boundary Commission is currently looking at ward arrangements.

541. District Matters

At the request of the Parish Council, Cllr Haynes updated members on the CCG review of local GP practices. She noted various national trends affecting surgeries generally but concluded by stating that it was her current understanding that there was no intention to close the Maiden Newton surgery.

Cllr Haynes left the meeting.

542. To receive an update on the PFA

All members (except Cllr Knowles) had now updated their PC interests to reflect their status as trustees of the PFA, where appropriate. Cllr Carstairs offered to assist Cllr Baker with his interests form. The Clerk updated members on her enquiries with Bridport Town Council regarding the lengthsman scheme and possibly using the scheme to effect playground repairs. She stated that the Town Council were unwilling to look at packages smaller than 100 hours p/a or ad hoc work because they had sufficient interest from Parish Councils looking to take on 100 hours or more and were therefore unable to offer assistance to TPPC. The Clerk and Chair also stated that this was an update for information only and that any decisions regarding maintenance and repairs of the play equipment must be taken in a PFA meeting.

Action: Cllr Billen to call a meeting of the PFA as soon as possible.

543. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts		Dec/Jan
VAT reclaim	3	88.46
		88.46

Payments		Voucher	Chq No/BACS	Vat
	Fingerpost letters (11/12/17: Pre- authorised but payment required between mtgs)	189	BACS	170.00
S G Coles	Salary Dec/Jan & exp	190	bacs	333.21
Staff payments	PAYE	191	Account in credit	6.60
HMRC	Fingerpost materials	192	BACS	342.30
Normtec	Mileage - DAPTC	193	Chq 118	9.00
C Baker	Laminating pouches	194	BACS	19.99
D Ennals				
				881.10
				0.00

Proposed: Cllr A Carstairs

Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen

RESOLVED

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ii. To consider and set the Budget and Precept 2018-19

Members considered a pre-circulated budget for the coming financial year. Changes made at the November meeting were noted and some discussion took place on \$137 spending limits and the possibility of community bus funding going forward. Cllr Stavenhagen commented that it should be possible to claim back some proportion of fingerpost costs from the AONB.

Precept to be raised at £5500, unchanged from 2017/18:

Proposed: Cllr J Miller

Seconded: Cllr C Baker

RESOLVED

Action: Clerk to raise the precept as above

544. Planning

i. To consider any applications currently in circulation

Cllr Carstairs reported that only one application, for a boardwalk at the Kingcombe Centre, was currently under consideration, this being a retrospective application. He also reported that a parishioner had reported signs of building in the woods at Stone's Common and the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning department to seek clarification of the works undertaken there.

Action: Clerk to contact planning department regarding building works at Stone's Common.

ii. To consider a response to the draft Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Waste and Mineral Sites

Members considered the range of documents published relating to the above plans. It was concluded that those wishing to comment should do so in their individual capacity before the consultation's closing date.

545. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive an update on the fingerpost signs

Cllr Ennals read out an update from Nigel Phillips regarding progress with the repairs he has made to both fingerposts thus far (Barrowlands and Toller). There would be a further cost of £6 per letter, and 50 letters would be required to effect repairs to the Clift Lane post. Cllr Stavenhagen commented that he felt it might be possible that the CLT might contribute to the cost of the Clift Lane post, bearing in mind the AONB were likely to part fund the costs of the Eggardon post. Cllr Miller raised concerns that a lorry could easily knock the refurbished post and be back to square one. Cllr Ennals confirmed that the arms were being made as short as possible with this in mind. Cllr Stavenhagen confirmed the sandblasting was now scheduled for 23rd January and would come to £284 for both posts. The Parish Council would seek to reclaim these costs from the AONB/CLT where/if appropriate. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Mr Phillips for his extensive efforts to this point and hoped to be able to progress further in the near future.

Action: Cllr Stavenhagen to approach CLT regarding funding for Clift Lane post. Cllr Ennals to respond to Mr Phillips to ask him to wait until funding has been discussed with the CLT, when funding is cleared Cllr Ennals to let Mr Phillips know he can proceed.

ii. To receive an update on progress with flood damage

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that he had spoken with Blair Turner, CHO, regarding the flood damage. He stated that Mr Turner had agreed that the only way to stop flooding at the bottom of Toller Lane was to raise the level of the road to above the water table. As it is

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there is nowhere for the water to go as the drains and gullies are supposed to take the flood water to the river but they do exactly the opposite. Mr Turner had agreed to raise this with the appropriate department to see if this can be done ASAP (budgets allowing).

Cllr Stavenhagen also updated members on the blocked drains on the High Street and Barrowlands Lane and reported that Mr Turner had confirmed that he will order jetting of all drains on those roads immediately but this will probably take 10 days or more.

Action: Clerk to write a formal letter to Andrew Martin, Head of Highways to highlight the recent flooding and the problems this causes the village, noting that on this occasion floodwaters have not retreated and requesting that the road level be raised as suggested. The letter would make a connection between this and the recent works undertaken by Highways to the kerbstones, and copied to Cllrs Haynes, Day and Oliver Letwin MP.

546. To receive a report from the DAPTC AGM

A brief report from the DAPTC AGM was received from Cllr Baker, who had attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

547. Correspondence

Members noted the previously circulated list of correspondence prepared by the Clerk. It was suggested that Rights of Way report could be a standing item on future agendas. Mr Wardle reported that he had been in contact with Tara Hansford at DCC and had received some correspondence about paths in the parish. No queries were raised relating to the correspondence list.

548. Date and Items for the next meeting – Wednesday 14th March 2018

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

549. Democratic Forum

Cllr Ennals welcomed the members of the public present and explained the purpose of the Democratic Forum. Although no specific questions were raised, some discussion about recent flooding, fingerpost costs and potentially organising a 'beating the bounds' event took place. Mr Mike Harries, Environment Director at DCC, was suggested as a possible additional contact for escalating the flooding issue, should it prove necessary to do so.

The meeting closed at 20.37.