

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2022 7pm at Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Farmer (Chair)(NF)
Cllr J Stavenhagen (JS)
Cllr J Miller (JM)
Cllr P Crabbe (PC)

Cllr C Wardle (CW)
Cllr D Ennals (DE)
Cllr H Jones (HJ)

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)
Dorset Councillor Tony Alford (AA)

Public: 6 including speakers

Public Democratic Forum:

The President of the WI reported to the PC on the proposed events for the Jubilee. There is hoped to be a village get together, teas, games, tug of war, an ice-cream van, most of this would be provided free except for drinks. The event would be by ticket to assist with catering numbers.

The Queens Jubilee committee asked for financial support for the events over the Jubilee weekend. This would be discussed under finance on the agenda, but Cllrs supported a village event in principle.

819. Apologies for absence- None.

820. Declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none

821. Chairmans announcements:

i. Update on the appointment of the new Clerk-

The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk/RFO Michele Harding who was the Clerk for the PC previously from April 2012 to July 2015. The appointment was formerly agreed.

Proposed CW Seconded HJ

ii. Other items to noted:

Online resilience events are happening at present, Also Dorset Council has a school transport consultation in circulation until 9th April.

822. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2021 and sign the same

Proposed PC Seconded JS

823. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not identified on the agenda for information only

It was confirmed the Toller Times will be every two months.

The enforcement issue regarding the fence is in hand and actions in place.

824. Planning matters

Representatives of BSR Energy attended the meeting to speak on the proposed Solar Park at Higher Wraxall. The site is not in the parish of Toller Porcorum, but Wraxall is a Parish meeting. They spoke on the company and this project to produce enough clean renewable energy to power 3500 homes per year. The site is rated as grade 3a agricultural land and covers 47 acres, it has good access from the A356. The structure is classed as a temporary site for 40 years. A report with pictures of the current site lines was provided. The site would not receive government subsidy. As part of the project the company

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offers a community benefit grant of £1000 per installed mw, for this site it would equate to £14000. This would be to benefit local residents. Further information on how this is managed will be provided if the project is approved. A pre submission consultation is planned for 24th March and planning application is hoped to be submitted in April, if approved then construction would commence in 2023. Cllrs asked about the grading of the land, land is graded into 5 categories, this land is classed as 3a, this is good quality agricultural land. This site was chosen for the location and distance from the grid and a willing landowner. Cllrs commented on the brightness of the panels when driving, a glint and glare survey would be carried out. AA asked how Wraxall will be consulted being a parish meeting, it was explained that all houses will be leafleted and invited to the public meeting. The reps from BSR were thanked for their time and left the meeting at 8pm.

P/FUL/2021/02817- Land and building known as Higher Kingcombe, Kingcombe Lane- Extension of cattle barn- No objections

825. Reports from Outside Bodies/Representatives

i. Dorset Council

AA reported on a funding opportunity for voluntary groups which benefit vulnerable people. The CGR has reached stage 2 and the draft recommendations are out for consultation. DC are looking to create a list of local heritage sites of interest that are not already registered. The Planning department is starting to catch up and land charges and searches which were taking 62 days are now taking 26. There is a pressure group called Gleam who have raised the profile of the Government consultation on Green laning which has been causing issues on BOATS.

ii. DAPTC

Cllrs mentioned the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign inviting parishes to join the pressure the group and asking for support. AA explained that Cllr Flower has written to the Government to request an extension to the Local plan given the housing numbers allocated to Dorset, but this will need a change in legalisation. This will be added to a future agenda for consideration.

iii. TP Recreational Area Association (TPRAA)

The Queens Jubilee Hedge Campaign- it was noted that the PC are planting 100 trees obtained from the Woodland trust FOC and donations from a local contractor. A reminder for volunteers for the tree planting for the weekend, the holes have been prepared by DE.

The hedge has been laid and there are logs available for a donation. The Insurance company has accepted liability for the claim for damage from two properties bordering the recreation ground in Church Mead as a result of the tree collapse.

The Big Breakfast is on the 19th March to raise funds for the recreation area.

iv. Village hall

The Chair and Secretary have resigned so volunteers are required, DE had agreed to take on the role as Hall Chairman.

v. Digital

PC explained he had 1 reply following his post on Facebook for feedback on broadband, he explained that BT will be moving to all digital and calls will be made via the internet, landlines will be cancelled eventually.

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ii. Annual Parish Assembly Friday 20th May 2022

Chalk Stream project, Solar Park presentation, refreshments to be served

Meeting closed 9.16pm