Chair Neil Farmer

Clerk Michele Harding

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 28th September 2022 at Toller Porcorum village hall

Present:

Cllr N Farmer (NF)

Cllr J Miller (JM)
Cllr David Ennals (DE)
Cllr Stavenhagen (JS)

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk), Cllr A Alford (Dorset Council)

1 member of public

Public Form (15 Mins):

A member of public attended the meeting and commented on the abbreviations within the minutes that need to be clearer.

- **22/09-1. Chairman's welcome, update and housekeeping-**NF welcomed all to the meeting.
- **22/09-2. To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr P Crabbe, Cllr C Wardle
- **22/09-3. To receive declarations of interests and grants of dispensations-** HJ declared and interest in the Ammonite report regarding the CAB
- **22/09-4.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 22 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 HJ Seconded JM
- **22/09-5. Matters arising from the minutes-** none as covered under agenda items.
- **22/09-6. Dorset Council Ward member report-** AA reported on the following:
- Library Strategy- there is a further 12-week consultation on libraries
- The Local Plan timetable has been delayed as there is further work to be carried out, this has been moved to Q2 2026.
- JS asked if fracking has been included in the LP, AA explained that this will be guided by the NPPF and general planning principles.
- The draft budget is now being considered, there is a deficit of 29M this is due to inflation and staff pay awards. The total budget for Dorset Council is around 340M. A lot of this is spent on Adult Care services.
- EV charging points are planned to be placed in some rural areas. Most are being placed
 in towns first. DE commented on EV charging points and asked whether the council have
 considered the negative impact on the environment specifically regarding the disposal of
 the batteries, has this been discussed with Chris Loder MP who is against them.
 AA commented that Cllr Ray Bryan has been discussing this with Chris Loder MP at
 senior cabinet meetings.
- Tara Hansford has now left the Council to work for National Trust, so the Trailway
 projects are being managed by Russell Goff.
 A message will be sent to Tara to thank her for all the support she has given the PC and
 best wishes for her future role.

22/09-7. Finance and Procedure

i. To ratify the Jubilee celebrations grant

Proposed HJ Seconded JM

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ii. To consider receipts and payment due or paid since the last meeting

Payment	Detail	Amount
Jubilee committee	Grant	£220.74
Staff costs	Salary and expenses	£330.94
HMRC	PAYE	£82.60
DAPTC	Training	£8.00
Defib Battery	Defib battery following software update	£192.00

Proposed HJ Seconded JS Bank Balance as at 31st August 2022 £13,028.95

iii. To consider the external audit arrangements for the coming 5 years- The process is being considered by NALC, Parishes have been advised to support this process and not to opt out at this time, this does not affect TPPC at present whilst the expenditure does not exceed £25,000 -All agreed. Seconded JS Proposed HJ

22/09-8. **2022-23 Work Plan**

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i. To consider the adoption of policies and procedures part 1 The following policies were considered and updated accordingly and approved on block:

Policy	Comment	
Co-option Policy	Agreed	
Grievance Procedure	Staffing committee to be agreed	
Disciplinary Procedure	Staffing committee to be agreed	
Training & Development	Agreed but a document also for Cllrs to be considered, with a	
	training agenda	
Home working	Agreed	
Staffing committee Terms of	Peter Crabbe, Helen Jones and Jeremey Stavenhagen	
reference	Proposed HJ Seconded JM	
Social Media Policy	Website being the main source of social media, Peter Crabbe is the	
	moderator Clerk is the webmaster	
Child Protection Policy	Agreed	
Vulnerable Adult Policy	Agreed	
Equal Opportunities Policy	Agreed	
Health and Safety Policy	Agreed	

Proposed JS Seconded DE

22/09-9. **Planning**

- To consider any planning applications in circulation none in circulation i.
- To consider any other planning matters

There were comments about a potential planning application for a glamping site following a request for information regarding land for sale and it not being suitable for the village, this would be discussed further if a planning application came forward in the future.

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22/09-10. Highways matters

i. To receive an update on Highways issues-

JS has reported all potholes online. The road drains covers have now been cleared.

The road edges have broken away on the high street due to the weather, the Clerk was asked to follow up the re-profiling of the High Street with Highways.

- ii. Lower road depth gauge- following a site meeting with highways officers the installation of a depth gauge is not as simple as first thought as this needs to meet certain criteria, another site meeting will be arranged with the officer and NF to look at what could be done to reduce the flood on the road.
- iii. Grit Bin- following the site meeting it was agreed to install a new grit bin in the same location but dig it in further back, and site on a concrete pad at a cost of £482 plus vat. Proposed DE Seconded JM

22/09-11. To receive an update of Rights of way/Footpath matters

i. To consider the Stiles to gate and other RoW queries

NF is to have a site meeting with Russell Goff in early October to discuss this project. Discussions were held on the ownership of the land near Mount Pleasant crossroads and its legal status when formerly adopted. Mr Sartin is building a shelter on the trailway on the sustrans owned section as a resting point.

There is a broken stile on NT land between Wynford eagle and the bridge which has been closed off which has been reported.

22/09-12. To receive feedback from Parish Reps

- The VH had a meeting and have installed an honesty box for the car park
- HJ will be attending the DAPTC AGM remotely in November.
- NF commented on the Recreation group, who will be applying for grants for a Boules Court in November from Dorset Council.
- NF noted that there are lots of logs in the hedgerows and these are being made available FOC for those who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

22/09-13. Correspondence

i. Update from the meeting with Ammonite-DE read out a report from the meeting. This will be available in the Toller Times and on the PC websitepoints raised:

A very good meeting where all parties spoke on their issues and frustrations. A general lack of staffing in the NHS is an issue all over the country with a lack of Doctors in rural practices.

The Ammonite group are looking to invest in the Maiden Newton surgery with a new telephone system in mid-October, if a grant is obtained they will be changing the layout so there is a larger area for the pharmacy, this will make the collection of prescriptions much slicker.

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Home Visits are only for those who are housebound.

The e-consult system is sometimes difficult to navigate but will continue going forward it was suggested that for those who do not have computers then volunteers could assist in the villages.

The PPG is to be reinstated.

There are clinics available at the surgery, but some patients may be offered appointments if they could travel to Bridport.

The reps from the parishes will continue to follow this up with the support of the Clerk until the PPG is up and running.

DE was thanked for following this up. Michele was thanked for administering the meetings on behalf of the parish reps.

ii. Update on the review of the Church's place in the Community

Following the Church Breakfast, a discussion took place on the church's role in the community and the Church being used as a community space, considering a kitchen and toilet facility within the building.
Following information gathered the PC does not have the power to grant funds to Churches. The PC could however support a community group who are holding events to raise funds towards the church projects.

iii. To discuss Manor Farm

JS commented on the state of the Agricultural buildings at Parsonage Barn, the roof needs repairing, and agricultural buildings are an important part of the village. It was suggested that the PC writes to the agent to request the landowner repairs and tidies up the area.

It was also noted that contractors have damaged the bridge over the river Hooke and this could cause flooding also the permissive path is blocked by a tree. The PC agreed to write to the agent. Clerk to follow up.

Proposed JS Seconded HJ

22/09-14. To confirm arrangements for the next meeting on 16th November 2022.

NF asked if the meeting date could be moved on 1 week this was agreed. Items for discussion are Budget and precept request.

The meeting closed at 20.56

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