

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2020 Remotely, via Zoom

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)
Cllr N Farmer

Cllr P Crabbe
Cllr J Miller

Cllr H Jones
Cllr Stavenhagen

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk) , Cllr Alford (Dorset Council).

Public Democratic Forum

No issues raised as no members of the public were in attendance.

720. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Chris Wardle (away).

721. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Members of the Parish Council who were also Trustees of the Recreational Area Association (Cllrs Ennals, Miller and Farmer) declared interests in the item relating to a grant request for a new slide in the play area but with the agreement of all present participated and voted in order to progress this item of business.

722. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 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 P Crabbe

RESOLVED

723. Matters arising

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

- Discussion about how to obtain and lay chippings in the new gateways before poor weather returns took place. Agreed that Cllrs Ennals and Farmers would liaise over this and take necessary action to achieve this as November meeting would be too late;
- Proposals to monitor pothole repairs over time were discussed. Cllr Stavenhagen felt this may duplicate records held by Dorset Council and Cllr Alford agreed to ask how Highways monitor the length of time pothole repairs lasted for;
- The broken gate at Frogmore was noted as having been repaired;
- Clerk reported that she had contacted Highways about further strimming at the Toller Lane T-junction and Cllr Stavenhagen confirmed this had taken place;
- The replacement bridge (at footpath behind Old Mills) is on order by Dorset Council and would be installed once it arrived;
- Branches in Toller Brook had been removed.

724. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

Cllr Alford reported that:

- Dorset Council continued to release Covid-19 related bulletins and briefings;
- Dorset Council's cabinet had met to discuss economic growth proposals for the South West;
- Some discussion took place about incorporating low carbon initiatives in new build housing and Cllr Alford confirmed that a consultation on the Local Plan was planned for later in the year, having been delayed by the Covid outbreak.

ii. DAPTC

None.

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iv. TP Recreational Area Association

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- The play area had been well used over the summer;
- Swings had recently needed repair.

725. Finance & Procedure

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

Receipts	Receipt #			August/Sept 2020
None				
Total				0.00
Payments	Voucher #	Chq No/BACS		
Beamminster Food				
Bank	Grant from DCF funds	267	BACS	300.00
Staffing	Aug/September salary and expenses	268	BACS	345.27
Dorset LGPS	August September pension contributions	269	BACS	95.17
TPRAA	Annual grant - grass cutting	270	BACS	840.00
TPRAA	Additional capital grant towards slide	271	BACS	500.00
TP PCC	Churchyard grant	272	BACS	415.00
TP Village Association	Grant	273	132	173.25
HMRC	PAYE	274	BACS	6.20
				2674.89

Proposed: Cllr H Jones Seconded: Cllr J Miller RESOLVED for payment

ii. To consider a grant request from Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association

Cllr Farmer as Chair of the RAA introduced this item, requesting £500 funding to site a small slide on the mound made from spoil as well as a small cradle swing. This would be match funded by the CLT. A proposal to fund this request was received and agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Stavenhagen Seconded: Cllr H Jones RESOLVED

iii. To consider the adoption of the NALC 2020/21 salary award and any associated amendment to Clerk's SCP

A proposal to move the Clerk to SCP 22 on the new scales was received and agreed, to be backdated to 1st April 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Ennals Seconded: Cllr N Farmer RESOLVED

726. Planning

i. WD/D/20/001696 Kingcombe Meadows Farm

Members considered this application. Queries were raised over how and where the contaminated water was being disposed of, also how surplus run off would be dealt with if/when capacity reached. Subject to clarification on these issues, members overall had no objection to the application.

Action: Clerk to submit comments and queries to Planning.

727. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that Highways had done a good amount of work over the summer period, filling in edging along Barrowlands. One pothole repair opposite Hereward House looked to be deteriorating and Cllr Stavenhagen was following this up with Highways.

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ii. To receive a Footpaths update/discuss possible stile replacements

Some discussion took place about the possibility of replacing some of the stiles in poor condition on the footpath behind Catch Meadow, High Street, with some of the new style access gates. Dorset Rights of Way Officers had indicated that some additional match funding might be available to support this project and the Clerk was asked to obtain further details for the November meeting.

iii. To receive an update on the proposed 30mph limit

Clerk had not been able to obtain an update as the officer driving this was on annual leave until mid-September. If not further progress, the Clerk was asked to write to Chris Loder MP and Cllr Alford to ask for their support in pushing it forward.

iv. Manor Farm

The issue of the condition of barns, gates and outbuildings at Manor Farm had again been raised. It was noted that previous correspondence with the agent and landowner had not yielded any action. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries with Dorset Council and Dorset AONB before pursuing formal correspondence.

728. Correspondence

Noted, no questions raised.

729. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 11th November, location to be confirmed nearer to the time.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.