

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2019 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr J Knowles

Cllr C Baker

Cllr J Miller

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr N Farmer

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr Mark Roberts (County Councillor), Cllr Jill Haynes (WDDC)

3 members of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

614. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wardle.

615. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Cllr Ennals declared an interest in correspondence relating to a Beech hedge in Frogmore Lane by virtue of being contracted for gardening works at the property in question.

All members were permitted to participate in budget/precept discussions to allow necessary business to be transacted.

616. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2018

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 N Farmer

RESOLVED

617. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- A site meeting was being arranged regarding the beech hedge in Frogmore Lane;
- ABCT plaque remained outstanding due to weight and concerns over fixings; clarification on location was being sought;
- No update on fingerposts as an application to the CLT for additional funding was still pending.

618. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. County Council

Cllr Roberts reported that:

- All senior positions at the new Council had now been filled, with some outgoing employees leaving early;
- Budget would now be balanced; however, some reserves would be utilised to cover deficit in Children's Services;
- After local party selection procedures both Cllrs Haynes and Roberts had been selected to stand for elections in other wards – Councillor Ennals thanked them both for their time and support and attendance at meetings.

ii. District Council

Cllr Haynes reported jointly with Cllr Roberts above. Both Cllrs Roberts and Haynes left the meeting at this point.

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anticipating this would instead be funded from current year reserves. A staff payrise was agreed at the current rate of inflation (2.4% CPI) with effect from 1st April 2019. A proposal to raise the 2019/20 precept at £5960 was received and agreed.

Proposed: Cllr J Stavenhagen Seconded: Cllr C Baker RESOLVED

Action: Clerk to raise the precept and also order a dumpy bag of grit for storage at Higher Kingcombe Farm.

iii. To adopt an updated Code of Conduct

Deferred until May for adoption by the newly elected Parish Council.

iv. To review Asset and Risk Registers

Councillors reviewed previously circulated Asset and Risk Registers. Main alteration was the addition of a 'replacement' value column to AR at request of insurers. Some changes, including the value of the bus shelter and sand bag store were made and the registers were both approved subject to these changes.

Action: Clerk to send updated Asset Register to insurer.

v. To make arrangements for the 2019 Annual Parish Assembly

It was noted that certain post-election arrangements for May meetings would apply this year. Provisionally, the Annual PC meeting and APA was tabled for 8th May, with the regular May PC meeting on 15th May.

Action: Clerk to arrange speakers for the May APA as discussed.

620. Planning

i. To consider any applications currently in circulation

Cllr Farmer updated members on various applications, noting that the application for 5 Barton Close was as yet undecided by WDDC, The Owls application had been approved, and the neighbouring parish consultation at Bridge Farm also approved. The retrospective application at Stones Common had been approved.

621. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive an update on heritage signpost restoration

Cllr Ennals reported that the Clerk had applied for additional CLT funding for the final post, but that the CLT was not due to meet until the end of January.

ii. To consider financially supporting the tyre planting in the village

Cllr Miller requested that the Parish Council considered covering the cost of bedding plants used in the village tyres. After discussion it was agreed that up to £50 p/a would be earmarked to support this project, to be reimbursed upon submission of receipts to the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals Seconded: Cllr N Farmer RESOLVED

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

No further update, only noting that Sir Oliver Letwin MP had sent a further supportive letter to the County Council. (The Clerk was asked to clarify with Highways that the speed limit referred to in this letter should state 30mph, rather than 20).

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that new manhole covers had been installed in the High Street, a considerable improvement. After recent rain, flooding on Lower Road was considerably reduced, hopefully works have been successful. Works to the spring at Mogpits had been less successful and Cllr Stavenhagen had raised this again with the Community Highways Officer. The bridge at Powerstock had also been highlighted following recent floods.

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A request from a member of the public for double yellow lines in Church Mead had been received. The Parish Councillors considered this and the costings obtained by the Clerk from the County Council and felt that they would not be pursuing this further.

Action: Clerk to formally request a 'Slow' sign at the bridge on Lower Road leaving the village.

622. Correspondence

Noted.

623. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 13th March 2019

- Items for the agenda to be notified to Clerk 7 days in advance of the meeting.

624. Democratic Forum

A brief discussion took place regarding collapsed gullies and problems with local footpaths – the member of the public agreed to email the details to the Chairman for further investigation.

The meeting closed at 20.55.