

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2020 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)
Cllr J Stavenhagen
Cllr J Miller

Cllr P Crabbe
Cllr N Farmer
Cllr Wardle

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Democratic Forum

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Progress of the 30mph limit which has implications for roadside engineers from BT – Clerk updated that the consultation period had now finished and Dorset Council would be in touch with next steps shortly;
- Lack of interest/action from Openreach with regards to internet connections throughout the village – as this was on the agenda the Chair indicated it would be discussed later in the meeting.

681. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jones (unwell).

682. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Cllrs Ennals (applicant) and Miller (landowner) declared interests in the planning application at Orchard House and would not be participating or voting.

683. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2019

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 P Crabbe

Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen

RESOLVED

684. Matters arising

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

- Christmas tree – Cllr Ennals had purchased an artificial tree and external lights for use by community groups in the future;
- Possible adoption of defibrillator – Clerk outlined procedure to do this and it was agreed that the Parish Council should take over responsibility for it. Clerk to write to Mrs Burt and BHF/SWAT as appropriate. Money would be set aside in budget for replacement pads and eventually a replacement defibrillator;
- Cllr Stavenhagen had raised an issue relating to brickwork on Powerstock Bridge but had not yet received a response;
- No response had been received regarding chippings in new accessibility gateways – Clerk would chase RoW again.

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685. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

None.

ii. DAPTC

None.

iv. Playing Fields Association

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- The next meeting would take place in February, TPRAA expressed thanks to CLT and PC for recent financial support. Path was nearly finished.

686. Finance & Procedure

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

Receipts			Dec/Jan 2020
10-09-19	HSBC	Interest/refund	1.58
			1.58

Payments		Voucher	Chq/Bacs	Amount
TPRAA	Grant (agreed Nov)	250	BACS	500.00
TP Village Hall	Room hire for 2019	251	BACS	48.00
Staff	Salary/expenses	252	BACS	381.18
	Christmas Tree and			
D Ennals	lights	253	BACS	111.99
				1041.17

Proposed: Cllr P Crabbe

Seconded: Cllr C Wardle

RESOLVED for payment

ii. To consider the Budget and set the precept for 2020-21

The Clerk introduced the draft budget which had been previously circulated to councillors, amendments from November's discussions having been made. Alterations were made to lines relating to service devolution and Clerk's pension, and it was noted that future years would need to make provision for a replacement defibrillator. 28 days' notice of the March meeting resolution to participate in the LGPS on behalf of the Clerk would be published asap.

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals

Seconded: Cllr J Miller

RESOLVED to

raise precept unchanged at £5960 for 2020/21

Action: Clerk to contact Mr H Turner for a quote relating to bench maintenance.

iii. To consider a grant request from St John's Ambulance

Members considered this but decided not to donate at present, conserving funds for local organisations.

687. Planning

i. To consider any planning applications in circulation/note determinations

- WD/D/19/002838 Kingcombe Farm, Lower Kingcombe – members had no objections in principle but asked for clarification on purpose of structure, given its large size

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- WD/D/19/002785 Frogmore Farm, Frogmore Lane – members again had no objections in principle but requested that the removal of the timber pile be a condition of any approval granted. Members also requested clarification that Highways were satisfied that the road could cope with the additional traffic, welcoming the removal of the HGV traffic with the cessation of the sawmill. Clarification was also requested on the ‘sewerage package’ referred to in the application.
- WD/D/19/002676 – Orchard House, Kingcombe Lane (Cllrs Ennals and Miller left the room, Cllr Farmer in the chair for this item). Members noted that the planning sign had not been erected in a position visible from the highway and the Clerk was asked to point it out to planning. No objections were raised to the application, providing all legal obligations relating to the planning notice/consultation had been met.

Determinations:

- WD/D/19/001302 St Peter House – Approved.

Cllr Ennals back in the chair.

688. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that:

- 30 mph limit ongoing;
- Clerk would work to try and find a solution for the BOAT issues raised;
- Blocked gullies on Lower Road (possibly due to hedge cuttings) and silting by the bridge is causing issues – Clerk to contact Future Flood Risk Management team at DC to ask if there is anything they can do.

iii. To receive a footpaths update

Councillor Wardle reported that:

- He had not received any responses from Dorset Council about any issues he had raised;
- Broken gate on corner of Frogmore Lane – Clerk would contact land agent about a possible repair.

689. Correspondence

Noted.

690. Internet Access in the village

In response to a number of recent internet issues in the village, the Clerk was asked to write to Openreach to complain and also to invite them to the APA.

691. To consider and update revised Standing Orders

Members completed going through NALC latest SOs and these were duly adopted with immediate effect.

Proposed: Cllr D Ennals

Seconded: Cllr P Crabbe

RESOLVED

692. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 11th March 2020

- Review of Press and Media Policy
- Employment policies (if time)
- Arrangements for Annual Parish Assembly