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

Present:

Cllr N Farmer (Chair)(NF)

Cllr C Wardle (CW)

Cllr J Stavenhagen (JS)

Cllr D Ennals (DE)

Cllr J Miller (JM)

Cllr H Jones (HJ)

Cllr P Crabbe (PC)

In attendance: Public: 6 including speakers

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Dorset Councillor Tony Alford (AA)

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 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 leafletted 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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826. **Potential Joint Council meeting-**

To consider sending a representative to a joint meeting with other Parish Council's to residents concerns about the local health provision

An invitation had been received from Maiden Newton Parish council to gather together a rep from each of the local parishes to gather the concerns and issues with the local surgery. David Ennals had offered to be the representative and asked Cllrs for any feedback. DE commented the first meeting is going to be the 21st March. He had placed a notice on the village Facebook page with contact details.

Proposed CW

Seconded PC

827. **Emergency Plan**

PC reported on the update version of the Emergency Plan, the plan is 7 pages long and will be placed on the Notice board, Village Hall, Post Office and website, this will then be updated by the Clerk as and when and reviewed annually. PC has signed up to the Flood warnings and Met office information. The Emergency plan was formally adopted.

Proposed CW

seconded JS

828. **Finance & Procedures**

DE had supplied receipts for weedkiller to be reimbursed. There is £500 in the reserves for the tree planting project which was not used as free trees were obtained so can be taken from this budget line.

Proposed CW

Seconded JS

NF suggested that funds requested for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations could be taken from the ii. unused tree fund to support the village. The PC requested a budget of costs when known. Seconded DE

Proposed JS

It was noted that the VH committee will also be supporting with funds to spread the costs.

iii. The PC have been using Microsoft office 365 business, but this is linked with the previous Clerk and there are some monies owed since the Clerk left, approx. £23. PC will look into this with the previous Clerk and cancel the subscription as the new Clerk will use a shared version of the product with another Parish for £16.00 per year.

To note the receipts and approve payments due and note bank reconciliation and budget vs iv. spend update

Payments		
Payee	Item	Amount
TPRAA	Grant	£750.00
D Ennals	Materials/sprays	£65.98
K Sheehan	Back pay	£25.00
HMRC	PAYE	£6.20
Receipts		none

Proposed CW

Seconded JM

The banking forms were prepared for the meeting and signed to add the Clerk to the bank account.

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v. To determine whether to accept the Local Government services pay agreement 2020-21 for employees backdated to 1st April 2021

The recommended pay increase if 1.75%. It was noted that the previous Clerk would also be eligible for the backdated payment, this was agreed.

Proposed PC

Seconded HJ

829. Outstanding Issues

i. Ash Dieback- corner of Frogmoor Land and High Street

The National Grid had cut back some of the trees from the power lines.

ii. Phase 2 Gates project

The project to change with landowners' permission styles to gates is ready to commence stage 2. The first phase has not yet been invoiced so not paid for as yet. The costs were agreed at 50: 50 with the Countryside team. Clerk to contact RoW to follow up on this project.

830. Highways & Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update including

The collapsed drain/gulley has still not been repaired in the High Street adjacent to Barton Close; AA was asked for his help with this issue. It was noted that a report should be done online to create a job number so that this could be tracked.

The Grit bin has been damaged and is split on the hill into the village, this needs replacing, but the hedge/verge will need cutting back and the issue of transferring the current salt into a new bin. Clerk to contact DC to ask for advice on the best course of action.

The PC considered whether to replace or just remove the bin, a proposal was made to replace the bin.

Proposed DE

Seconded PC

Votes 5 For 2 against motion carried

ii. Off Road parking Old Mills/Herewith Close

NF & JS met with Aster homes to discuss the proposal to install a dropped kerb, this was not supported. The tenancy agreements states that there should be no commercial vehicles on site. Concerns had been raised that emergency services would not be able to access the site. Double yellow lines were suggested, these are scored on need and can take up to 6 years to be approved therefore this will not be possible. Aster will write to tenants, no further action from highways as it is not an adopted road.

iii. To receive a Footpaths update

The Trailway was due to be completed in the Spring, Clerk to contact Tara Hansford and rangers for an update.

831. Future Agenda items-

- To consider any items Councillors would lie to see on future council agendas
 Dorset Deserves Better Campaign, Climate Emergency, Work Plan, Water level gauge.
- 832. Notable correspondence not previously circulated- none
- 833. Date and items for the next meeting
 - i. Annual Parish Council Meeting Weds 11th May 2022

Jubilee report, election of Chair and Vice

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