

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th November 2021
7pm, Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Farmer (Chair)

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr J Miller

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), one member of the public.

Public Democratic Forum

No issues raised.

793. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jones (away), Cllr Crabbe (personal), Cllr Ennals (away), Cllr Wardle (away).

794. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

None.

795. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- The River Hooke had recently been designated as an area for improvement works to be carried out as part of the Government's strategy to support natural chalk streams.

796. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2021

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 J Stavenhagen

Seconded: Cllr J Miller

RESOLVED

797. Matters arising

None.

798. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

None. Weekly bulletins had been previously circulated.

ii. DAPTC

Cllr Farmer reported that following the recent AGM, an increase to subscription rates had been agreed which he had factored into the budget.

iii. TP Recreational Area Association

Cllr Farmer reported that:

- Following a tree falling onto private land, discussion with both TPRAA insurers and Fields in Trust were ongoing; remaining trees would be surveyed and a contribution had been gratefully received from the Community Land Trust to assist with related costs.
- Work had been undertaken to the lower hedgerows.
- TPRAA were supportive of the jubilee tree planting proposals.

iv. Village Hall Committee

No update from the VHC, but councillors agreed to write a letter regarding access, heating, and safety lighting following issues encountered while setting up for the PC meeting. It was noted that the VHC would consider the issue of EV charging points at its November meeting.

v. Digital

None.

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799. 2021/22 Parish Council Work Plan: to consider items to be included in a PC work plan for the current year

i. Refresh of Emergency Plan

A draft had been circulated, comments were invited from councillors with a view to formally adopting the revised plan in January.

ii. Creation of a stand-alone Parish Council website

Deferred until January meeting.

iii. Refresh/replacement of village noticeboard

Board had been repaired and this item was closed off. Councillors considered the possibility of getting the information board refreshed.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries about information board.

800. The Queen’s Canopy (a tree planting project to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022)

Cllr Farmer reported that an application had been made to the Woodland Trust for a pack of 130 trees. Once confirmed as successful, arrangements could be made for distribution.

801. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due, note bank reconciliation and budget/spend update

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Finance October -
November 21

Receipts	Receipt #	Oct/Nov 2021
2nd instalment precept	2	2980.00
Total		2980.00

Payments	Voucher #	Chq No/BACS	
P Crabbe	301	BACS	429.98
H Turner	302	134	95.00
Staff	303	BACS	450.36
DCPF	304	BACS	92.72
J Ennals	305	BACS	56.08
TP Village Hall	306	BACS	24.00
HMRC	307	BACS	3.80
			1151.94

Proposed: Cllr J Miller Seconded: Cllr J Stavenhagen RESOLVED for payment

Bank reconciliation and budget spend report noted with no questions.

ii. To receive and consider the recommendations of the Finance Working Group regarding budget and precept 2022/23

Deferred to January meeting due to low attendance.

802. Planning

It was noted that a response to the planning application P/FUL/2021/03380 at Kingcombe Meadows Farm had been submitted as the deadline fell between meetings.

803. Highways and Footpaths

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i. To receive an update on Powerstock Common Bridge

Councillors noted that the road under the bridge was now passable, following some jetting works. No firm date was known for the planned demolition of the bridge. The Clerk was asked to write a letter about gully clearance along Barrowlands Lane.

iii. To receive a Highways update including:

Reprofiling of the High Street – Cllr Stavenhagen felt that proper surfacing would help drainage and was awaiting an update from Cllr Alford. (Clerk to chase to establish if it had been budgeted for the new financial year).

Cllr Farmer reported that he was having trouble with a fly tipping issue which had been reported to Dorset Council some time ago but not actioned.

iv. To receive a Footpaths update

Cllr Wardle had circulated a written update which had been noted.

804. Future Agenda Items

It was noted that all items for future agendas should be submitted to the Clerk seven days in advance of the meeting date.

805. Notable correspondence not previously circulated

None.

806. Date and items for the next meeting

January Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 12th January 2022.