

Toller Porcorum Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2019 At Toller Porcorum Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Ennals (Chair)

Cllr H Jones

Cllr P Crabbe

Cllr J Miller

Cllr J Stavenhagen

Cllr N Farmer

In attendance:

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr A Alford (County Councillor), 3 members of the public

Cllr Ennals welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Democratic Forum

None raised.

650. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wardle.

651. Declarations of interests and grants of dispensations

Cllr Ennals declared an interest in the planning application relating to St Peter House by virtue of being a near neighbour to the property and was pursuing the possibility of purchasing a thin strip of land. Cllr Ennals stated that he would leave the room during this discussion, which would be chaired by Cllr Farmer (Vice Chair).

652. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 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 Miller

RESOLVED

653. Planning

i. **WD/D/19/001302 – St Peter House, School Lane**

With the agreement of all present, planning was moved up the agenda. Cllr Farmer in the Chair, Cllr Ennals having left the room.

Developer presented an outline of the application and answered questions relating to:

- Footprint of property;
- Style of proposed property and balance of styles in that area of the village;
- Positioning of detached garage near boundary – developer indicated he would be willing to either move the garage away from the boundary or to reduce its dimensions to achieve the same;
- Concerns re privacy, particularly the proposed dormer windows on the top 'floor'. Developer indicated he would be happy to replace the east and west dormers with conservation roof lights;
- Potential future change of top floor from storage to accommodation which would have privacy implications for neighbours.

Councillors agreed that the following statement would be submitted to the decision-making authority from the Parish Council:

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Toller Porcorum Parish Council has considered the application relating to St Peter House and asks that the Local Planning Authority be asked to note carefully all the written documents presented to them by residents and all verbal comments made at the meeting of this Council held on the 10th July 2019 and recorded in the minutes. The significant points raised at the meeting were:

- Positioning of detached garage very close to the neighbouring property (Rosewood) – developer gave assurances that he could ‘ease’ the garage from the boundary or reduce its dimensions;
- Dormer windows overlooking neighbouring properties (Toller House and Rosewood) – developer indicated that the east and west dormers could be replaced by conservation roof lights;
- The Georgian style of the proposed property is somewhat out of keeping with its neighbours;
- Concerns that the 3rd floor currently intended as storage could in the future be changed to accommodation, significantly affecting the privacy of neighbours;
- The Parish Council also wants to point out that there is no planning notice erected at site and would like to see this undertaken as a matter of urgency.”

ii. **WD/D/19/001433 – Rampisham Down Solar Farm**

No objections raised to proposals designed to extend operational life of solar farm.

Cllr Farmer also noted that the neighbouring parish application at The Old Barn at Kingcombe had been permitted.

654. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed/noted:

- All landowners involved in gate replacement project had given their written consent, which had been forwarded to Tara Hansford (Clerk to confirm she has received and ask for installation dates);
- Clerk and Cllr Miller reported that they had been unable to make progress with enquiries relating to condition of farm buildings. No further action.
- Cllr Stavenhagen reported that Toller Hill junction now recognised as dangerous and listed for monthly vegetation cuts.

655. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Dorset Council

Cllr Alford reported that:

- SEND (educational needs) currently a big issue facing the new council;
- Various Executive Advisory Panels (EAPs) had been established including on Local Plan, Climate Change and relationships with Town and Parish Councils;
- A meeting regarding the beech hedge in Frogmore Lane had taken place with officers – Cllr Alford agreed to revert to officers to try and negotiate a trim of 20cms on the bend and progressive management thereafter (Cllr Alford borrowed the village hall’s aerial photograph of the lane to help with discussions);
- Some discussion about electric vehicle charging points took place – possibility of one at the village hall to be directed to Village Hall Committee for discussion.

ii. DAPTC

Cllr Crabbe reported he had attended some new councillor training and would now take on the role of DAPTC liaison.

iv. Playing Fields Association

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Cllr Ennals and Farmer reported that:

- A meeting was due to take place the following week;
- A noticeboard had been erected and discussions were taking place about a path.

656. Finance & Procedure

i. To consider the receipts and payments due

Receipts	Receipt #	June/July 2019
None		
Total		0.00

Payments		Voucher #	Chq No	
ICO	Data Registration	239	DD	35.00 pd 24/6
Staff	Salary/expenses	240	BACS	427.61
HMRC	PAYE	241	BACS	<u>16.80</u>
				<u>479.41</u>

Proposed: Cllr N Farmer

Seconded: Cllr D Ennals

RESOLVED for payment

ii. To approve updated Standing Orders

A meeting was set for Thursday 5th September at 7pm for discussion on Standing Orders prior to next PC meeting.

657. Highways and Footpaths

i. To receive a Highways update

Cllr Stavenhagen reported that:

- He had not been able to find any potholes on recent trips around the village;
- Possible water issue on the High Street – would be raised with Wessex Water;
- He would contact Highways about clearing the sight lines at the bridge;

657 ii and iii – dealt with earlier in meeting.

658. For information: Use of Fireworks – Law and Guidance

Draft position statement outlining the law and guidance issued by government was circulated prior to the meeting. This statement was agreed by the Parish council and duly approved for circulation to Toller Times and website.

659. Correspondence

Noted. Some discussion took place about the inclusion of various types of emails/letters/messages on the correspondence list, recognising that the Clerk receives a huge amount of correspondence in numerous formats and filters out the most relevant information for Councillors. The correspondence list would continue to be produced for information, recognising that while it would be as accurate as possible, omissions may occur in error.

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- 660. Date and items for the next meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2019**
- Items for the agenda to be notified to Clerk 7 days in advance of the meeting.