

**MINUTES OF THE TOLPUDDLE PARISH MEETING HELD IN TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE
HALL ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2012**

PRESENT:

Nigel Pitman	Chair & Parish Councillor
Diana Foreman	Parish Councillor
Jan Hopkin	Parish Councillor
Patrick Cooke	District Councillor
David Crowhurst	County Councillor
Tony Gould	Clerk

36 members of the village community

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Hilly Cobban, John Taylor and PCSO Vicki Hedges.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS TWO MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Emergency meeting dated 23rd August 2012. It was agreed that these constituted a correct record. Proposed by Paul Taylor and seconded by Julie Bonner.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 24th May 2012. It was agreed that these constituted a correct record. Proposed by Paul Taylor and seconded by Diana Foreman.

POLICE REPORT: Given by the Clerk in the unavoidable absence of PCSO Vickie Hedges. There was no criminal report to make but there had been a bicycle theft.

REPORT by PATRICK COOKE – District Councillor: Patrick explained that he knew that there had been strong feeling about the Wind Farm proposals and that he had visited the Exhibition. He emphasised the need to adhere to planning issues and said that in the West Dorset Council’s District Plan the question of “landscape use” is of great significance.

TAINT (Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines) report by Richard Slocock

Richard began by explaining that TAINT had been established following the exhibition in the Village Hall and the reference to “industrial” was significant because the proposals were for turbines which overall would be over 120 metres high. He pointed out that the Rogers Hill turbine was only 60 meters high and such structures have no place in a rural setting. He said that once the formal planning application goes in, objections must be made on Planning grounds. There are proposals to widen awareness of the issues including a petition.

John Bacon, the Treasurer of TAINT, referred to forms which had been issued and that he hoped people would complete.

Considerable discussion followed.

TOSCA – Report by Peter Walton. Peter reported that the Annual General Meeting of Tosca would take place on 11th October. There is a proposal to wind up Tosca and place the responsibility in the hands of the Parish Council.

TRANSPORT ISSUES/BUS SERVICE – Jan Hopkin reporting.

The Bus Service. Buses continue to operate but with First Bus and not Damory. It was explained that this would lead to some increase in fares and one less journey through the village because the bus now operates from Poole and not Dorchester.

Very large loads. It was said that large loads of bales were being carried at speed by agricultural tractors and the possible dangers. The Chair offered to have a word with the agricultural contractor who had been named at the meeting.

TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION. Peter Walton reporting.

Peter advised that there had not been a recent meeting but that there would be one shortly.

REPORT BY DAVID CROWHURST, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

David reported on the forthcoming Police & Crime Commissioner elections which would take place on November 15th. He explained that he is a member of the existing Police Authority and that the position of Chief Constable is vacant at present. As regards general County Council issues, Debbie Ward is to be the new Chief Executive. He advised that he will be retiring at the County Council elections in April after sixteen years on the Council.

St JOHN'S CHURCH, TOLPUDDLE

Philippa Francis reported that Phase I and II of the structural repairs are nearly complete. Fundraising is about to start for Phase III (kitchen and lavatory). These include The Twitters will be singing at a concert in the Church on Saturday October 20th (jointly for VH), a coffee morning on Saturday 1st December and a folk concert on Friday 7th December in the Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Peter Walton reported that general activity continues to flourish. The main development issue is the extension and in particular the cost of that. Possibility that Viridor will once again make a donation.

RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

David Wilkinson reported that the recent wet weather has caused mud on roads to be an issue. Overhanging branches on the path from Tincton has been another. On the question of the status of the road leading south from Southover which had arisen at the last meeting, David confirmed that this is a county road.

FUTURE EVENTS The following were notified to the meeting:-

- Harvest Supper takes place 5th October – all seats sold
- Family History talk – Friday 12th October - £5.00
- Craft Fair, Village Hall on 1st, 2nd and 3rd November

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Plan – an enquiry was made as to the current position. It was agreed to note that Ann Soderberg had been dealing with it and an interim plan will go out for consultation.

The Community Assets Register. A query was raised as to what is happening. The Chair undertook to raise this matter at a Parish Council meeting.

TAINT – Richard Slocock said that in his earlier statement he had omitted to thank those who had supported the campaign against the West Coast Energy plan for a wind farm. The latest advice is that Milborne Wind Farm is to be re-named Warren Hill Wind Farm but this was contradicted from the floor. The latest position is that yet another name is to be chosen.

Item for the agenda – next meeting. Jan Hopkin said that there is a case for de-coupling Tolpuddle from that of Puddletown. Could it be an item on the agenda with points for and against being put forward. The Chair ruled he would take a vote and after a discussion, those in favour 23, those against 2 with 1 abstention. The debate will be an item on the next agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 7th February 2013 was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.