

**MINUTES OF THE TOLPUDDLE PARISH MEETING
TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL - THURSDAY, 24th of OCTOBER 2013.**

PRESENT	Jan Hopkin	Parish Councillor
	Peter Walton	Parish Councillor
	Tony Gould	Clerk

and 17 members of the village community.

WELCOME The Clerk assumed the Chair and in welcoming people to the meeting advised that the Chair had been delayed on business and it was agreed that the Clerk should continue in the Chair for the duration of the meeting. It was also agreed that Andrew Turner who kindly volunteered, should take a note of the meeting, for which many thanks expressed.

APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Diana Forman, Hilly Cobban, John Taylor, Maureen & Nigel Fitch, Beth King, Steven Baynard and Nigel Pitman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting dated 23rd of May 2013 constituted a correct record. Proposed by David Smallwood and Seconded by Peter Walton. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- Peter Walton had been elected to the Parish Council for the vacancy in Bursledon and it was agreed to congratulate Peter on his election (by existing Parish Councillors).
- Martin Usherwood reported that the breakfasts at the TUC Festival in July had been very successful, thanked the many helpers from the village and advised that £520.00 had been raised for St John's Church and £520.00 for the Village Hall.
- Acting Chair reported on a meeting with the TUC on 18th of October and it had been agreed that the same facilities would be available for breakfasts to be made in 2014.

POLICE REPORT.

The Chair advised that there was no Police report and that that the new Community Police Officer had not been invited to the meeting. It was explained that this was an oversight. It was agreed that Mark should be invited to the next meeting. In discussion it was said that he does not appear to be as visible in the village as Vicky had been.

TRAFFIC/HIGHWAY/BUS ISSUES. Jan Hopkin reported as follows:

- Community Speedwatch. The Police are looking for volunteers who after training would use speed detectors and advise on those who exceed the limit and who would then be advised in writing by the Police as a warning in an effort to keep speed down. Discussion followed some of which was critical of the idea. A vote was taken and it was agreed that participation should be further investigated - six in favour, four against and eight abstentions. Carried: and it was agreed that volunteers should offer names to either Jan Hopkin or Tony Gould.
- Bus Service. The service 387 (Poole) continues to be at risk. A route from Blandford to Dorchester proposed. To be decided by Dorset CC in November and objections to be made in writing by individuals to Spencer Flower at County Hall by 11th of November.
- Congestion has arisen at east end of village associated with new housing development because parking is occurring on the pavement which it was pointed out is illegal. The Acting Chair advised that telephone calls had been received about this from people who were unable to be present. Discussion followed. It was agreed to write to the Parish Council and the CPO about the concern felt in the village.
- A grit bin, it has been agreed by the Parish Council will be sited on the Southover turning during the winter on the understanding it is removable in the summer months.

- Heavy agricultural traffic using Southover Lane at high speed. Pointed out by Acting Chair that this issue is not new and it was agreed to ask Nigel Pitman to have another word with the farmer whose vehicles were said to be involved.

WINDFARM REPORT.

Richard Slocock reporting for TAINT that the current application number 1/D/13/000183 has been withdrawn. He further advised that it is likely that there will be a new application and that there would be a need to be vigilant. It was agreed to note this with satisfaction.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT.

Peter Walton reporting as Chair. The Hall is well used and as just one indication of this the Harvest Supper on October 25th is oversubscribed. A new extension still envisaged but the Committee is currently examining a scheme which may be cheaper. Noted.

St JOHN's CHURCH REPORT.

Philippa Francis reported on a forthcoming fundraising event - a Christmas Fair and Tea on November 15th and also on a Carol Service followed by refreshments on December 15th. A tender has now been accepted for Phase 3 of the proposed development at the Church which will include a disabled lavatory. A sum of £10,000 remains to be raised.

RIGHT OF WAY REPORT.

Lynne Bailey & Dave Wilkinson Liaison Officers reported in person and in writing that the condition of the rights of way is generally satisfactory. They have reported issues to Dorset County Council regarding footpath S46/5 (close ploughing and blockage by vegetation), S6/1 (broken stile at Burtleston) and S46/4 (replacement notice needed). It was agreed to note the report with thanks to Lynn and Dave for their good work.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jan Hopkin reported as follows:-

- Recent planning applications - cattle housing at East Farm, carers apartment at Park Farm, conservatory at Crown Gardens and a conversion at Cowlease Cottage.
- Thanks to Tolpuddle residents who had supported the Library in Puddletown.
- Bus shelter has developed a book-swap function which is excellent.
- In future the Parish Council will be issuing a summary of important points arising from its meetings and this will be on the web-site.

A question was raised about possible development of new housing to the west of Paddock Row. Jan confirmed rumours to this effect but no official application.

Jan advised in relation to a question about the proposal for a new seat in Orchard Meadow, that this needs to be raised directly with the Parish Council.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Orchard Meadow Funday on Sunday 27th of October.
- Father Christmas here 18th/19th and 20th of December

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.

It was agreed without dissent that in 2014 and for the future there should be two ordinary meetings during the year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th of May 2014. The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.