Todber Parish Meeting

Minutes of Todber Parish meeting

Held on the 4th of October 2022 at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church

Present: Cllr Bowe – Chairman Todber Parish, Cllr R King and six members of the Parish.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and Dorset Council Cllr J Somper

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**20/22. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Watkins – Stours Parish Council, Paul & Carol Matcham and Jacintha Bowe

**21/22. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

22/22. To agree the Minutes of the meeting dated the 4th of April 2022.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Chairman and all members of the Parish agreed they are a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman (22/22)

23/22. Matters arising.

Vacancy for Councillor for the Parish – Mr Paul Matcham, resident of the Parish, has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, for Todber Parish. Co-option will take place at the Parish Council meeting in November.

Community Speed Watch – Cllr King reported that another person has come forward to join the speed watch team, which will give a number of four members, so the speed watches will be started again, once the necessary training has been completed. Cllr King also reported that at a recent Speed watch annual meeting, they announced changes to polices, in a positive way. There are still two active area for the Speed watch team to work, one near the Millennium Green and Shave Lane.

Removal of scalping from the layby – Cllr Chairman asked the resident to present their opinion on the removal of the scalping form the layby. The Chairman reported that in the past there was correspondence from the Road Haulage Association asking for the scalping to be removed, but Dorset Council have not actioned this and no further correspondence has been received. Concerns were raised that if the scalping are removed, it will not prevent travellers from using the layby. The Chairman confirmed that the previous family of travellers that caused issues on the said layby, are no longer active. After consideration, it was agreed by the majority to keep the scalping in the layby and review it if requests from other authorities are received.

Update on the millennium green and woods project – Cllr Chairman confirmed that the grass in the meadows will be cut back this month. The reason why the grass has been left to grow so long, is to see what species of flowers and grasses are growing in this area and then consider the best way forward to encourage natural flowers and grasses to grow. It has been agreed that next year there will be two pathways cut around the meadows to ensure people can walk around the area and also a small pathway through the woodland, for easy access to manage the area. Wildflowers and bulbs will be planted in the Autumn and removal of dead trees/branches will done and left for the on the ground in piles for the wildlife. Concerns were raised that the area looks very messy, and the resident asked for assurance that the meadows will be manged better next year. The Chairman assured the resident that the meadows will be managed better next year and the reason above were why the grass had been left to grow so long. A notice asking for people to join a working party to help remove the fence and posts and start clearing up the meadows will be circulated in the village.

24/22.Officers report:

* Highway liaison officer – Cllr King reported that the 30MPH signs need to be cleaned and cleared of any debris. The Parish Council are working with Highways to get the signs cleared. Cllr King reports any road surface issues to Dorset Council Highways team. If any residents have any concerns over road surfaces, please contact Cllr King or the Clerk.
* Rights of way officer and trees liaison officer – Nothing to report. If any resident has an issue with trees or footpaths, please contact the Clerk or Dorset Council Rangers direct.
* SID Management – Cllr King reported on behalf of Cllr King the speed watch report was that around 50% of people are speeding. Speeds of up to 68MPH have been recorded. The speed watch team need more volunteers, so if you can spare a little bit of time and would like to do something positive for the village, please contact the Chairman or Cllr King for more information on joint the speed watch team.

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper had circulated her report, which can be obtained by the Clerk on viewed on the Parish Council website.

* Cllr Somper reported that Dorset Council have secured a grant of 2.7 million pounds to supply electric car chargers around Dorset.
* Cllr Somper also handed out some leaflets giving information on how to help with the cost-of-living increases. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living>
* Cllr Somper is giving the following details of a walk-in workshop for Adult Services. The drop in sections are available to anyone from the age of 18 upwards that feel the need support.

20 Oct Portland Portland Community Venue Three Yards Close, Portland. DT5 1JN 09:00 - 12:30

21 Oct Verwood Verwood Hub - Brock Way, Verwood. BH31 7QE - 13:30 - 16:30

1. Oct Swanage Swanage Library - High St, Swanage BH19 2NU - 13.30 - 16.30

28 Oct Gillingham North Dorset RFC Slaughtergate, Longbury Hill, Lane, Gillingham. SP8 5SY 09:00 - 12:30

31 Oct Lyme Regis Lyme Regis Guildhall - Church Street, Lyme Regis. DT7 3BS - 10:00 - 13:00

25/22. Finance

To consider budget and agree precept for 2023/2024– the Clerk had circulated a detailed proposal for the budget for 2023/2024 and for setting the precept against the budget. After debate, Cllr Chairman proposed to set the precept for 2023/2024 to the sum of £1570.00 (no increase in precept from 2023/2024), this was agreed by all Parish members. This will be proposed at the Parish Council meeting in November for resolution.

26/22. Agenda items to be agreed for the next Parish meeting on date in April 2022 TBA

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.32

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