

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 12 July 2011 at 1930**

Present: Mr McWilliams, (Chairman), Mr Stock (Vice Chairman), Mr Anderson, Mr Cork, Mr Russell, County Councillor Martin Trollop-Bellew, Mr Childs (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies were received from District Councillor Mrs Ibis Channel and PCSO Charlie Smith.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register. New Declarations of Interest forms were completed for 4 Parish Councillors. No conflicts of interest were expressed on the agenda items.

Minutes of the last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting on 10 May 2011 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising. All matters arising would be covered in the agenda items.

Planning Applications.

Mrs Renner – Bridge House – One Mobile Home has been removed and the application for the second for domestic use is being processed.

Mrs Wanstall – The Cottage, Toft – New Vehicular Access –Rejected by SKDC.

Mr Smith – Lound – Retention of Stable – Approved by SKDC with some conditions.

Parish Property.

Jasmine Cottage. The tenant has yet to reply to the last Parish Council letter. A proposed addendum to the Tenancy Agreement has been given to the tenant; this states that future structural alterations to Jasmine Cottage, by the tenant, will require prior written approval from the Parish Council. The tenant has been asked to reply by the end of July 2011. The tenant is planning further improvements to the property and has stated he will submit plans to the Parish Council for comment and approval.

Playing Field. Culling of the rabbits on the playing field continues and ground repairs can be considered when culling is complete. Anti bird fouling strips are to be purchased to stop fouling of the swing seats.

Action: Mr Anderson.

Highways.

Toft.

Walkway. The Highways Department have advised that the Land Search Order states that highways land extends 4ft from the edge of the road for the properties opposite the entrance to the Toft Hotel. The Clerk would seek

written confirmation from the Highways Department. This information, with a covering letter from the Chairman, would be sent to all householders on the road as other instances of transgressions are apparent. Assistance in clearing the land of large shrubs could be provided by Parish Councillors.

Action: Clerk, Chairman.

New "Village" Signage. It was agreed to purchase a further new village sign at a cost of £395 for the entrance to Toft from Stamford. This will match the sign to be installed by Highways at the other end of the village. The signs will state "Welcome to Toft Please Drive Carefully. An additional bend sign is to be erected on the A6121 from Bourne.

Action: Clerk.

Reactive Sign. Detailed costings and plans for a new reactive sign in Toft on the A6121 have been received and reviewed. It was a majority decision to go ahead with the smaller sign stating 30mph, with slow down warnings. The approximate cost to the Parish Council would be £6400 and the Clerk was asked to arrange a further on site meeting to finalise details and costs. There was one objection to the proposed location of the sign by a resident. They would be invited to the on site meeting.

Action: Clerk, Mr Stock.

Finance Summary.

Barclays Current Account	£1938.77
Barclays Savings Account	£8050.20
Halifax Investment Account	£6411.00 @ 2.3% maturing 12 Apr 12.
Halifax Investment Account	£7531.96 @ 1.25% maturing 12 Oct 11.
Halifax Deposit Account	£100.53

Cheques to be signed. A cheque for the fireworks for £250 was approved and signed. The mandate for new signatories has been approved. Signatories for the Halifax accounts will be changed at the maturity dates.

General Items.

Parish Community Cleaner. Mr M Dawson has been appointed as the parish community cleaner. Insurance, timesheets and consumables have all been arranged and finances from SKDC have been completed. The scheme is working well but feedback on areas to be cleared would be appreciated.

Donation to Thurlby School. Investigations had shown that only 4 pupils at Thurlby School come from within the Parish. It was agreed that a donation, as per Edenham School, was not appropriate.

Hirer Indemnity Forms. A form to be signed by individuals wishing to borrow Parish Council equipment has been prepared. A deposit of £30 was agreed for loan of tables and chairs. Mr Anderson would progress details.

Action: Mr Anderson.

Marque Purchase. The Parish Council had hired 2 marquees for the recent Royal Wedding celebrations at a cost of £100. With future events in mind, as

well as the annual fireworks display, it was agreed to purchase two 4 x 8 metre marquees at an approximate cost of £600. These could also be hired out as required. Mr Anderson would provide accurate costs. Action: Mr Anderson.

Standing Orders. Model Standing Orders from LALC had been received and circulated. It was agreed to finalise the Parish Council Standing Orders by 10 August 2011. Action: All

Correspondence.

1. Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework. – Agreed.
2. Community Wildlife Grant – Details circulated.

AOB County Councillor Trollope-Bellew updated the meeting on County staff redundancies and proposed improvements to broadband in the county.

DONM The date of the next meeting will be 28 September 2011.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....