

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 30 November 2011 at 1930**

Present: Mr McWilliams, (Chairman), Mr Stock (Vice Chairman), Mr Anderson, Mr Cork, Mr Russell, County Councillor Martin Trollop-Bellew, District Councillor Ibis Channel, Mr Childs (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

Apologies: Nil.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register. Mr McWilliams, Mr Anderson and Mr Cork expressed a personal interest in the planning application by Mrs Dawson for the erection of 2 polytunnels to the rear of The Old Bakehouse in Manthorpe.

Minutes of the last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting on 28 September 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 – With SKDC.

Mrs Dawson – The Old Bakehouse – Application to erect 2 poly-tunnels and open a trade nursery. Mrs Dawson outlined the proposal to the meeting and then answered questions from the Parish Councillors and members of the public. The Parish Council has yet to receive the formal application from SKDC.

Parish Property.

Jasmine Cottage. The Clerk has met with the Tenant and discussions continue to agree a rent increase from 1 Feb 12.

Playing Field. Culling of the rabbits on the playing field continues and some 20 rabbits have been shot with many more trapped. Myxomatosis appears to be affecting the rabbit population as well. When appropriate, the field will be chain harrowed and have a top dressing of grass seed.

Highways.

Highways Walkabout Summary. The Clerk outlined the major points from the Highways Walkabout on 28 Oct 11:

1. Opposite Toft Hotel entrance – Highways to take action to have shrubs removed which are across boundary and restricting access to hotel. If successful, then Derek Lees agrees to sell land to provide walk way and Deed of Agreement will be drawn up. Money for project only available until end of financial year.
2. Rockery on Lound Road near triangle also crosses onto Highways property. Highways to take action.

3. Head wall by bus shelter to be replaced by Highways as blocking drainage.
4. Highways to determine who owns land opposite Fairways houses down to A6121.
5. New Bend sign to be installed at top of hill on A6121 into Toft from Bourne.
6. Wilsthorpe Road junction – Potholes to be monitored and filled in due course.
7. Wilsthorpe Road edges to be feathered in places when considered necessary.
8. Overhanging brambles on retaining wall opposite Stroombank to be removed.
9. Bridge structure is sound and monitored and repairs have been completed.
10. Footpath by bridge to be levelled as land is subsiding.
11. Overhanging foliage is blocking priority sign by bridge.
12. Dead tree on A6121 lay bye is being removed by Derek Lees.

The Clerk explained that the Thurlby Highways Department had been short staffed recently, but were currently back to full strength. The above actions would now be progressed.

Reactive Sign on A6121 at Toft. There has been no action since the last PC meeting. Mr Stock will contact the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to be involved in the decision making for this project. Action: Clerk, Mr Stock.

A6121. It was reported that the surface of the road in Toft was breaking up on the bend adjacent to Back Lane. Action: Clerk

Finance Summary.

Barclays Current Account	£4034.45
Barclays Savings Account	£8052.20
Halifax Investment Account	£6411.00 @ 2.3% maturing 12 Apr 12.
Halifax Investment Account	£7626.13 closed and moved to Melton BS.
Halifax Deposit Account	£170.59 closed and moved to Current account
Melton BS	£7626.13 @ 2.1% on 100 day notice.

The account with Melton Mowbray Building Society has been opened and the Clerk, Mr Childs, and the Chairman, Mr McWilliams are the signatories; both signatures are required to operate the account.

Cheques to be signed. Nil

Donations. The following donations were approved:

Edenham School. - £400.

St Andrew's Sunday School. - £100

Willoughby School. - £100

St Andrews PCC. - £300

Royal British Legion. - £200

Air Ambulance. - £200

St Barnabas Hospice. - £200

Total £1500.

In addition, a small donation would be made to Stephen Osborne for his flag raising duties and to Mr Martin Taylor and David Ewles for culling of rabbits.

General Items.

Parish Community Cleaner. The local verges have been cleared throwing up significant rubbish. This will be cleared by the Community Cleaner whose basic minimum wage has been increased to £6.08 per hour.

Hirer Indemnity Forms. Item closed.

Marquee Purchase. Mr Anderson advised that the cost of two 4 x 8 metre Marquees would be around £700. Mr Anderson and Mr Hartley would now provide detailed specifications to be approved by the Parish Council.

Parish Plan. It was agreed not to progress a Parish Plan.

Queen's Jubilee. Outline details were given for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in Jun 12. There were no volunteers to head up a committee to organise the event.

Fireworks Wash-up. The Fireworks evening had been a great success and donations on the evening more than covered the cost of the free sausages and soup. Next year food should be provided to the firework's team as a priority. Sparklers will be forbidden at future events due to safety concerns both on the evening and subsequently when children play on the field.

Additional street light in Manthorpe opposite Stroombank. The Clerk advised that a request for a survey had been submitted and a costing from EON was awaited.

Bridge works in Manthorpe. The Environment Agency (EA) has recently carried out works to the pumping station next to the bridge. Without any consultation, extensive use has been made of galvanised rails which, in the opinion of many, are not in character with the village. Mr Cork will discuss the issue with the EA.
Action Mr Cork

Correspondence.

1. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons. – Noted and application done.

- 2. Precept setting. – Agreed on £0.
- 3. Community Cleaner minimum wage. – Noted.
- 4. Diamond Jubilee Questionnaire. – Answered.
- 5. St John Ambulance thank you letter. – Noted.

AOB. The following was discussed under AOB:

County Councillor Martin Trollop-Bellew informed the meeting that, following an overspend in the budget, the new Peterborough City Hospital financial rating had been reduced from 3 to 1 and a warning issued.

Mrs Penny Dawson offered to plant a tree in the playing field to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

DONM. The date of the next meeting will be 19 January 2012.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....