

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at  
Toft Hotel on 19 January 2012 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 3 members of the public.**

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register.** No conflicts of interest were expressed on the agenda items.

**Minutes of the last Meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting on 30 November 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 – The application for retention of a mobile house has been approved by SKDC with conditions on use and end of term. These were explained by the Clerk.

Mrs Dawson – The Old Bakehouse – Application to erect 2 poly-tunnels and open a trade nursery. With SKDC for planning meeting on 7 February 2012.

**Parish Property.**

Jasmine Cottage. The Clerk has met with the Tenant and a new rent of £4100 per annum has been agreed from 1 February 2012. The Parish Council will take on the full buildings insurance for the Barn Building from June 2012. The next rent revue will be from 1 February 2015.

Playing Field. Culling of the rabbits continues and arrangements need to be finalised to chain harrow and have a top dressing of grass seed carried out. An estimate would be sought for covering the mound in wire and re-turfing.

**Highways.**

Legal responsibility to keep paths clear. The Chairman explained the legal responsibility of LCC to respond to householders' concerns over the condition of footpaths and roads.

Preferred reporting procedure for residents' concerns. Details were given for members of the public to contact Lincolnshire County Council Highways call centre. These details will be posted on the web site. Action: Chairman.

Street lights costings. Costings for street lights in Manthorpe had been received. They were £2411 + VAT for a light on the Wilsthorpe Road. A light

opposite Stroombank was £5760 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed that the costs were too high to progress the proposals.

Walkabout Update. The Clerk updated progress from major points on the Highways Walkabout on 28 Oct 11:

#### Manthorpe

Wilsthorpe road potholes re-reported and will be completed by Hot Box crew in February.

Overhanging brambles. These have been cut back by Mr Hartley.

Footpath by bridge. Project in next year's programme.

Dead tree on A6121 layby has been trimmed.

#### Toft

Hotel entrance. Letter in post within 14 days to the 3 householders and Highways will remove vegetation on highways land.

Rockery on Lound Road. Ongoing as per above.

Head wall by bus shelter. In hand by LCC.

A new bend sign has been installed on A6121.

Fairways pavement to be scraped of moss.

Reactive Sign on A6121 at Toft. A meeting with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership took place on site on 17 Jan 12. The decision was not to recommend a reactive sign as it would be of no benefit in reducing speeding and accidents. Indeed, it could prove a distraction to motorists. It was unanimously agreed not to pursue this project. During the site meeting the LRSP representative advised the Parish Council that the chevron signs leading into the Toft from Bourne would be replaced with yellow outlined chevron signs.

### **Finance Summary.**

Barclays Current Account	£ 3384.80
Barclays Savings Account	£ 8052.20
Halifax Investment Account	£6411.00 @ 2.3% maturing 12 Apr 12.
Melton BS	£7626.13 @ 2.1% on 100 day notice.

Cheques to be signed. Nil

It was agreed to transfer a significant sum from the savings account to the Melton Mowbray BS account.

### **General Items.**

Manthorpe Bridge Following a meeting with the Environment Agency, the metal posts by the bridge have been replaced with wooden fencing. The galvanised posts by the gauging station will be painted black. The flood defence bank has also been covered with wire netting to prevent rabbit damage. Top soil will also be added.

Parish Community Cleaner. Recent Highways maintenance of the road side verges and hedges has thrown up significant amounts of rubbish. The clearing will be undertaken by the Community Cleaner.

Marque purchase update. It was agreed to purchase two 4 x 8m marquees in PVC finish. One with solid walls and one with widow walls. The total cost approved was £1207.72 inc VAT. The details would be passed to the Clerk to order for the Parish Council. Action: Mr Anderson; Clerk

Queen's Jubilee update.

Commemoration mugs. The Chairman explained that WOTH Jubilee Committee had invited a joint venture to order some form of memorabilia for the Queens Jubilee. A sum of £300 was available from St Andrews Parish Hall Committee Fund. It was agreed to support the venture and the numbers of children under 16 in the Parish would be determined. It was also agreed to support the planting of trees in 3 areas in the Parish by the end of March and to prepare a new sign for the Jubilee Playing Field. Parish Council members would research suitable sites for the trees in their respective villages. Action: Chairman, Mr Anderson, Mr Stock, Mr Russell and Mr Cork.

Tug-of-war invitation WOTH have invited the Parish to start the Queens Jubilee festivities with a Tug of War competition. It was agreed to enter.

### **Correspondence.**

1. Thank you letters for Donations. Noted and certificate from Air Ambulance passed on to Toft Hotel. Which Robert has offered to Frame and put up in the hotel bar.
2. Self help in bad weather. Noted.
3. NALC planning explained. Noted.
4. Request for donation by Lincs Integrated Voluntary Service (LIVES). Noted for next year

**AOB.** The following was discussed under AOB:

The Bourne recycling contract is due to end in mid March. Details of the new contract have yet to be released.

Clarification would be sought by the District Councillor on the earliest time that bins may be put out prior to collection.

The next District Councillor's 'Hillsides' meeting will take place at the end of February in Carlby. The District Councillor invited 2 members of the Parish Council to attend the meeting.

**DONM.** The date of the next meeting will be 28 March 2012.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

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