

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at  
Toft Hotel on 28 March 2012 at 1930**

**Present: Mr McWilliams, (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.**

The Chairman opened the meeting advising that Mr Stock had resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons. His contribution to the Parish was acknowledged. The process for electing a replacement has been initiated.

**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 19 January 2012 were accepted as a true copy.

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

**Planning Applications.**

Mrs Dawson – The Old Bakehouse – Application to erect 2 poly-tunnels and open a trade nursery. Approved by SKDC with conditions applied.

Mr Otterburn – Honeysuckle House – with SKDC. The Parish Council has requested that the new bathroom window be frosted with top opening only in order to preserve the privacy of occupants in Amberley Barn.

Toft Hotel – Old squash court. There were no objections to the application by the Parish Council.

**Parish Property.**

**Jasmine Cottage.** The loft insulation in Jasmine Cottage will be improved on 10 April 2012. The cost is £79.

**Playing Field.** Culling of the rabbits continues and the mound has been protected by steel wire with a top dressing of soil with grass seed on top. However, the rabbits continue to try and get into the mound (unsuccessfully) so additional top soil and wire to protect the surface will be needed. In addition, it was proposed to rope off the area and place notices requesting that people keep off the mound in the short term until the grass is established. It was suggested that the individuals on the grass cutting roster carry out minor repairs to the mound.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed to order a new sign for the playing field at a cost up to £150.

Action: Mr Cork.

## **Highways.**

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

Manthorpe.

Wilsthorpe road potholes have been repaired.  
The footpath by bridge remains in next year's programme.

Toft.

Hotel entrance and Rockery on Lound Road. Due to staff shortages and other priorities, the letters to the respective householders have not yet been sent. However, on a positive note, the money allocated for the walkway will still be available in the next financial year.

The head wall by bus shelter is in hand by LCC.  
The Fairways pavement has been scraped of moss.

Lound. The road out of Lound to Edenham is suffering from potholes and roadside break up. Mr Russell would contact the highways department.

Action: Mr Russell

## **Finance Summary.**

Barclays Current Account	£ 3170.56
Barclays Savings Account	£ 1052.20
Halifax Investment Account	£6411.00 @ 2.3% maturing 12 Apr 12.
Melton BS	£14626.13 @ 2.1% on 100 day notice.

The Halifax account will be transferred to the Barclays current account to cover funds for the mound improvements and the new marquees.

Cheques to be signed. A cheque for £431.42 was signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses.

## **General Items.**

Parish Community Cleaner. The programme is working well although the Parish Council has been underpaid in the last 6 months. The deficit will be paid in April 2012. Fly dumping has been noted on the Thurlby Road and the items have been removed.

Marque purchase update. The 2 new marquees are ready for delivery and a cheque for £1031.39 was made out in final settlement. Action: Mr Anderson; Clerk

Queen’s Jubilee update.

Commemoration mugs. A grant sum of £300 is available from LCC and it was agreed to order 100 commemorative mugs which will be distributed one per household in the parish. In addition, medals will be purchased to give to participants in the “Children’s Olympics”. Food, bunting, toilets and marquees are all on order. Action: Chairman.

**Correspondence. Nil.**

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

The side gullies on Back Lane to Thurlby from Toft are becoming blocked with rotting vegetation from the adjacent shrubs. The Clerk would advise Highways. Action: Clerk.

The public footpath/bridleway from Lound to WOTH has recently been blocked with stock fencing. Mr Russell would speak to the landowner. Action. Mr Russell.

The County Councillor advised that salt stocks were plentiful after an average winter’s consumption. A new interim Chief Executive has been appointed at the Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

**DONM.** The date of the next meeting, the Parish Annual Meeting and the Parish Council AGM, will be 30 May 2012 commencing 7.00 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....