

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 12 December 2012 at 1930**

Present: Mr Cork, (Chairman), Mr Anderson, Mrs Cook, Mr Russell, County Councillor Trollop-Bellew, District Councillor Channel, Mr Childs (Clerk) and no members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr McWilliams.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register. There were no declared conflicts of interest based on the agenda items.

Minutes of the last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting on 17 October 2012 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising. The Clerk had spoken to the landowners of the hedge on the Wilsthorpe Road concerning Hawthorn cuttings being left on the main road. It remains to be seen if the hedge cuttings are picked up in future.

Planning Applications.

Mr Mossman – Replacement Dwelling Manor Farm House. Approved by SKDC.

Parish Property.

Playing Field. The hut door needs repainting and David Dodd has been asked to carry out the task. The Clerk has asked for an update but has yet to receive a reply. The Clerk raised the issue of the volunteer list for people to cut the grass on the mound and surrounding the swings. Over the year the system had broken down with individuals not passing on the shed key to the next named person. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact all individuals on the list to confirm their commitment. If sufficient individuals remain committed then individual keys could be made and distributed. If volunteers were insufficient, then a contract would need to be signed with a dedicated worker. Action: Clerk.

Highways. An update on the Parish Walkabout issues is as follows.

Manthorpe. The footpath by the bridge has not been repaired by the end of November but is still in the programme of works.

Toft.

Hotel Entrance and Rockery on Lound Road. One landowner opposite the Toft Hotel entrance claims to have cleared the land. The other landowner remains committed to clear the land but no action has yet been taken. The landowner nearest the A6121 remains uncooperative and legal action has been started to remove the rockery on the Highways land. The footway moss on Fairways has still not been cleared and is in the programme of works. The point was made again that this lack of action creates embarrassment for members of the Parish Council who have told local residents that

the above issues will be resolved. The Lincolnshire County Councillor Mr Trollope-Bellew stated he would speak to the Highways Department at his next meeting with them.
Action: Councillor Trollope-Bellew.

Lound. Water Board work has affected Lower Street in Lound. When complete, patching will be carried out and possible surface dressing completed subject to finances.

Finance Summary.

Barclays Current Account	£ 822.76
Barclays Savings Account	£ 1054.40
Melton BS	£20706.23 @ 2.1% on 100 day notice.

Cheques to be signed. A Cheque was signed for materials used for the base to the new shed. (£108.80)

General Items.

Marquee storage update. The shed is now complete and several bookings have been made to hire the marquees.

Bonfire Night Wash-up. The event was a success although fewer people attended than in previous years. The soup was appreciated as were the sausages. A means of keeping the sausages warm needs to be addressed. It was felt that the “Gala Display Fireworks Pack,” as ordered in previous years, was not to the same quality. An upgrade may be necessary. A competition to make a Guy for the bonfire could be held with the winning Guy being on top of the bonfire.

Parish Donations. It was agreed to purchase donations of wine and gin to David Ewles and Steven Osborne for their contributions to the Parish. The volunteer workers who prepared the base for the shed at no charge would also be rewarded for their efforts.
Action: Clerk, Mr Anderson.

NHW Revue. The NHW scheme in Manthorpe and Toft is heavily reliant on the use of electronic communications to speedily pass on information. It was agreed that details of the scheme need to be further advertised in local magazines and the web site and the NHW organisation contacted to request packs and stickers as required. It was also agreed that perhaps Toft could amalgamate with Lound who do not appear to have a local set up.
Action: Clerk Mrs Cook.

Replacement Street Light Policy. An unserviceable orange street light in Manthorpe has recently been replaced with a brighter white light. Two complaints were made and the bulb has now been changed to a compatible orange one. The meeting agreed that this should be the standard for future replacement street lights. The Chairman will inform SKDC.
Action: Chairman.

Correspondence. Nil.

AOB. On behalf of Richard Blanchard, the Clerk raised the issue of accidents/incidents on the A6121 by the track leading to Bowthorpe Farm and Hollyhock Cottage. A request for highways to install a sign “Farm Vehicles Turning” has been rejected. The meeting discussed the issue and supported the proposal. Councillor Martin Trollope-Bellew agreed to raise this issue at his next meeting with Highways. Action: Councillor Trollope-Bellew.

DONM. The date of the next meeting will be 27 February 2013 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....