

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 27 February 2013 at 1930**

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

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Cook.

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 12 December 2012 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising.

Parish Donations. Donations have been given to individuals who have carried out tasks on behalf of the Parish Council. A thank you card from Mr Osborne was circulated.

Replacement Street Light Policy. The Chairman outlined the feedback from SKDC concerning replacement street lights. It was agreed to await the outcome of the next streetlight failure to see if the policy was satisfactory.

NHW review. There is a need for a local Co-ordinator for the NHW scheme in the Parish. An email will be circulated asking for a volunteer. A flyer will also be compiled and circulated to all Parish residents requesting a volunteer. In addition, Mr Anderson will temporarily take the lead in acquiring and distributing relevant literature to the Parish community. Action: Chairman, Mr Anderson.

Farm. "Vehicles Turning" sign. An update was given by the County Councillor who had spoken to the Highways Department. He reported that discussions were in place between Mr Blanchard and Mr Brumfield. However, Mr Blanchard, who was present at the meeting, denied that these were taking place. It was agreed that some action should be taken and a letter from the Parish Council would be sent by the Chairman to Mr Brumfield. In addition, the County Councillor would follow up on the issue. Action Chairman/County Councillor.

Planning Applications.

Mr Mossman – amendments to permission. With SKDC.
Mr Smith – Two storey side extension. With SKDC.

Parish Property.

Playing Field. The Clerk reported that attempts to speak to Mr Dodd re- painting the Playing Field Hut door had failed. In addition, there was a need to paint the Bus

Shelter at the cross roads and to carry out maintenance to the WI bench, the bench on the road by the bridge in Manthorpe and 2 of the Parish Notice Boards. The Playing Field Hut roof also needs re-felting. The Clerk would seek out a painter to carry out the tasks. The Clerk then explained that he had contacted all of the individuals who volunteer to cut the grass on the mound. All bar one had agreed to stay within the scheme. The cost of keys to the hut for all individuals would be some £80 and it was not felt necessary to provide these. It was agreed that the wording on the roster would request a more proactive response from individuals who should have had the key passed to them. Action: Clerk.

Jasmine Cottage. The Clerk advised that the attic in Jasmine Cottage, following improved loft insulation last year, was now suffering from damp. The Clerk had contacted the installer and ventilation panels have been installed which seem to have solved the problem. The Tenant has also reported that 2 windows will not shut properly. The windows were installed by a Parish Council contract in 2003 but the company concerned has ceased trading. A local company has been asked for a quotation to fix the problem. This is still forthcoming. A member of the public queried whether these repairs were the responsibility of the tenant under the maintenance section of the tenancy. The Parish Council disagreed with this; all agreed that such repairs were the full responsibility of the landlord. Action Clerk

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

Manthorpe. The footpath by the bridge is programmed for the end of March. However, numerous drainage/potholes have a higher priority in the local area which may delay the repair.

Toft.

Hotel Entrance and Rockery on Lound Road. Two of the 3 landowners have had formal legal letters issued as they have not cleared the Highways land as requested. The details are now with the Highways Legal Department. The footway moss on Fairways has been cleared by local resident Neil Adams. The Chairman will write a note of thanks to Mr Adams. Action: Chairman

Lound. Pothole repairs to Lower Street will be carried out in the next financial year.

Finance Summary.

Barclays Current Account	£1009.82
Barclays Savings Account	£1054.53
Melton BS	£20706.23 @ 1.9% on 100 day notice. (change
wef 25 Jan 13)	

Cheques to be signed. Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary and expenses and for annual fees to LALC.

General Items.

Indemnity Agreement from Richard Hartley. An Agreement to Indemnify has been received from Mr Richard Hartley in respect of electricity supplied by him to the Playing Field Hut. The agreement has been forwarded to the legal department at LALC for comment. Action: Clerk

Community Lights in Parish. A request has been received to make a Community Donation to the residents of Church Farm in recognition of their external Christmas light decorations. On reflection, it was considered that such a donation would be unfair to all those other residents in Manthorpe, Toft and Lound who had also made efforts to provide community illuminations. It was agreed to place on record the appreciation of the Parish Council to all who had contributed to the festive occasion by setting up external lights in their gardens.

Correspondence. An SKDC electoral review is ongoing. Details for residents to comment will be posted on the local web site. Action: Mr McWilliams.

AOB. The following was discussed:

Village Signs. A suggestion was made to install more welcoming village signs in the Parish. ie “Welcome to” The Clerk would investigate costs. Action: Clerk.

Driving Range Lights. A concern was raised about light pollution caused by the driving range lights which are on from dusk until 8.p.m. The meeting agreed this was a private landowner issue.

County Councillor Report. The County Councillor reported:

1. **Care Quality Commission – Media Reports on Staffing Levels.** The CQC report relating to Stamford and Rutland Hospital dates back to August 2012. Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has stated that since that time several vacant nursing posts have been filled and nursing rosters have been reviewed to ensure staffing levels are adequate.
2. **East Midlands Ambulance Service (E.M.A.S).** The Consultation on “Being the Best “ only came out just in favour so E.M.A.S are looking to potentially having 27 Hubs instead of 13, with 2 in South Lincs at Grantham & Market Deeping. Phil Millagan the C.X. of E.M.A.S. said he could not hit the Gov targets with the Finances he has.
3. **L.C.C. Wind Turbine Consultation.** A poll in the county showed that 89% agreed with L.C.C.’s stance & 63% thought wind turbines had no place in Lincs.
4. **Highways.** Salt usage this year has been 25,000 Tones with 10,000 ton still in store. A further 9,000 ton is being delivered. An extra £6.4 M from Gov over 2 years has been granted for repairing potholes. However, the estimated cost to repair all Lincolnshire potholes is £100M with £400M needed to bring all Lincs roads up to standard.

5. Education. Bourne Grammar School is increasing their intake to about 200 this year. Previous entries are 2010 – 100, 2011 – 150, and 2012 – 180.

DONM. The date of the next meeting, the Parish Annual Meeting and Parish Council AGM, will be 8 May 2013 commencing 7 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....