

**Minutes of a Parish Council Annual General Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 8 May 2013 at 1930**

Present: Mr Cork, Mr Anderson, Mr McWilliams, Mrs Cook, County Councillor Trollop-Bellew, Mr Childs (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies were received from District Councillor Channel and belated apologies from Mr Russell.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr Anderson was nominated by Mr Cork and seconded by Mr McWilliams to be Chairman for the next year. Mr Russell was nominated by Mr McWilliams and seconded by Mr Cork to be Vice Chairman for the next year. (accepted post meeting) Both votes were unanimously in favour.

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 27 February 2013 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising.

NHW review. Helen Croft has agreed to stand as the new local coordinator. She will coordinate issues of local leaflets especially for those without email. She will attend an area NHW meeting soon. Lynn Powell has been attending some meetings and has some literature for the notice boards. Mr Anderson will be the contact link in Manthorpe.

Bowthorpe Park Farm. Vehicles Turning sign. Mr Cork has written to highways to ask for a continuous white line to be installed on this section of the A6121. Highways reply stated an independent study was required. Mr Blanchard stated he will erect his own signs at busy times of the year.

Indemnity Agreement with Richard Hartley. An agreement has been signed and issued. The electricity supply to the hut is now RCD protected.

Planning Applications.

Mr Mossman – amendments to permission. Approved by SKDC.

Mr Smith – Two storey side extension. Approved by SKDC.

Solar Farm at Manthorpe Farm. Although no planning application has been submitted the item was discussed. The key points are that Pegasus Group has asked whether an EIA submission is necessary. The SKDC reply was that none was required. However, this is not an indication that planning permission will be approved. Justin Johnson (case officer) believes the site is within the Parish boundary. Ibis Channel believes 2 parts of the SKDC Core Strategy are relevant; visual impact of a scheme and renewable energy generation. If a planning application is made, Ibis intends to ask that it is considered by the full Planning Committee. Additionally, she is prepared to speak at any future Planning Committee meeting. A public meeting may be best way ahead if planning application is received and Thurlby and Wilsthorpe Parishes should be involved as well. Planning officers have stated that they would not wish to give opinion at such a meeting.

Parish Property.

Playing Field. Hut door still to be repainted. Contract has been made with Mathew Pryke for £958.96 to also maintain bus shelter, 2 benches and 2 notice boards.

Grass cutting the mound. A new roster has been issued. The Clerk would confirm the Richard Harris contract for cutting the grass. Action: Clerk

Jasmine Cottage. The windows problem has been fixed.

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

Manthorpe. Highways have asked BT to rectify the sunken BT manhole cover in the footpath near Manthorpe bridge. The job has been given reference number 1537342. Mr Cork will continue to monitor. Action: Mr Cork.

Toft.

Hotel Entrance and Rockery on Lound Road. According to Highways, as a result of a couple of stiff letters from their legal section, the highway verge has now been cleared. Highways will now approach Mr Lees with a view to purchasing the strip of land necessary for the Walkway.

Lound. Pothole repairs to Lower Street will be carried out in the next financial year. Mrs Croft requests urgent action due to potholes at bottom of the Street. Action Clerk.

Finance Summary.

Barclays Current Account	£2696.58
Barclays Savings Account	£1054.53
Melton BS	£20706.23 @ 1.9% on 100 day notice.

Insurance. The Clerk would investigate the best insurance policy between the existing insurer and Aon. Action: Clerk.

The annual audit details were approved and signed.

General Items.

Anniversary of 200 years of bridge. This year is the 200th anniversary of the construction of the bridge in Manthorpe. To celebrate the occasion, ideas were discussed including gathering photographs from residents to place on web site. A celebratory party was agreed and a volunteer is needed to lead a steering group. Mrs Cook would be the Parish Council liaison. It was agreed that £500 be available to spend. The Parish marquees would be available free. All agreed.

Daffodil planting. A suggestion was made to plant more daffodils at entrances to the villages. Some 800 will be needed for all village entrances. Highways permission will need to be sought with planting in Sep 13. All agreed and Clerk to action with Highways. Action: Clerk

Correspondence.

1. Bourne Civic Reception. Noted.
2. Letter Carole Wright – rocks on verges in Manthorpe – restricting space. Highways have been informed and they have written to residents.

AOB. The following was discussed:

Dead trees outside Fairways. Mr Darroch has contacted Ian Cummings in Highways reference problem of dead trees between Fairways and the A6121, but has yet to receive a reply. Mr Brumfield agrees something should be done but claims Highways does not own the land. Mr Darroch also claims that the residents of Fairways do not own the land. The responsibility for clearance is with the landowner, who remains unknown.

The County Councillor stated that Martin Hill has been elected as leader of the Conservatives in LCC. Other groups have yet to decide but a decision is needed by 17 May for the first full CC meeting.

Mrs Hartley stated that she had noticed broken glass in the Playing Field and a discarded mattress behind the bus shelter. The Clerk will inform the Community Cleaner. Action: Clerk

Mrs Hartley stated that the rabbits were still a problem in the Playing Field and that, in her opinion, the children’s slide mound was, again, in a dangerous state. Parish Councillors agreed to relook at the situation. Action: Parish Councillors

DONM. The date of the next meeting, the Parish Annual Meeting and Parish Council AGM, will be 3 July 2013 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....