

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 3 Jul 2013 at 1930**

Present: Mr Anderson, Chairman, Mr Cork, Mr McWilliams, Mr Russell, Mr Childs (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Apologies: Mrs Cook, County Councillor Trollop-Bellew.

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 8 May 2013 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising.

1. “Rabbits were still a problem in the Playing Field and the children’s slide mound was, in a dangerous state”.

Parish Councillors have visited the site and reported that there are some low level holes. These are not considered dangerous or excessive. Indeed the position is improving after holes were previously filled. The grass cutters will be asked to fill holes and Parish Councillor volunteers will fill holes and seed the area.

2. “Bothorpe Park Farm. Continuous white line on road to stop overtaking”.

Mr Cork has written to Highways requesting consideration for a continuous white line to be installed. After receiving a holding reply, and amidst some confusion regarding a double white line, the request was rejected. The reason was insufficient criteria to install a line and doing so would dilute the impact of white lines in other locations. The County Councillor will be asked to raise the topic directly with Highways.

Action: County Councillor

Planning Applications.

Solar Farm at Manthorpe Farm. No further info.

Church Farm – PV panels. No objections and passed to SKDC

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. Work will be completed this year but no start date as yet. The Clerk to request that work be completed by 25Aug. Action clerk

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. Ongoing

Action: Mr Cork.

Toft.

Hotel Entrance and Rockery on Lound Road. No further update available as Ian Cummings is not available for over 2 weeks and he is project man at Highways. The finances for project are still available.

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

Parish Walkabout. Walkabout arranged for 16 Sep at 1600hrs. Clerk to request that Mr Brian Thompson attend. Action Clerk

Finance Summary.

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

The annual audit details have been sent but no response to date.

General Items.

Anniversary of 200 years of bridge. Project Plan has been prepared for event to be held on 25 Aug on the Playing Field with marquees etc. The Petanque pitch has been prepared, trees cut back and nettles removed. A Flyer will be prepared by Mr McWilliams; copies will be distributed to each house in the 3 villages to both publicise the event and gauge numbers of those attending. Details will be placed in the Three Towers magazine and on the Parish web site. Action: Mr McWilliams, Mrs Cook and Mr Russell.

Daffodil planting. Richard Hartley can purchase 800 daffodils at wholesale price. Ideally, these should be the smaller head variety. Plan is to plant in the Autumn. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Highways for the necessary forms. Action: Clerk.

Fireworks Order. It was agreed to spend more this year on fireworks and to upgrade from the traditional Gala Pack Display. The next in progression is the Carnival Display Pack at £349 + delivery. The Clerk was asked to check with the suppliers of the Toft Hotel fireworks to compare prices. Action: Clerk.

Correspondence.

1. Proposed change to library provision in Lincs. Manthorpe mobile library service is to stop from May 2014. Details will be placed on Parish website and await any comments from community. Action Mr McWilliams.

AOB. The following was discussed:

The A6121 has recently been surface dressed with gravel. Mr McWilliams asked if Highways could be contacted with a view to sweeping the loose gravel that had migrated off the A6121 onto the road leading into Manthorpe. It was also asked if the road was subsequently swept of the loose gravel as road surface seems poor with not

all gravel adhering to road surface. Thus there is a risk of damage to vehicles from flying stone chips. In addition, the edges of the road have considerable quantities of loose gravel which creates a problem for cyclists. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to see what can be done. Action: Clerk

DONM. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 25 Sep 2013 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....