

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at
Toft Hotel on 25 September 2013 at 1930**

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

Apologies: Mrs Cook, Mr McWilliams.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register. Mr Cork expressed an interest in the planning application for the additional polytunnels.

Minutes of the last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting on 3 July 2013 were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising.

No further action taken by Highways. Mr Blanchard has put up his own local signs which will be removed post harvesting. The quality of the signs could be improved. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew to provide details.

Planning Applications.

Mr Dawson – Erection of additional polytunnel – With SKDC. Mrs Dawson present and explained that max number of tunnels in future could be four.

Mr Lyons – Retention of livestock shed – With SKDC.

Parish Property.

Playing Field. Hut door etc still to be repainted. Contact has again been made with Mathew Pryke and he states work will be completed this year before winter sets in. It was agreed that the work be completed before frost sets in or the contract be cancelled. Action Clerk

Highways. An update on the Parish Walkabout issues on 16 September is as follows:

Toft.

Hotel Entrance. Two residents concerned. One has conformed and an order to serve notice has been submitted for the other. Technical services will be contacting Mr Lees regarding transfer of land for the walkway. Finances are still available for the project. Within Highways, 2 members of staff are absent and additional spend on road repairs is taking priority.

A6121 The calming measures (SLOW) need to be reinstated following the recent surface dressing. On bend to Toft from Bourne, surface will be dressed next year.

Back Lane. Highways to review edges and passing places with possible signs. Could this be single track road? Highways to investigate.

Fairways. No moss present. Issue of ownership of land is ongoing. All relevant documentation has been released to legal department.

Lound.

Lower Street will be surface dressed to end of road in Nov 13.

Road to A6121 will be surface dressed next year.

Manthorpe.

BT cover issue on pavement before the bridge is ongoing. BT states it is OK.

Highways unable to afford repair task alone. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew to investigate.

Action: County Councillor Trollop-Bellew

Road surface at bridge is sinking again. Needs investigating by Highways.

Foliage covering important signs to village will be cut back in Autumn.

Wilsthorpe Road. One resident still experiencing pooling of water at entrance to driveway. Noted by Highways.

Road to Thurlby. Road sinking due to Badger sets adjacent to verge. Nature conservation is being consulted as Badgers are protected.

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 response has been received. It was noted that a PAYE system was not in place for the Clerk's salary. This needs to be actioned. Thus, there is a need for a Parish Council laptop computer on which to download the appropriate software from HMRC. It was unanimously agreed to spend up to £500, the Clerk to submit 3 choices.

Action: Clerk

General Items.

Daffodil planting. Clerk has submitted paperwork to LCC for 3 areas in Manthorpe and is awaiting clearance to proceed. A working party will be needed in early October. Details will be placed on the web site. 800 daffodils have been procured free of charge through Richard Hartley. It was agreed to send a letter with a donation to the involved parties. There is a need to submit a similar request for the Toft entrances on the A6121.

Action: Clerk.

Fireworks Order. An order has been placed and paid for with Epic Fireworks. Mr Martin Taylor has kindly offered to pick up the fireworks from the factory.

Fireworks Preparation.

Food – Lorna Cook and Geoff Collett. Peter Cork to liaise with Lorna.

Organisation on day – Richard Blanchard.

First Aid – booked by Clerk.

Bonfire – Larger trees around playing field to be cut back and brush to be used. Penny Dawson asked to survey area and then discuss working party or professional services. Penny Dawson and Chairman to liaise. Wood source – Chairman.

Police and Fire services advised by Clerk..

Advertising. Mr McWilliams on web site, in the Three Towers magazine and Clerk on notice boards.

Donations on night. Chairman to organise.

Dog fouling in Manthorpe. Several complaints have been made regarding dog fouling in the village and one offending dog and owner has been identified. The Chairman will prepare a Flier to Manthorpe residents on subject asking owners of dogs to pick up their dog mess. Doggie Bags bought by Parish Council will be made available. Action: Chairman

Dogs barking in the evening. Several complaints have been made on problem of neighbour's dogs barking. The flier above will address this problem. If offenders are to be reported to Environmental Health Services, there is a need for accurate records to be made when problems have occurred. Fliers on this topic are available from SKDC; Contact Mathew Wilson, Environmental Protection Assistant, tel: 01476 406300. A dog warden service is available through SKDC.

Parish Donations

Donations will be discussed at the next meeting. Suggestions are invited from residents and details will be advertised on the web site. Action: Mr McWilliams.

Correspondence. Nil.

AOB. The following was discussed:

Fly tipping is prevalent on road from Lound to A6121. SKDC have Contract Service department for reporting.

Mrs Channel gave details of her delayed Parish Annual Meeting report. She also provided the latest Government guidance to local councils on environmental impact on areas by solar farms.

County Councillor Trollop-Bellew gave details of the Big Society Fund available in 2014. The total available is £2000 between Stamford and 12 Parishes.

He also provided details of the forthcoming boundary review in lead up to 2017 elections. He advised the meeting that he would not be standing at these elections..

Mrs Dawson stated that the mobile library service will be missed when it is withdrawn next year. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew stated that the number of users of the service did not justify the costs.

The Clerk advised that he would be retiring with effect from the end of the financial year. A new Clerk will be needed from 1 April 2014.

DONM. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 21 November 2013 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....