

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held at  
Toft Hotel on 21 November 2013 at 1930**

**Present:** Mr Anderson (Chairman), Mr Cork, Mr Russell, Mrs Cook, County Councillor Trollop-Bellew, District Councillor Ibis Channel, Mr Childs (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr McWilliams.

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register.** Nil.

**Minutes of the last Meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting on 25 September 2013 were accepted as a true copy.

**Matters Arising.**

**Bothorpe Park Farm Entrance.** County Councillor Trollop-Bellew advised that professional signs were available which could be used by Mr Blanchard at the approach to the entrance to the farm. He would pass the details on.

**BT cover on Pavement in Manthorpe.** The issue is unresolved. BT states its cover meets requirements and Highways are unable to afford repair task alone. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew has investigated without success. He will have one last discussion with Highways on this topic. Action: County Councillor Trollop-Bellew.

**Planning Applications.**

Mr & Mrs Dawson – Erection of additional polytunnel – Approved by SKDC.  
Mr Lyons – Retention of livestock shed – Approved by SKDC.

**Parish Property.**

**Redecorating of Bus Shelter etc.** The work by Mathew Pryke has been completed at a cost of £958.96. Work completed was to a very high standard and has been favourably commented on.

**Highways.** An update on the Parish Walkabout issues on 16 September 2013 is as follows:

**Toft.**

**Hotel Entrance.** An order to serve notice has been submitted and Highways is still awaiting a response from the Legal Department. Technical services will be contacting Mr Lees regarding transfer of land for the walkway. No feedback has been forthcoming.

**A6121** The calming measures (SLOW) need to be reinstated following the recent surface dressing. This has been done in part and is ongoing. Surface dressing on the bend in Toft is subject to the Budget for 2013/14. Additional warning signs, such as

rumble strips, were discussed. The Council considered there were enough warning signs already prior to the bend.

Back Lane. Highways to review edges and passing places with possible signs. Could this be single track road? Highways have not rated this a priority at the moment.

Lound.

Lower Street will be surface dressed to end of road in Nov 13. This has been completed.

Road to A6121 will be surface dressed next year subject to Budget review.

Manthorpe.

Road surface at bridge is sinking again. Needs investigating by Highways. This is still under review.

Foliage covering important signs to village will be cut back in Autumn. Completed in part and appears not to have been done on bridge side of village. Action: Clerk.

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

**Finance Summary.**

Barclays Current Account	£3227.95
Barclays Savings Account	£1054.53
Melton BS	£20706.23 @ 1.9% on 100 day notice. (1.7% from 10 Jan 14.)

A cheque was signed for Flowgas bottle hire and gas purchase for M. Dawsons burner used for heating soup at Bonfire party on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Total £60.99. The bottle is now stored in the hut. Possible need to purchase a burner as well. Action Chairman. A cheque to Lorna Cook for £56 was signed as payment for soup for the Bonfire Night.

**General Items.**

Daffodil planting. All paperwork complete and planting has taken place in Manthorpe. The Council gave their appreciation to the working party and a letter will be sent to donors of the daffodils. Toft residents will plant their daffodils this weekend. Action: Clerk

Fireworks Wash up. All agreed that the event was a success and appreciation was expressed for all those who helped to organise the evening. The remnants of the bonfire need to be disposed of.

Dog fouling in Manthorpe. A flier has been prepared and issued to residents on subject with details on process to be adopted through SKDC. Additional fliers and signs have been obtained from SKDC who can provide disposable bags as well. These can be placed in Black bins. The new contact at SKDC is Mr Bohdan Dawyd. (Tel 01476 406274).

Consideration was given to the purchase of a Dog Glove dispenser and Dog Glove (waste) bags from JRB Enterprises Unit -£79.00 plus bracket -£5.85 plus Dog Glove

(waste) bags 800 - £26.00. It was agreed to defer a decision until impact of fliers is assessed. The Clerk was asked to discuss with Highways the possibility of positioning bins on the notice board which is on Highways land. Action: Clerk

Defibrillator. Mr Cork was asked to investigate the costs of providing a defibrillator in Manthorpe. The meeting heard that Toft Golf Club were soon to purchase one for use of its members. Action: Mr Cork.

Parish Donations. The following donations were approved:

Edenham School - £400.  
 Willoughby School. - £100.  
 St Andrews PCC. - project to maintain the fabric of the building, particularly the roof - £400.  
 Royal British Legion. - to support their work in our area - £200.  
 Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance - to support their work in our area - £200.  
 St Barnabas Hospice. - to support their work in our area (they provide a hospice at home service) - £200.  
 LIVES First Responders - to support their work in our area - £150.

Total £1650.

Other donations agreed were to Mr Steve Osborne for his flag raising duties and Mr Martin Taylor for picking up the fireworks from the factory in Yorkshire.

Parish Computer. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a specific computer for the Parish Council records and to download the HMRC software package. Three options have been passed to the Parish Council who now need to decide on which model. Action All.

Correspondence. Nil.

AOB. The following was discussed:

Clerk Vacancy. Mrs Rosemary Woolley has stated that she would be available for the post w.e.f. 1 April 2014. The meeting agreed that the vacancy should be advertised as it may be better if a local person held post. This was based on the duties of the clerk submitted to the meeting. Mrs Cook volunteered to produce a job description. Action: Mrs Cook.

Thurlby Road. The Thurlby Road was closed at short notice to repair damage caused by Badgers. It was noted that Highways failed to display signs to the effect that "Business's were open as usual". This was despite a request to Highways. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew volunteered to follow this up. Action: County Councillor Trollop-Bellew.

County Councillor Trollop-Bellew Report. The following was reported:

Finance. The Gov grant will be 33% less in the 2014/15 year than it was in 2010/11; this is a drop of £146 M. The Gov grant makes up 80% of the Income of the Council. Savings have already been made in the number of Staff & Property but we will still have to find more.

Boundary Commission. The Commission have suddenly realised they are also doing Lincoln City Council. Thus the review will be delayed for at least a year, but will still be in effect for the 2017 Election.

Library. There has been a lot of noise about this. 20,000 people responded direct to the Council or by Petitions, but if you look at the figures most of those who responded also signed the Petitions, as well as people from outside the County & from abroad. Even counting this doubling up, less than 3% of the Counties population responded, not as overwhelming as some would like to suggest. The Decision on the future shape of the Counties Library service will be made on Tues 3rd December.

Litter bin at bus shelter? The meeting heard that SKDC could provide and install a litter bin at the bus shelter. The Chairman would investigate. Action: Chairman.

**DONM.** The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 22 Jan 14 commencing 7.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date.....