

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes Of The Parish Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 1900 at the Toft Hotel

Present:

Mr. Gary Anderson (chairman), Mr. Tom McWilliams, Mr. Andrew Russell, Mr. Peter Cork, Mrs. Lorna Cook, Mrs Anne Anderson (Clerk), District Councillor Ibis Channel and 4 members of the public.

Apologies

None

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 May 2013 were read and approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

Nil

Toft Walkway Update

To be discussed at Parish AGM

Reports

School Governors' Report – Clerk

The Clerk reported that she had had no response from her request from The Edenham School Governors. Mr McWilliams agreed to investigate.

Action: Mr McWilliams

Parish Council Report

The Clerk presented the Parish Council Report.

Highways. Progress to install a pedestrian walkway, in lieu of the cancelled footpath, has been positive in recent months. The highway verges, opposite the Toft Hotel rear entrance, have now been cleared, and Mr Lees remains agreeable to sell the land. Agreement has been given by Mr Robert Reid, who is renting the Toft Hotel land, and Highways are continuing negotiations and are preserving the funds required.

Parish Property. There have been no issues with parish property during the last year. The bus shelter at WOTH crossroads and various other items of property were redecorated. A new parish computer has been purchased. The marquees continue to be hired on a regular basis.

Finances. Total receipts in the financial year were £8246 (£8294 in 2012-13) and expenditure was £6848 (£10864 in 2012-13.) [*Expenditure in 2012-13 was higher because of the rabbit prevention measures on the mound in the playing field and the purchase of 2 marquees*] The Melton Mowbray Building Society account now stands at £21107. Free Resource Donations have been made in the year and a total of £1650 (£1600 in 2012-13) has been donated to various institutions. The financial state of the Parish Council remains healthy with £24169 (£22771 in 2012-13) available. The Lighter Touch Audit Review has been completed for the year ending 31 March 2013. The auditors commented that there was no PAYE scheme in place for Council employees. This will be resolved with the purchase of the new computer.

General. Celebrations for the 200th Anniversary of Manthorpe Bridge were held in late August and an active programme of events took place on the Playing Field. The Fireworks Display was one of the best ever with fireworks purchased from Epic Fireworks. Once more it was an incident free evening. The format of the evening remained unchanged with food being served before the display.

A changeover of Parish Clerk took place on 1 April 2014. Mr Adrian Childs retired after 13 years in post and was succeeded by Mrs Anne Anderson.

The Parish Web site continues to be a regular forum for Parish News under the excellent stewardship of Mr McWilliams.

St Andrew's Parish Hall Committee Report

The chairman reported that he had not received a report from The St Andrews Parish Hall Committee.

County Report

Mr Trollop-Bellew did not attend the meeting.

District Council Report

Mrs Ibis Channel presented the District Council Report.

The Council will be building new council houses – the first for 10 years.

They are going to be improving waste services to reduce contamination in our re-cycling.

Electoral Review – in 2015 the number of district councillors is being reduced from 58 to 56. Boundary changes mean that Hillside will be split up and form part of two new district council wards."SKDC was voted in the top ten places to live (bad news)!

There are Solar Farm discussions.

Council tax is to be frozen
Defibrillators in Council premises can be used by the public for example Council Offices and
Waste Services.
New development plan up to 2026 – residents' parking.

Responses from the Public

None

Meeting closed at 19.20hrs

Chairman.....

Clerk.....

Date:.....