

## TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 July 2014 at 7.30pm at the Toft Hotel

#### **Present**

Mr Andrew Russell (Chairman), Mr Tom McWilliams, Mr Peter Cork, Mrs Lorna Cook, Mrs Anne Anderson (Clerk), District Councillor Channell & County Councillor Trollop-Bellew.

#### **Apologies.**

None

#### **Minutes of the last Meeting.**

The minutes of the AGM & the Parish Annual Meeting held on 27 May 2014 were unanimously accepted as a true copy.

#### **Matters Arising.**

Litter Bins. Mr Anderson reported that he had received an email from SKDC confirming that the parish council's request for a litter bin was on a list to be considered. Councillor Channell agreed to check progress with SKDC and report back at the next parish council meeting.

New Council Houses being built. Mr Russell commented that he welcomed the new housing and asked where they would be built. Councillor Channell confirmed they would be built mostly in the towns and all the information was in SKDC Today magazine.

School Governors' Report. Mr McWilliams informed the members that he had contacted the Head of Edenham Primary School, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea, with regards to not receiving the report last year. Mrs Radford-Rea mistakenly thought she had done it but had not. The Clerk had also received an email from Mrs Radford-Rae regarding this

report. Mr McWilliams suggested that the school produce the full Annual Report in April and we use that. It was unanimously agreed.

Clerk's Contract. Mrs Cook has produced a contract for the Clerk. She agreed to email it to the Clerk for her to check and agree. Action: Mrs Cook

IT policy. Mrs Cook has produced a draft IT policy and is to email it to the parish councillors for them to look over and agree.

Action: Mrs Cook

### **Planning Applications.**

Mr W Vergette – Approval of Non-Material Amendment Householder No. S13/3481/HSR approved by SKDC. This was previously emailed. The letter was passed around and read by the councillors. No observations will be made to SKDC.

Closed

### **District Councillor Report**

District Councillor Channell had nothing to report.

### **County Councillor Report**

County Councillor Trollop-Bellew gave his report as follows:

The government has a pothole fund of £168m. LCC has a proportion of that amount and has a total of £11.2m for repairing potholes in the roads. The substructure in a lot of our roads is breaking up. The cost for full repairs would be £400m. The Government is trying to keep the roads together with very limited funding. Councillor Trollop-Bellew said that if anyone noticed a pot hole then it must be reported to LCC as soon as possible.

Mr McWilliams stated that there is a web page on the LCC website for reporting potholes. These should be reported in a timely fashion. It appears that if a pothole is reported on the site and has not been repaired within 7 days the County Council is liable for damage to vehicles. A statement was issued last year to this effect. Mr McWilliams will send message out to people in the parish letting them know.

Councillor Trollop-Bellew reported that the main A151 would be closed at Carlby for a new road surface to be laid.

The Road Safety Partnership carried out a speeding survey during the week of 18 April 2014 on the A15 near Racer Farm. The percentage of people doing 15 miles an hour above the speed limit was 1.5% one way and 0.5% the other way.

They also had a van there on Saturday 12 July recording the speed of traffic but no tickets were issued.

Last month the Chief Executive of the NHS overspent by £45m.

Stamford Hospital is to be improved for day surgery with a Government spend of £3.8m. It is hoped this will ease some of the pressure in the operating theatres at Peterborough Hospital.

**Parish Property.**

It was agreed that Mr Anderson would purchase the gas burner at his earliest convenience.

Action: Mr Anderson

**Highways.**

Parish Walkabout issues update.

Damage to Triangle Toft. The clerk to chase Mr Miller re the accident and damage.

Action: Clerk

Damaged road sign Toft A6121. Mr Russell read out a statement from Ian Cummings the area Highways Officer as follows:

The sign that was knocked down on the grass triangle in Toft is actually no longer needed, as it related to a route to avoid a bridge with a weight limit on it. The bridge has since been strengthened and the restriction removed, so I have arranged for the sign to be removed completely.

The sign opposite Chapel Rise is a warning sign for a turn on a bend. I believe it is due to be replaced shortly, as the order for its replacement was placed with our Alliance partner on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

Closed

**Finance Summary**

Barclays Current Account	£ 1873.34
Barclays Savings Account	£ 1055.18
Melton BS	£21107.00 @ 1.7% from 10 Jan 14.

**Cheques To Be Signed**

One cheque was signed for the repairs to the Strimmer. Total £30.88

**General Items**

Defibrillators. Mr Cork informed the councillors that the defibrillators has been installed and were working. 2 training sessions had taken place with 21 people attending, 12 from Manthorpe, 2 from Toft and 7 hotel staff. 5 more people had requested another training session. Mr Cork had been in touch with the ambulance service requesting another training session and was waiting for a reply. There was to be another training session in Bourne and if we could get on that it would be good. If not there would be another training session in October and it was agreed to wait for that time as opposed to paying for another session.

The defibrillators will need to be checked on a monthly basis. It would just be a case of opening the cabinet and looking to make sure there was a green tick. If there was a red cross showing it would mean the defibrillator was not working.

Mr Cork agreed to check the Manthorpe one and Mrs Cook agreed she would check the one in Toft. Both would then email their reports to the clerk who would enter them on a spreadsheet. It was agreed this would be an effective way of keeping a record.

It was unanimously agreed that as the Manthorpe defibrillator was wired to the electricity supply of Mr Michael and Mrs Joy Dawson, the parish council would pay them £20 per annum. It was agreed that this was a fair price. It was also agreed to revisit this sum from time to time.

Mr Cork commented that on the flier sent out regarding the use of the defibrillator he had put the telephone number to dial as 999. This is in fact correct from a landline but anyone using a mobile should dial 112 as this enables the ambulance service to locate the call. It was agreed not to update the flier. It was suggested that service users could always give the postcode of the location as not to get Manthorpe Bourne confused with the Manthorpe in Grantham.

Everyone thanked Mr Cork for his hard work and time in getting the defibrillators installed and the training sessions sorted.

### **Correspondence from Box.**

The box was passed around. Mr McWilliams agreed to place a notice on the website re road closures in the area due to resurfacing of the roads.

Action: Mr McWilliams

### **AOB**

#### **Zip Wire Request**

Miss Sephia Giaracuni (Aged 10) wrote to the parish council requesting that a zip wire be erected in the parish playing field. Mr Russell stated we would need evidence that it would be used before we purchased one. Martin Trollop-Bellow and Mr McWilliams both agreed they were very popular. Mr Anderson had done some research and confirmed if we purchase one we would have to have a commercial one that complied with current health and safety legislation to pass the RoSPA EN1176 European Standard law. The ones available at this time are either fixed to trees or poles which are secured into the ground. The costs of these zip wires range from £479 for 20 metres to £679 for 100 metres. There would be the additional cost of installation and future annual inspection. Councillor Channel asked what equipment we already had at the playing field and would will be able to fit it in. Councillor Channell also opined that if one child asks for a zip wire and we purchase it, where do we stop? Mr Russell said that we would need to consider the safety aspects and the cost.

Mr Anderson stated that at the moment not many children use the playing field as a lot of parents were afraid to let their children out unsupervised. He thought maybe the zip wire would bring more parents and children in to use the playing field.

Mr Russell asked if we had the equipment we had now inspected. The Clerk was to check through the paper work to confirm how this equipment was safety inspected in previous years.

We need to understand any maintenance issues if the decision in future was to purchase.

Action: Clerk

Mr McWilliams agreed to find out what the people living in the parish thought about new equipment for the playing field and if there were any more requests before going ahead. The playing field is quite secluded and so it was felt it would not be a good idea to put such information in the parish magazine as it is read by people from outside the village.

Action: Mr McWilliams

#### Back Lane Hedges

Mr Russell reported that he had taken an opportunity to speak with a lady who had responsibility for the land, who had objected to repeated requests to trim the hedge. She said that drivers should slow for the corner so the hedge would not be a problem. The hedge would probably be trimmed later in the year.

Item closed.

#### Request for new strimmer.

Mr Anderson has had the old strimmer repaired. This, however, had not been successful. He had been told by Fentons that the strimmer was designed for domestic use and was not up to the job of keeping the playing field tidy. Mr Anderson had looked into various strimmers and found one which would do the job. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Anderson purchase the Stihl Brush Cutter for the sum of £287.50.

Action: Mr Anderson

The parish walkabout would be scheduled for 5.00pm between 15 and 24 September.  
Clerk to confirm dates via email.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk informed the members that the firework order for this year's November 5 celebrations had been placed.

#### **DONM.**

The date of the next parish meeting was set for 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Toft Hotel.

Mr Russell closed the meeting at 8.20pm