

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2014 at 7.30pm at the Toft Hotel

Present

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

Apologies.

Mr Peter Cork

Minutes of the last Meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th July 2014 were unanimously accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising

Planning Applications.

Planning Application for Tor View Manthorpe. It was agreed there were no problems with the planning application which has been approved by SKDC. Mr Peter Cork had declared an interest. Mr Anderson informed the meeting that they have had to put in obscured glass to stop them overlooking the neighbours.
 Closed

No other matters arising.

County Councillor Report

County Councillor Trollop-Bellew reported that from 20th October until 31st October Thurlby Road to Swallow Hill will be closed for resurfacing. He will send a notice to the Clerk with the details for the parish notice boards.

Councillor Trollop-Bellew asked if anyone had noticed a lot of places on the roads with squares cut out of the road. He informed the councillors it was part of a concerted effort by the Government to resurface the roads. £5.4million underspend from last year is being used to extend the life of the roads. He also stated that the roads have been swept a couple of times but if people drive too fast then they will get stone chips hitting their windscreens.

In July the Judicial review found against LCC regarding their libraries. They were deemed as not to have given enough consideration to Greenwich Leisure. It will be going back out for consultation next month with a decision made next February/March 2015.

Some people have asked why with the underspend of £40m last year we have not put it back into the pot. LCC have to save £90k next year on top of £148m we have already saved. Keeping £40k back, we are a fair way there.

East Midlands Ambulance Service is not quite as good on response time as it should be. Although it has improved slightly. Going forward the ambulance and fire brigade are going to be amalgamated with garages in Stamford, Bourne, Grantham and Spalding with standby points in Morton and Stamford. The garage is going to be where the ambulance service is. New premises at the fire station are amalgamating with fire services.

Mrs Cook asked why the resurfacing on back lane had not happened. Mrs Cook had contacted Mr Kevin Brumfield and he couldn't say why it was not going ahead. Councillor Trollop-Bellew said most resurfacing work was carried out during the summer. The worse bits are done first as it takes more money so other non-essential work is put back to the following year. Mr Russell said we have to tolerate it and at least some effort is being made regarding the filling in of pot holes. Mr Russell thanked Councillor Trollop-Bellew for his comments.

County Councillor Report

District Councillor Channell bought the leaflet regarding new council houses.

District Councillor Channell asked if everyone present knew about the Initiative on slowing traffic called the community speed watch. Everyone present knew about it.

Mr Anderson asked about the bin at the bus shelter. He has still not had any communication. District Councillor Channell said the council are doing an overview of whole area. She agreed she will chase it up.

Parish Property.

Mr Anderson has now purchased a double gas burner. It is a cast iron one from France
Closed.

Highways.

The Clerk has been trying to get dates organised for the annual parish walkabout. Mr Kevin Brumfield has not come back with any suitable dates yet. County Councillor Trollop-Bellew opined that Mr Brumfield has been very busy because of an accident whereby the council is being accused of the road markings being badly eroded. Councillor Trollop-Bellew stated that Mr Brumfield has also been busy with the Planning & Regs meeting due to take place on 6th October regarding residents parking in Stamford.

Mr Russell asked if we could decide on some dates for the annual walk about. Mr McWilliams suggested we write to Mr Brumfield's superior to see if we could get him to reply to our correspondence. Councillor Trollop-Bellew informed the meeting that Mr Brumfield's superior is still Mr Brian Thompson.

Action Clerk

Mr Russell suggested Thursday 23th October or Friday 24th October at either 3.00pm or 4.00pm meeting first in the car park at Toft Hotel for the annual parish walk about.

Mrs Cook raised her concern that the Highways failure to send any details of the proposed legal agreement to Mr Lees would result in us losing the money currently allocated to this project. She asked if Mr Lees was being kept informed of proceedings and also reported that Mr Brumfield had had stated that no action would be taken on the pathway until 2015. Aware of our great disappointment at this lack of movement and action by Highways, Councillor Trollop-Bellew stated that if the finance had been secured then it would be carried forward, He stated that he would check-up on this issue when Mr Brumfield returned from holiday.

Mrs Cook reported a number of people living in Fairways Toft are concerned about the number of heavy vehicles using the road as a turning point. She asked if it is possible for the County Council to erect a sign to warn drivers that it is a no through road. Mr Russell agreed to raise it at the annual walk about.

Action Mr Russell

Finance Summary

Barclays Current Account	£ 1264.75
Barclays Savings Account	£ 1055.18
Melton BS	£21107.00 @ 1.7% from 10 Jan 14.

Cheques To Be Signed

One cheque for Mr Richard Harris for grass cutting on Manthorpe playing field £200

One cheque for Mr Gary Anderson for gas burner £88.38

General Items

Defibrillator. The Clerk has been keeping records and all is ok. It has not been used yet.
Closed.

Correspondence from box

Tor view details and approvals.

Mr McWilliams informed the meeting that Lincolnshire Association of local councils are going to increase our contributions by 1%. £110 to £111 up.

Everyone was in agreement and agreed to pay 1% extra.

Playing Field Equipment

Mr McWilliams has been asking for thoughts regarding the Parish Playing Field equipment. He sent out an email and has had some replies. At the moment most of the equipment is aimed at the 4 -7 year olds. One resident from Toft said enough money has been spent in Manthorpe and we should spend money on a footpath in Toft. Other Manthorpe residents had given their support for some improvements. Mr McWilliams suggested we wait a bit longer to see what other replies come in.

The Clerk has spoken to the Insurance Company and was told we will have to pay for any extra items of equipment purchased. The public liability insurance would stay the same.

Whilst cutting the grass on the Parish Playing Field grass, one local resident of the noticed that the rubber on some parts of the equipment was in bad repair. It was decided that Mr McWilliams would conduct an inspection and report back to the Council.

Action Mr McWilliams

Bonfire Night

The Clerk reported that Mr Martin Taylor would be picking up the fireworks for November 5th this weekend. Mr Anderson said Mrs Cook did a brilliant job last year organising the refreshments. Mrs Cook agreed to organise the food and refreshments again this year but was unsure that she would be available to run things on the evening. It was agreed to ask Mr & Mrs Collett and Mrs McWilliams if they would, once again assist with the food. The Clerk stated that support from St Johns Ambulance had already been organised. Mr Anderson said he would speak to Mr Richard Blanchard to clarify the details for the bonfire and firework display. Mrs Cook agreed to create an action plan for the evening and distribute it to all Parish Councillors for comment. It was agreed that a couple of buckets would be positioned by the food to collect voluntary contributions from members of the public.

Action Mr Anderson
Mrs Cook

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The date of the next parish meeting was set for Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm at Toft Hotel.

Mr Russell closed the meeting at 8.30pm