

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Toft Hotel

Present

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

A number of residents were also in attendance.

Apologies

None

Minutes of the last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting on 27 September were agreed and signed off by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Actions were reviewed at the Parish Walkabout. The request for a 'No Through Road' sign to be placed at the entry to the Fairways in Toft was declined by Highways on the grounds that once drivers have gone that way and found it is not a through road, they will not return. Mrs Cook commented that this decision appears to be based on the fact that it is the same lorries each time and the residents that reported the issue said that it was indeed on a regular basis and questioned therefore whether this is likely.

Action: Mrs Cook to check with residents and report back

Footpath in Toft – We were informed at the Parish Walkabout that the Legal department had been trying to progress the matter with Mr Lees with little success.

Action: Mrs Cook to follow up with Mr Lees during the week of 1 December and Mr Trollope-Bellew will also review with Highways. Progress to be chased up after two weeks.

Playing field equipment – the rubber deterioration has been checked by Mr McWilliams and whilst the rubber does not appear to be deteriorated as such, it does require proper cleaning as it is covered in moss and some debris. The opportunity of looking into a petrol driven power washer to carry out the power washing.

Action PC: To be reviewed again at the Spring meeting.

Planning applications

An application received today 27 November concerning a Biomass boiler for the Toft House Hotel. It is apparent that the planning application was submitted retrospectively as the boiler was already installed and commissioned in the corner of the car park. As this was only just received and some residents had also received the planning application, local residents were asked if they had any objections. Resident, Mr Darroch commented that whilst the positioning was new it was well out of the way from residents. It was further discussed that as biomass was delivered via truck in the same way as oil and that given the Hotel already received many deliveries that it was not likely there would be any additional impact that would affect residents. No objections were made.

Action Clerk: Ascertain why protocol was not followed, ie the application was submitted retrospectively to the installation and commissioning of the boiler.

The Chairman asked if any further applications had been received. Again received today - Mrs Channell passed notes of an application to the Chairman that she had received concerning a Solar Farm application for Mr James Hartley, Roundhills, Thurlby. This is required to be reviewed.

Action Clerk: circulation of the application to Parish Councillors.

County Councillor Report

The Fire Fighters strike is as a result of issues with their hours of work and pensions.

- It is apparent that those who had stood outside of Stamford Fire Station, were not Stamford men but members of the Union.
- It was confirmed that in case of call out, our Fire Fighters would respond

Parking in Stamford – Residents parking has now been approved and advice to all who park in Stamford that with effect from January 2015, double check that you are not parking in residents parking as there will be a fine.

Libraries – the judicial review continues with Greenwich Leisure pursuing the option. The review will continue into next year with the decision being after a full procurement process has been completed. This may mean that the original timing of February 2015 may be put back.

District Councillor Report

Litter Bin Application – following research by SKDC that showed that there was no litter by the bus stop in Manthorpe, the application is declined. If the position changes, it will be reconsidered.

No further points.

Parish Property

Nothing to report.

Zipwire action not to be continued.

Highways**Parish Walkabout**

- Damage to the verges in/out of Lound should not have happened. There was a failure on behalf of the Supervisor and it was the Contractor's responsibility. Highways should have blocked off the lane and signage reviewed. There was no pre notification. Mr Brumfield, Area Highways Manager, confirmed that he would speak to the person concerned. Parish Councillors requested that if residents wish to complain further, they should do so via the LCC Highways page of the LCC website – search under Highways Defect Report form. <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/transport-travel-and-roads/highway-maintenance/report-highway-defects-and-general-enquiries/>
- Toft footpath – discussion as in Matters Arising above.
- Road resurfacing The Fairways Toft – is planned for 11 December to fix the broken surfaces on the road. Residents commented that the 'patching up' had already begun. Mrs Cook to continue observations and report back.
- Back Lane – following up on the height of the hedges causing an issue for drivers when turning was addressed and these have now been cut. Verges were also reported to be in poor condition however there is no plan to address this.
- Manthorpe Bridge – Mr McWilliams discussed the complaint of a resident tripping on two occasions. The repaired patch on the bridge continues to dip despite numerous repairs. The footpath on the south side of the main road requires repair both where the new house has been built at the west end of the village and at the east end where it appears to be deteriorating and breaking up. The dip in the road outside The Wilderness continues to be a problem during wet weather. The engineer on behalf of Highways, reported that the structure of the bridge is sound. The repair to the footpath at the west end of the main road is the responsibility of the house builder.

Action Clerk: will liaise with the house owner about the renewal of the footpath at the west end of the road. This has since been followed through and the householder has contacted contractors to have the path reinstated to its previous condition with the application of tarmac.

Finance Summary

Barclays Current Account	£ 3309.53
Barclays Savings Account	£ 1055.18
Melton BS	£21107.00 @ 1.7% from 10 Jan 14.

Cheques to be Signed - Three

1 for St John's Ambulance – fireworks cover

1 for Mr Anderson for cash for Richard Blanchard for organising the fireworks

1 for Mrs Cook for the soup, cups, serviettes

Parish Donations

It was agreed to continue with donations as last year, letters of thanks were received by all last year:

Edenham School	£400
Willoughby School	£100
PCC	£400 (to maintain the fabric of the building, particularly the roof)
Royal British Legion	£200 (to support their work in the area)
Lincolnshire & Notts Air	£200 (to support their work in the area)
St Barnabas Hospice	£200 (to support their work in the area)
LIVEs First Responders	£150 (to support their work in the area)
	<u>£1650</u>

Parish Councillors Vote – all agreed

Fireworks Display

This was safely conducted with a good turnout from the villages – very good feedback on the display and refreshments provision. A further opportunity for next year put forward by Mr McWilliams, is to include a slip to be placed in the Three Towers to further advertise the display for residents. The Chairman thanked all who had given their time to make the event such a success.

Donations of thanks will be provided to Mr Steve Osborne in recognition of flag raising and Mr Martin Taylor for obtaining the fireworks.

Raising the flag – an idea was presented by Mrs Channell to ask residents for their ideas of community reasons why the flag could be raised and these should be presented.

Correspondence from the Box**Letter from Retrospective Justice Department**

It was discussed that this is where Offenders may be given the opportunity to talk to their Victims and understand how their crime may have impacted on them. There was an apparent 92% success rate as reported in a survey conducted with Victims. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a speaker come to a residents meeting to enable residents to better understand the service, how it works and they can then give their views.

Action Clerk: respond to Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

SKDC response to Weather Conditions

In summary, the SKDC is offering 100 sandbags. It was agreed that Mr McWilliams will take the opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr Spain who is a resident expert on these matters and may further advice the Parish Council on how these may be best utilised.

Action: Mr McWilliams to report back

AOB

A faulty street light in Manthorpe recently reported has been followed up.

Action Clerk: establish the number of the street light and report this to SKDC

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The date of the next parish meeting was set for Thursday 22 January 2015 at 7.30pm at the Toft House Hotel.