

# TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 02 April 2015 at 19.30 at the Toft Hotel

### **Present**

Mr Andrew.Russell (Chairman)  
Mr Tom McWilliams,  
Mr Gary Anderson,  
Mr Peter Cork,  
Mrs Lorna Cook,  
Mrs A Anderson (Clerk)  
Mr Trollop-Bellew (County Councillor)  
Ibis Channell (District Council)  
Martin Wilkins (District Council)

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### **1.Apologies**

None

### **2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office/Interests Register**

None

### **3. Minutes of Parish Council 22 January 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January were unanimously agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### **i) Restorative Justice**

Nothing has been heard back from the general public concerning restorative justice. If anyone is interested we as a parish council can organise something. It was decided that we would let it rest for now.

Closed

##### **ii) Faulty streetlight, Manthorpe**

The clerk reported that the streetlight had now been repaired.

Closed

##### **iii) Planning meeting at Carlby 24 Feb**

Ibis Channell reported that the meeting went very well. Not everyone was represented. Procedures were put across very well. Martin Wilkins said a point brought to light was that if the parish council have a comment or no comments on a planning application the council would like to be informed as to what the comments are. As a planning committee they can add conditions to planning applications. If something particular to local parish needs looking at they are able to make judgments on each individual case.

##### **iv) Sandbags**

It has been agreed not to take up the offer of sandbags offered to the parish. The residents concerned by possible flooding do not want to store the sandbags on their properties as they break down in the sunshine and are used by vermin etc.

Closed

##### **v) Dip in road outside The Wilderness**

it is being monitored and if it gets worse will be repaired.

Closed

#### **5. Highways.**

Tom McWilliams commented on the new streetlight which has appeared on Wilsthorpe Road, Manthorpe. The light is white and very bright and shining directly into the windows of the adjacent houses. The Clerk has emailed the lighting department at SKDC lighting department suggesting they swap it with a light from near the bridge where there are no houses. Gary Anderson has phoned the lighting department at SKDC and has been told that they are going to put a cover over it. Ibis Channell is going to check with lighting department at the council.

##### **Grass verges.**

Andrew Russell has phoned highways but heard nothing back regarding the grass verges in Lound which were damaged when the traffic diversion was in place. He was told by highways that the job has been scheduled for action. There has been an incident number issued. A member of the public has telephoned highways and there is a job number issued. To date nothing has been repaired or made good.

## **6. Planning Applications**

No objections were raised to the planning application which has been passed by SKDC regarding Mr & Mrs Mossman's new vehicular access in Lound.

## **7. County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Trollop-Bellew gave his report to the council. He informed the council that the Boundary Commission is reducing the number of councillors in Lincolnshire from 77 to 71 councillors. At the last full council meeting the allowances for councillors was increased by 2.2 %. It was better to have a gentle increase each year instead of a huge rise.

At the meeting about Stamford hospital last month Peterborough and Stamford NHS trust have decided to extend the opening times to the minor injuries departments. They are going to open at weekends and evenings. They are trying to get an MRI scanner. They have a portable one but want a permanent one inside the building. The Hurst ward is being knocked down to build 2 miniature operating theatres to be used for day surgery thus increasing the services offered by Stamford hospital. They would be increasing the parking area but will start charging for parking. Stamford hospital is an integral part of the NHS trust having 40% of the trust income coming through Stamford. It puts Stamford in a good light and chances of it staying open as a hospital are greatly increased. They will be spending between 8.5 and 9.2 million. They are going to sell the west end of the site as it cannot be altered as it is a listed building and doesn't comply with 2004 disability act. It is not known what it would be used for when sold.

There has been an attempted blackmail of a County Councillor. They demanded £10,000 or they will say that he is a paedophile. Please be aware of this as it can affect all walks of life. Lincs police are aware of the attempt.

## **8. District Councillor's Report**

Councillor Ibis Channell had nothing to report. It was her last meeting in this role with Manthorpe, Lound & Toft parish council. Councillor Channell gave the members a letter to open when she had gone.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Councillor Channell for her dedicated work' It was agreed that the Chairman would write and thank Councillor Channell for her excellent work over many years.

## **9. Parish Property**

### **Defibrillator Fuses**

Peter Cork reported that new fuses had been supplied and replaced and the defibrillator in Manthorpe was working OK. All checks are done on a monthly

basis in Toft and Manthorpe and are reported as OK. Peter Cork offered to carry on checking the defibrillator in Manthorpe and Lorna Cook said she would continue to check the one in Toft.

#### Jasmin Cottage Rent Review

The Clerk is to contact the letting agent to review Jasmin cottage as the 3 yearly rent review is due. The Clerk will write to the tenant to inform him of this. We will then agree with the tenant and then put it in writing the new increase. The agent will advise on a fair rent review.

### **10. Financial Summary**

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| <b>Barclays Current Account</b> | <b>£4610.00</b>  |
| <b>Barclays Saving ~Account</b> | <b>£1055.58</b>  |
| <b>Melton BS</b>                | <b>£21107.00</b> |

**No Cheques to be signed:**

### **11. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence in the box.

Small authorities.

It was decided that we would publish all details regarding finance and property owned by the parish council on the web site. Tom McWilliams agreed to put all the details on the website. Andrew Russell asked the clerk to liaise with Tom McWilliams regarding details and resources of properties owned.

### **12. New Parish Clerk**

Andrew Russell thanked the clerk for offering to do the extra items mentioned. There has been no interest in taking up the position up to the present time. Tom McWilliams is going to ask Rosemary Woolley if she is interested in taking over the position.

### **13. Local Elections**

The present Councillors will be standing down at this time therefore all positions on the parish council will be vacant. There has not been much interest at the moment. We won't know until nominations are in. If we do not have enough new people putting themselves forward we will have to have a By-Election in June. This will be instigated by SKDC and will incur a small cost. The present Clerk needs to be there for the next meeting to counter sign the next councillors in. Until a new chair is elected Andrew Russell is still chair. He has the casting vote as to who is next chair.

#### **14. AOB**

##### Roster for grass cutting Manthorpe Playing field

There is a Gap in the roster as one of the people on the list has left the village. Gary Anderson has spoken to Paul Toseland and he has said he would be happy to do it. The shed key has never been returned to us after last year. Gary Anderson has the other key. Peter Cork is going to ask the last person to cut the grass if he has the key. The clerk is going to get a new key cut. Tom McWilliams noticed the panels are coming off the side of the shed. Gary Anderson told everyone present that he had put marine ply wood behind the panels in the shed and so it was not important. Tom McWilliams offered to tack them back on. The shed has been lined with marine ply for security reasons.

##### Repairs to fencing around Manthorpe playing field.

Tom McWilliams has been approached by Paul Toseland regarding the playing field fence which borders his property. It is in bad repair and needs replacing. We will find out who owns the fence and who is responsible for the repairs. Some of the posts are broken and rusted. The Clerk is to ask Elaine Sharman who works for land registry to let us know who is responsible. Also we need to find out if we are responsible for the fencing how much repairs and new fencing will cost. It was suggested we might be able to apply for a grant. It could be a moral position to fence it. We could get a legal opinion from LALC to see if we are liable for the new fence and the implications of the law. If it is our responsibility we will get quotes and costing for new fencing.

##### Parish party for this summer

It was decided we could have a parish party at some point this year depending on the new councillors. It was suggested August bank holiday would be a good time.

Tom McWilliams asked if Andrew Russell and Lorna Cook could get email addresses for the people of Lound and Toft which he didn't have. He could then send ringmaster emails to them to make them aware of anything happening within the parish.

##### Back Lane Hedges

It was reported to the council by a member of the public that the footpath leading up towards Back Lane is overgrown and needs cutting back. Lorna Cook agreed to speak to residents to ask them to cut hedges back'.

It was asked if we have a parish cleaner. We have a parish cleaner in Manthorpe who does it on a voluntary business. We could ask him if he would be prepared to do Toft and Lound.

The clerk read out the letter left by Councillor Ibis Channell in which she stated she had enjoyed her time with us.

**15.. DONM**

The next meeting was set for 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015

Andrew Russell thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm