

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting held on Thursday 19th April 2018 at 1900 At the Toft Country House Hotel

Present

Richard Stephenson	Richard Hartley	David Kruetzberger
Jeremy Dawson	Graham Freeland	Gary Anderson
Robin Morris	Penny Morris	Clive Wright
Susan Hartley	Janie McCormick (St Barnabas Hospice)	

D.Cllr Martin Wilkins Parish Clerk – Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

001/18 Chairman's opening remarks – Cllr Stephenson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

002/18 Apologies – D.Cllr Martin Wilkins late attendance.

003/18 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson & seconded by Cllr Dawson that the minutes of last year were a true record and signed off by Cllr Stephenson. There were no outstanding matters from the minutes.

004/18 Chairman's Annual Report – Cllr Stephenson reported:-

This term sees the completion of the third year in office for the current councillors. All councillors are able to continue in office for the foreseeable future.

We are very pleased that the management of the Toft House Hotel have very generously allowed the regular council meetings to be held in their premises. We continue to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the parish.

Events

The bonfire night celebrations were once again a success and this year the fair weather conditions resulted in a good attendance compared to last year. Richard Blanchard again stewarded the release of fireworks and thanks as always go to him for providing a safe environment. The St John Ambulance staff were in attendance and helped to ensure the evening went off without incident. A special thanks to Robert Reid for generously providing summer vegetable soup for the occasion – which all agreed was delicious. The horticultural challenge which was the wheel barrow planting proved to be successful and brought cheer to many passing through the Parish, perhaps now a regular event?

Highways

Various issues relating to verges, street lights, signage and potholes were considered and dealt with during the year.

The Council continues to have limited success following our appeal to two specific hauliers to use the main arterial roads around the Parish rather than directly through the villages. The Agency is not prepared to make this compulsory. The Council continues to monitor the use of the roads by haulage contractors.

The Council continues to raise concern with the Highways Agency that the repair to the electronic speed limit sign at Witham/Manthorpe cross roads has not been repaired as previously advised to us last year. It now appears funding is an issue so let's see what the new financial year brings

Parish Property

There have been no significant issues with parish property during the last year. The income generated from these assets continues to contribute to the cost of parish events and maintenance of assets as required.

The Councillors reviewed all other land assets and can record there are no issues arising. The defibrillators in both Manthorpe and Toft remain ready for use. Instructions for use have been regularly included in correspondence within the parish (notice boards, monthly magazine).

The noticeboards in both Toft and Manthorpe suffered serious deterioration during the period and replacement is now under consideration.

Planning Applications

There were no specific issues arising from planning applications brought before the Council.

Local Public Support

Thanks go out to all parishioners involved with keeping the parish a pleasant environment in which to reside - that is those involved with grass cutting, union jack flying, delivering the Parish Magazine, litter picking, delivering parish magazine and cleaning the telephone box!

Parish Council Finance

The Parish Council remains in a cash positive position. The Council will, going forward, actively consider the need for projects within our community which give maximum benefit to all residents. Any reasoned suggestions from Parishioners will be warmly welcomed.

005/18 Financial report for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Staff costs remained the same at £810. There has been less expenditure as previously as only one village event during 2017/18 the village fireworks party and no major repairs to any parish property as in 2016/17.

Income on hire of marquees has gone down from previous years, all rents from parish properties have been collected plus the council still receives a grant from the District Council for community cleaning.

The draft closing balance for 2017/18 would be £2000 up on the previous year at £29227.42

006/18 Reports from County Councillor & District Councillor – None

007/18 Reports from outside bodies:- Janie McCormick, responsible for fund raising for St Barnabas Hospice a local charity which supports more than 9000 people across Lincolnshire. She informed the meeting that they deliver a free end of life care and support for adults with life-limiting or terminal illness, their family and carers. They have a Day Care Centre at Grantham, provide nurses to people in their own homes. At Bourne they have a charity shop and nursing station. To provide the service they need to raise £5.5million per year.

Janie thanked the parish for the financial support St Barnabas has received over the years.

008/18 To receive concerns & consider resolutions from electors of the parishes of Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe –

- Concern was expressed about the number of potholes & roadside breakup especially along the rural roads.

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009/18 Meeting closed 7.30pm.

