

# TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1900 At the Toft Country House Hotel

### **Present**

Richard Stephenson	Richard Hartley	David Kruetzberger	
Jeremy Dawson	Gary Anderson	G Wright	R Ramm
T McWilliams	Fr E Martin	T Butler	S Hartley
B Vann	C.Cllr R Reid		

Parish Clerk – Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

**001/19 Chairman's opening remarks** – Cllr Stephenson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**002/19 Apologies** – D.Cllr Martin Wilkins & C.Cllr Robert Reid (late attendance).

### **003/19 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.

### **004/19 Chairman's Annual Report** – Cllr Stephenson reported:-

This term sees the completion of the fourth year in office for the current councillors. We are very pleased that the new management of the Toft House Hotel has very generously agreed the continuation of regular council meetings to be held in their premises. We would extend 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. Richard Blanchard again stewarded the release

of fireworks assisted by Cllr. David Kreutzberger and thanks as always go to them for providing a safe environment. The St John Ambulance staff were in attendance and helped to ensure the evening went off without incident. Soup and hot dogs were well received – as usual.

As the wheel barrow planting last year was successful we are pleased that Alison Whitehead has very kindly stepped up to the mark and is organising the event again this year. The Council is pleased to be able to support Alison in her endeavours.

The lighting of a beacon by Michael and Joy Dawson and family on their land to commemorate the centenary of the armistice which signalled the end of World War 1 was very much appreciated by those in attendance. This formed part of a national event.

### **Highways**

Various issues relating to verges, street lights, signage and potholes were considered and dealt with during the year. Again the Highways England team has limited funds and this impacts their ability to carry out the necessary works quite as quickly as we would like.

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. Highways England is not prepared to make this compulsory. It is an ongoing endeavour of the council to achieve some positive steps on this issue.

The Council continues to raise concern with Highways England 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 is a frustration to the council that this safety issue is not given the priority we consider is necessary. We have issued a risk assessment of highways items to Highways England and asked our County Councillor Robert Reid to help apply some pressure.

### **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).

New noticeboards in both Toft and Manthorpe have been installed. Contact your councillors should you wish any items to be posted.

The roof tiles to the Toft bus shelter have been repaired. Maintenance of the Manthorpe bus shelter and Lound notice board are scheduled for later this year once the weather improves.

### **Planning Applications**

The Council has dealt with all planning applications submitted in a timely manner.

The Council has recently taken issue with the SKDC planning department as it is felt that the department does not pay adequate attention to comments made by the Council on planning applications. This is ongoing and has not yet been resolved to our satisfaction.

### **Local Public Support**

Our continued thanks go out to all who are 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, checking the defibrillators and cleaning the telephone box!

Cutting of grass verges on the playing field has now been outsourced. Thanks to all those who diligently have cut the grass on a voluntary basis over the years.

### **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 that will benefit the whole community will be warmly welcomed.

### **005/19 Financial Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

The Clerk reported that the Council's largest expense had been to purchase two new noticeboards for Toft and Manthorpe, they had given grants to the usual organisations which they felt helped residents of the parish. Income from the marquees had increased.

### **006/19 Reports from County & District Councillors**

C.Cllr Reid gave a report for both authorities by reporting that highways issues were the major concern in Lincolnshire. Councillors asked Cllr Richard Davies, Cabinet Member for highways attend the next Parish Council meeting. **Action RR**

The NHS was putting pressure on Boston, Lincoln & Grantham to improve health care. He reported that the SKDC's 'Big Clean' would be continuing, Leisure facilities to be improved at Stamford & The Deepings, building project started at Bourne.

### **007/19 Reports from outside bodies:-**

#### a) Janie McCormick – St Barnabas Hospice

Throughout 2017/18 = 10,000 patients and their families were supported across Lincolnshire. Our Palliative Care call centre is open 365 days a year and dealt with nearly 25,000 calls from patients, family members and their carers. They act as a central point of access to our services and any information.

Here are a few examples of how your money could be spent; £32.56 could pay for a patient to attend our Wellbeing Centre for an hour, where they can have complementary therapy to make them feel more relaxed and comfortable. £53.87 would help a patient and their family access the benefits they are entitled to with support from our Welfare Advice Team. £136.67 could pay for one of our Hospice at Home nurses to visit a patient in their own home, allowing the patient to remain amongst their family and loved ones. £537.89 could pay for a patient to receive 24 hours of specialist care in our in-patient Hospice (bases at Grantham and Lincoln) with our fully qualified Doctors and Nurses.

For every £1 we raise, 69p goes towards delivering, and improving, the care and support we offer. The other 31p goes towards generating future income.

- b) Father Martin – St Andrews Parish Church  
The biggest problem had been theft of lead off the roof. Events for the future would be the restoration of the church clock, wreath laying at the Annual Remembrance Service and communion to those unable to attend church.
- c) Terry Butler – Royal British Legion  
Reported that the poppy appeal raised 46.7 million with 1million from Lincolnshire and over £25million from the Bourne area. Terry reported that loneliness was one of the largest problems, to combat this a breakfast club is held on Saturdays at Bourne. The Royal British Legion will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2020/21.
- d) Tom McWilliams – Edenham CofE School  
Tom reported that it had been a challenging year, a new part-time Head Teacher had started, there were 105 pupil, money from the parish would be spent on musical instruction. For safe guarding the perimeter fence to be made higher.
- e) Willoughby School is a Special School in Bourne, Lincolnshire, catering for pupils aged 2 to 19 years with severe learning difficulties - including pupils with profound, severe and complex learning needs.  
The Willoughby School vision is to:  
**Inspire every child to achieve excellence in their learning and personal development through creativity and innovation in a happy and safe environment.**  
The Willoughby School Fund is made up of five trustees who meet every term. The main aim of the trustees is to ensure that money raised for the school is well spent and benefits all students. There is a rigorous application process in place for requesting the use of school funds. The trustees scrutinise all applications, ensuring that the bidding process has been fully met and evidence given of the impact on students. Successful applicants must also feedback to the School Fund. Listed below are some of the things that we have been able to provide using donations received.
- Hot Spa
  - Sound Therapy and Senses Exploration
  - Interactive Workshops
  - Sensory and Interactive Equipment
  - ICT resources for PMLD students
  - Flora and Fauna project
  - After School Club resources
  - Toys requested from School Council
  - Zoolab visit
  - Holi Day event
  - Exercise videos
  - Specially adapted Trikes

Our recent purchase of the Tomcat specially adapted trikes have proved to be an invaluable resource for the school. Some of our children have never had the opportunity to ride a bike before and their reactions have been truly phenomenal. The trikes have given them the opportunity to play safely and independently outside, experiencing the feeling of freedom.

As you can appreciate, with budgets being increasingly challenged, it would not be possible to provide the above experiences for our students, without the very generous donations that we receive. We are very grateful to our fundraisers for their continual support.

- f) LIVES – The Community First Responders and Medics attended 165 calls in 2018 around the parish, the estimated cost of the local group responding to these calls is £8,250.  
Every time a responder attends a call it costs £50 and every time one of the medics attends it costs £109.

**008/19 To receive concerns & consider resolutions from electors of the parishes of Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe**

- Welcome to Toft sign

**009/18 Meeting closed 7.45pm.**