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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall on
Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7pm.**

Present

Cllr. Richard Stephenson (Chairman)

Cllr. Jeremy Dawson

Cllr. Sue Renner

Cllr. Richard Hartley

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

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Public Forum

Residents spoke about their concerns about planning application S21/1762 Church Hill Farm, Toft – access/egress onto the A6121, property boundaries, loss of privacy by being overlooked, type of boundary fencing, noise & disturbance, asbestos in shed & unrealistic number of properties.

Cllr Stephenson asked that the applicant and residents continued to communicate in regards to the development.

Cllr Stephenson then asked that both applicants for the Parish Council give a brief reason as to why they wish to join. He said that they would be informed after the meeting who had been successful.

1. **Co-Option of Parish Councillor** – It was agreed that this item would be discussed under closed session as in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). All agreed.
2. **Apologies for absence & reasons given** -C.Cllr Robert Reid, D.Cllr Penny Robins.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
4. **Approve Minutes of 20th May 2021 & matters arising** -Proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Renner. All agreed.
5. **Highways-**
 - a. Edenham Road, Bourne-Closed 12th July onwards – Completed. No Action.
 - b. Lound Road, Toft restriction – Anglianwater new connection – completed. No Action.
 - c. White Gates-Village entrance/exit – **Action Cllr Sue Renner.**
 - d. Toft traffic calming – Three options available for traffic calming:-
 - Passive signs which attach to existing street furniture;

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- Reactive/flashing speed signs which can be mounted on street lamps or traffic sign posts;
- Speed Enforcement where 6 volunteers from the parish are trained to use a speed gun.

6. **Planning**

- 1) S21/1762 Brown -Church Hill Farm, Toft – change of use of an existing agricultural building to form 5 dwelling houses (Class C3).

Cllrs proposed that they had no objection to idea of a residential development but they did object to the number, they felt that five was too dense, two would be more acceptable number. There was also concern about the entrance/exit onto the A6121 due expected number of vehicles if application approved and concern about speed and accidents which had occurred in the past along that road. **Action Clerk.**

- 2) S21/0977 Ellis-Partial conversion of garage at ground floor and first floor extension over garage Honeysuckle House , Manthorpe. *Cllrs who responded-no objection- **Approved***

- 3) S20/0690 of details reserved by conditions 3 (archaeology), 4 (building recording), 5 (materials), 6 (hard landscaping) and 8 (joinery) pursuant to S19/1066. Location: Pond Meadow Lound Road, Toft- **Decision 18th June 2021**

- 4) PL/0082/20 Greatford-extract & process sand & gravel, restore to agriculture, nature conservation & reservoir. **Second consultation had taken place, approved September 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Stephenson that the clerk contact LCC to request that the Parish Council be included in the Liaison Group and HGV routing agreement. **Action Clerk.**

It was also requested that the councils' letter to the County Council in regards to the application be sent to other parishes. **Action Clerk.**

- 5) **Late-None**

7. **Financial Matters-**

1. Balances to date:- Petty Cash/Barclays bank b/f £7,960.50, Building Society b/f £23,411.42.

Clerk informed council that all rent requests had been sent.

2. Payments:-

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| ➤ Defibwarehouse-pads | £106.80pd14.05.21 |
| ➤ R Stephenson-bunting | £38.85 pd10.06.21 |
| ➤ Sensory Trust seeds | £7.00pd10.06.21 |
| ➤ BHIB Ltd-council insurance | £429.58pd05.07.21 |
| ➤ R Harris -grass cutting | £175.00pd05.07.21 |
| ➤ Jeremy Dawson-wheelbarrow prizes | £35.00pd05.07.21 |
| ➤ Aqualoos Ltd-village event | £108.00 |
| ➤ James Hargreaves-Jasmine cottage | £1349.76 |
| ➤ Rospa-annual inspection playing field | £90.60 |
| ➤ Epic Fireworks-5 th November event | £395.00 |
| ➤ Leisure Bench-2x8 seater picnic tables | £879.62 |
| ➤ Travies & Perkins- Tommies | £117.79 |
| ➤ Sainsbury - Food | £82.69 |
| ➤ Rassels -Garden vouchers | £30.00 |
| ➤ Alison Whitehead-food | £15.18 |

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➤ R Harris-grass cutting	£175.00
➤ LALC-annual subscription	£137.20
➤ Stringers-paint for Tommies figures	£11.00
➤ W Muntons-food for event	£94.00
➤ Homebase-11 th Nov	£32.00

It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Hartley that all items paid. All agreed.

Donations - *Scarecrow festival* - It was agreed that with the parish councils donation the total to be given to an NHS service was £150.00. **Action Clerk.**

8. Parish Property

- a. Jasmine Cottage- It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson that this item would be discussed under closed session as in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) due to the financial sensitivity. All agreed.
- b. Playing Field-It was agreed that a site visit be arranged to look at placing gates at entrance of field for safety reasons. **Action Cllrs.**
Cllr Stephenson gave an update on the funding for new equipment to be placed on the field.
- c. Noticeboards-Lound to be looked in next financial year. **Monitor.**
- d. Bus Shelters-It was agreed that the one at Witham on the Hill cross roads would need re-treating in summer 2022. **Action Cllr Dawson.**
- e. Defibrillators – all working, training session on hold due to covid restrictions.
It was proposed by Cllr Hartley and seconded by Cllr Renner that the defibrillator at Toft House Hotel be moved to Toft Golf Course. It was agreed to split the costs 50:50. **Action Cllr Stephenson/A Childs.**
- f. Marquees – Reported only used once during 2021.
- g. Townlands/Allotment-A site visit was agreed. **Action Cllrs.**
- h. BT Kiosk-nothing to report.

9. Village Concerns

- a. Village Fireworks 2021 – had been ordered and delivered. Cllr Stephenson to contact St John Ambulance. **Action RS.**
- b. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd-6th June 2022 – organise a team, request to be placed in the Towers & Spires. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**
- c. LCC – Broadband connectivity in Lincolnshire – more information required. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**
- d. Tommy figures-Cllr Hartley reported that 13 tommy figures had been made, thanks to Essendine Village Hall Committee for supplying a template. **Action Clerk.** It was hoped that 18 would be ready which represented the number of lives lost during the First & Second World War.
It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Dawson that the Council purchase a wreath to be placed at the church. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**

10. Correspondence

- 1) Partyworkshops-provides entertainment for events.
- 2) InvestSK-business support update
- 3) SK community awards-
- 4) LALC- news updates including Queens Jubilee beacon 2022
- 5) SKDC Arts E-newsletter
- 6) LCC-Tress fund survey

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7) St John Ambulance-defibrillator accessories

8) Kompan Ltd-play equipment

11. Reports from Outside Bodies

- a) C.Cllr R Reid reported a new highways manager for the area called Dan Goodman, highways repairs along the A6121 completed, update on badger issue Swallow Hill/Manthorpe. 'Welcome to Toft' sign order in progress, Toft speed signs to be cleaned, the missing hazard marker post is considered as non-essential due to carriageway edge line and bend warning signs being present therefore no further action to be taken. Request for new village name plate for Lound, a meeting to be arranged. Flu jabs are now available. An app is now available for CallConnect bus along with bookings by telephone.
- b) D.Cllr P Robins reported on housing of Afghan families in South Kesteven, SKDC staff returning to council offices, Arts & Culture Review and Planning Service Review, Date protection, Historic Grantham sound walk, balancing the account at district, St Martin's Park in Stamford planning application, Customer Services and housing regulator.

12. Any Other Business

- Wilsthorpe Road, Manthorpe – poor condition of road.
- Manthorpe Footpaths- towards Thurlby opposite The Forge.

13. **To resolve on whether the Council will move into Closed Session**, members of the press and public were asked to leave the meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) to discuss items 1 and 8a.

Item 1 Co-option of Councillor

1. It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and agreed that Simon Lawton be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

Item 8a Jasmine Cottage

2. It was agreed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Hartley that:
 - Councillors receive a copy of Councils Insurance. **Action Clerk.**
 - Chase up third quotation for a boiler. **Action Cllr Hartley**
 - It was agreed that a structural survey be undertaken by Agile Engineering. **Action Clerk.**
 - Property Compliance Check - to be discussed annually at the Councils Annual General Meeting in May. **Action Clerk.**
 - Councillors agreed list of tenant and councils responsibilities.
 - Councillors agreed its position on sale of parish property.
 - It was agreed that the tenant had kept the property in good condition.

14. **Date of Next Meeting** –7pm at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall on:- 16th December, 3rd March 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, 5th May Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed 21:00

Signature

Date