

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes Of The Parish Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 1900 at the Toft Hotel

Present

Mr Andrew Russell (Outgoing Chair)
Mrs Anne Anderson (Clerk)
Mr Richard Stephenson (new Chair)
Mr Richard. Hartley (new councillor)
Mr Jeremy Dawson (new councillor)
10 members of the general public.

Apologies

Lorna Cook

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of last year's AGM were confirmed as a true record and signed off by Andrew Russell the outgoing chair.

Mr Russell opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed the new members to the council and thanked them for standing.

Matters Arising

None

Reports

School Governors' Report

The clerk reported to the council that she had telephoned Edenham School for the school report and was told it would be sent to her before the meeting. To date she has not received it and would chase it up with the school.

Action: Clerk

Parish Council Report

The clerk presented the Parish Council report as follows:

Parish Council Report 14-15

Highways

There have been a few issues with the verges in Lound. The main road between Toft and Bourne was closed and traffic was directed through Lound for a short while. This led to chaos with large vehicles churning up the grass verges. Highways department were made aware and have said they will take steps to sort it. To date nothing has been done.

Unfortunately our longstanding plan to gain a safe footpath in Toft alongside the busy main road has failed, as there were considerable administrative delays at County level and the parties could not finally agree to proceed.

Parish Property. There have been no issues with parish property during the last year. Defibrillators were fitted in Manthorpe and Toft Hotel. There were training courses on how to use them which were attended by local residents. They are monitored on a monthly basis to check the green lights are on and they are working OK

Finances. Total receipts in the financial year were Mowbray Building Society account now stands at £21107. Free Resource Donations have been made in the year and a total of £1600 has been donated to various institutions. The financial state of the Parish Council remains healthy with £25,647.80 available.

General. The bonfire night celebrations were enjoyed by the residents of the parish. As usual the fireworks were spectacular. The St John Ambulance were in attendance and a good night was had by all. Donations for the evening were £123.69.

The recent District Council elections saw the departure of Councillor Ibis Channell as our local Councillor after many years of dedicated service to this Council, and we offer her our appreciation.

The Parish Council remains financially healthy and has again been pleased to make significant donations to local community organisations and schools, as well as the Air Ambulance Service. A new computer was bought to assist administration.

Unusually, all the former Parish Councillors have stood down in the recent elections, but we are confident that new members will reinvigorate the Parish Council's work. We wish them well. For health reasons the Parish Clerk is also standing down, and we wish her a quick and full recovery.

We give our best wishes to the newly appointed Council and stand ready to give any advice if needed.

County Report

Mr M Trollope-Bellew delivered the County Council report after the meeting as follows:

This year marks the half way point in this Council's term of office. It is normal for there to be midterm blues, but this time it is not apparent, to me anyway.

Finance

The £148m savings have been made but another £90m cut in Gov funding will have to be found.

The council in February passed a 1 year budget as we are unsure what the impact of the 7 May will be, we normally have some idea what will happen in the next 2 to 5 years, so we can forward plan, but this year we are in the dark.

LCC have increased their share of the Council Tax by 1.9% for the first time in 4 years, £20.25 a year on a Band D property or 38p a week.

Councillors Allowances

An increase of 2.2% was recommended and passed. 2.2% is the amount that Officers Pay has increased in the last year. If Officers increase had been zero then the recommendation would be zero for councillors as well. Councillors can refuse to take any part or all their allowances.

Libraries

Stamford is a 1st Tier Library, it will be open 48 hours a week. Bourne is a 2nd Tier and will be open 45 hours.

The decision on who runs the Service will be made later on in the year, if the new Judicial Review does not happen.

Boundary Commission (B.C)

BC has agreed that the Council should be reduced from 77 to 71 Members, for the 2017 Election.

The average Division has about 7,200 voters this will increase to 7,800 to 8,000

Stamford Hospital

The Trust Board met in Stamford on 24 February, their main decisions were:

1. Increase the time the M.I.U is open (evenings & weekends)
2. Increase the number of service provider at Stamford (Diabetes, Echocardiology, Antenatal, Urology and Dermatology)
3. Put in a static MRI scanner instead of the mobile, cost about £850,000 (instead of the mobile unit which is there 13 days a month)
4. Build 2 Procedure Rooms on the site of the Hurst Ward.
5. Increase the parking (but hope to charge for it)
6. Get rid of the West End of the site but modernise the East End. Costs between £8.2m & £9.5m

Martin Trollope-Bellew

District Report

There was no district councillor present at the meeting.

Village Hall Report

The clerk has left a message with Richard Burbidge asking him for a copy of the report. He is at present in Spain.

Responses from the Public

There were no responses from the public.

Mr Russell concluded the meeting and stood down as the outgoing chair and councillor.