

# TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE, PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 1900 At the Toft Hotel

### **Present**

Richard Stephenson	Richard Hartley	David Kruetzberger
Tom McWilliams-Edenham School		Terry Bulter-The Royal British Legion
Iain Tookey- Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance		Janie McCormick-St Barnabas Hospice
D.Cllr Martin Wilkins		C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew
Mrs Bulter,		Mrs Darley,
Mrs Jyssum		Gary Anderson

### **+ 1 Member of Public**

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**001/16 Chairman's opening remarks** – Cllr Stephenson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**002/16 Apologies** – Cllrs Freeland & Dawson

### **003/16 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters Arising**

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

**004/16 Chairman's Annual Report** – Cllr Stephenson reported as follows:-

This term sees the completion of the first 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 offer our sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the parish.

EVENTS – The bonfire night celebrations were once again a great success and were well attended. Richard Blanchard stewarded the release of fireworks and again thanks go to him for providing a safe environment. The St John Ambulance staff was in attendance and helped to ensure the evening went off without incident.

Preparations are currently in hand for the Queen’s Birthday Celebrations on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016. An invitation was sent to her Majesty who, although unable to attend, sends her good wishes to all parishioners.

HIGHWAYS – An annual inspection/walkabout was carried out with a representative from the Highways Agency. Various issues relating to verges, street lights and potholes were raised for their action. The integrity of the bridge at Manthorpe was specifically raised as the road surface is showing signs of settlement on both sides of the structure. Highways Agency advice they will be carrying out structural inspection this year to ascertain the cause. The Council continue to monitor the perceived increased use of the roads by haulage contractors.

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.

A new fence has been provided around the playing field. This replaces the original old wire fence which was showing signs of wear and was damaged in various locations.

A rent review has been carried out on Jasmine Cottage, final details are currently being discussed with the tenant.

The defibrillators in both Manthorpe & Toft remain ready for use. Instructions for use have been regularly included in correspondence within the parish (noticeboards, monthly magazine).

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

**005/16 Financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

The Clerk gave a brief report, a draft copy had been circulated. She thanked Tom McWilliams for placing the information on the parish website.

## **006/16 Reports from County Councillor & District Councillor.**

1. C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported:-
  - I. The Boundary Commission had recommended a reduction of county councillors from 77 to 70 for 2017. He reported the Commission were doing a second consultation on boundaries in South Kesteven, with Toft Lound & Manthorpe being placed out of the proposed Colsterworth Rural into Bourne & Thurlby.
  - II. The county council are again looking very closely at its services due to reduction of grants from national government.
  - III. A household waste recycling centre had opened at South Fen, Bourne.
  - IV. The county council was looking at Devolution along with other local authorities in Lincolnshire.
  - V. Lincolnshire had a new Police & Crime Commissioner called Marc Jones.
  - VI. The Ambulance Service has been rated as poor, it is not hitting its targets in rural areas.
  
2. D.Cllr Martin Wilkins reported:-
  - I. The District Council election of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 saw the Conservative Administration returned with a large majority.
  - II. I was elected as District Councillor for the newly formed Glen Ward & re-appointed as Chairman of the Development Control Committee.
  - III. SKDC has suffered major cutbacks in Government funding and has had to make significant savings whilst still maintaining the front line services.
  - IV. The Council Tax was increased in line with Government guidelines resulting in an increase of £5.00 a year on the average Band D house.
  - V. The overall Council Tax bill is approximately £1,500 a year but of this only £132.03 goes to SKDC. The rest is essentially spend by the County Council & Police.
  - VI. Again following Government policy the rents on Council Properties have been reduced by 1%.
  - VII. SKDC has been able to build some council properties – 33 last year in phase 1 & 27 scheduled for this year in phase 2.
  - VIII. SKDC has continued to provide 144 services to the population of the District.
  - IX. The Planning Department has been very busy over the last 12 months with some major applications although none of significance within the parish.

## **007/16 Reports from outside bodies:-**

- I. St. Andrew's Church – no report
- II. Edenham School - Tom McWilliams member of the governing body reported:-

- The school could have a maximum of 120 pupils, at present there were 110.
- The school was funded by number of pupils and was looking at becoming an Academy to help increase funding.
- Serco the company appointed by the County Council to deal with schools finance had not been satisfactory and caused problems.
- Tom concluded by thanking the Councillors for their contribution.

Cllr Stephens presented Mr McWilliams with a cheque for £400.00

III. Willoughby School – no report

IV. The Royal British Legion – Mr Terry Butler, Bourne & District Branch Chairman reported:-

- There are 4,500 members in Lincolnshire;
- Welfare issues are the main focus which includes mobility, furniture, funerals and housing.
- In 2014-15 the poppy appeal raised 44million with Bourne area raising 22,000.

Cllr Stephens presented Mr Butler with a cheque for £200.00

V. Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance – Mr Iain Tookey, fund raising volunteer reported:-

- First started by farmers funding the operation 20 years ago.
- Flown 17,000 missions since it start & costs £2,000 - £3,000/mission;
- It is partly funded by NHS but they have to raise 1.9million per year.

Cllr Stephenson presented Mr Tookey with a cheque for £200.00

VI. St Barnabas Hospice – Janie McCormick, local fund raiser reported:-

- It is a local charity which deals with life limiting illness which can be Parkinson's, MS, Respirator as well as Cancer.
- It has been in operation for 35 years and has 5800 patients.
- They offer a service from first diagnoses to physio, relaxation, bereavement support groups etc.
- The hospice in hospital works with the NHS based at Grantham as well as having a hospice at home team.
- They need to raise £9million a year and rely on donations, legacies and their shops.

Cllr Stephenson presented Ms McCormick with a cheque for £200.00

VII. LIVES – no report.

**008/16 To receive concerns & consider resolutions from electors of the parishes of Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe – None.**

**009/16 Meeting closed 8pm.**