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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 19.30

Present Cllr. Richard Stephenson (Chairman) Cllr J Dawson Cllr. Richard Hartley Cllr. Simon Lawton Cllr Mrs Sue Renner

C.Cllr Robert Reid

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

001/23 Chairman's remarks – Cllr Stephenson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

002/23 Apologies for absence & reasons given – D.Cllr Robins, C.Cllr Reid-late attendance.

003/23 Declarations of Interest - None

004/23 Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th October 2022

Proposed by Cllr Stephenson. Seconded by Cllr Dawson. All agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes-

 033/22 (1) Toft street light requested-It was agreed that the Council was not in a position to move forward during this financial year as concern was expressed about electric connection. Action Cllrs-May

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2. 038/22 Cllr Stephenson reported that nine trees had been planted along the verge with the assistance of residents.

005/23 Highways

- 1. Lincolnshire County Council reported work undertaken by Anglianwater
- 2. Cllr Stephenson reported on highways meeting with Cllr R Davies and highways manager Daniel Adam's.
 - It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson that the Parish Council would request to join a pilot scheme – Lorry Watch Initiative – which would monitor HGV's activities. All agreed. Action Cllrs/Cllr Reid.
 - It was agreed that the footpath from Witham on the Hill crossroads to the Bridge be resurfaced.
 - The subsidence at the river bridge footpath required engineering work to be undertaken.
 - > Councillors requested to use Fixmystreet for potholes.
- 3. Cllr Renner reported that she had spoken with the residents at Toft and they had all agreed to cut back the hedge/branches which hung over the path.

006/23 Planning

- a) S23/0108 Smith, Toft-land adjacent to Hillside Toft reserved conditions (erection of 2 storey dwelling). No report.
- b) S22/2309 Cork, Manthorpe-first floor rear extension-Cllrs-no objections

- c) S22/2060 Strutt & Parker, Pond Meadow, Toft-submission of details reserved by C4 pursuant to S19/1066. *Cllr no objection*. Accepted 01.02.23
- d) S22/2271 Dungworth, Lound-construction of single storey extension to front. Approved 04.01.23
- e) S22/1534 Baggott, Ryefield, Manthorpe-proposed conversion of outbuilding to create selfcontained home office. **Approved 02.11.22**
- f) S22/1617 Ealing, Sunnyside Cottage, Lound-demolish existing outbuilding, erection of double garage/workshop, creation of gravel track & turning point. Withdrawn 09.12.22
- g) S22/1884 Beniston, The Banks, Toft-erection of 2 storey rear extension & concrete parking area to rear. **Pending Consideration.**
- h) S22/1672 Smith Ltd, Land adjacent to Hillside, Toft-erection of detached 2 storey dwelling. Pending Consideration.
- i) S22/1595 Fenland Produce ltd, Church Hill Farm, Toft-erection of 3 dwellings. Approved 28.02.23
- j) S22/1576 Fenland Produce Ltd, Church Hill Farm, Toft-demolition of existing barn & erection of 1x dwelling at Toft Barns. *Cllr No objection.* Pending consideration.
- k) Late-Nothing to report
- 007/23 Financial
 - 1. Balances to date-clerk reported balance in current account £9,967.22.

2.	Payments:-	1. ROFBS – Commission New Boiler- Jasmine Cottage	£95.00
		2. R Stephenson-laptop, signage playing field, wreath	£517.83
		3. Wicksteed Leisure-play equipment	£43,253.53
		4. F Hartley-repairs to fort	£866.64
		5. Massey & Harris-rubber matting See Saw	£129.60
		6. Wicksteed Leisure-swing chains	£141.84
		7. McAfee Security subscription	£79.99
		8. R Trollope-Bellew-annual salary	£810.68
		9. R Hartley-fireworks security box	£32.99
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Parish Precept 2023/24-It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Lawton that the council request Nil precept from the District Council-**Action Clerk.**

008/23 Parish Property

- 1. Jasmine Cottage-It was agreed that the boiler required servicing. Action Cllr Hartley It was agreed that the Council was unable to accept responsibility for the boundary fence at Jasmine Cottage. Agreed.
- Playing Field-The clerk & councillors did an asset review. It was reported that the Fort repair was waiting to be completed. It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Stephenson that the Council would dispose of the strimmer & flymo. Action Cllr Hartley.
- 3. Noticeboards-nothing to report
- 4. Bus Shelters-It was agreed to include in the painting schedule 2023. It was agreed to check the shelter at Toft for missing tiles. **Action Clirs.**
- Defibrillators-It was agreed that Cllr Renner would continue to check. It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Hartley to look for a possible site at Lound. Action Cllr Renner.
- 6. Marquees *nothing to report*
- 7. Townlands/Allotments-nothing to report
- 8. Street Furniture-It was agreed to place the benches in the field on the painting list 2023.
- 9. BT Kiosk-Nothing to report.
- 10. Computer Clerk reported that the new IT system was being used.

- 009/23 Village Concerns
 - 1. It was proposed & seconded that a single grass cutting contract would be given for the maintenance of the triangle at Toft and Playing Field. All agreed.
 - 2. It was agreed that the Council would register an interest for the next stage of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm.
 - 3. It was reported that flytipping was again a problem at the laybys on the A6121 between Toft and Witham on the Hill cross roads. Action Clerk/Cllr Robins
 - Councillors thanked Miss Dawson for litter-picking at Manthorpe.
- 010/23 Correspondence
 - 1. SKDC Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund for Village Halls deadline 20.01.23
 - 2. Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd-application been accepted for a Development Consent Order by the Planning Inspectorate register as an Interested Party until 02.03.23
 - 3. Mallard Pass Action Group information as above.
 - 4. SKDC Invitation to attend presentation from SKDC on the main changes introduced as part of the model code of conduct-information sent to all cllrs.
 - 5. Update from Cllr Robert Reid on highways issues.
 - 6. Local Parish Elections 04.05.23 briefing by SKDC, nomination forms to be submitted by 04.04.23-*Action Clerk.*
 - 7. Neighbourhood Police Team newsletter.
 - 8. Willoughby School invitation to Cllrs to visit school-Action Cllr Renner
 - 9. Flagmakers-flags etc for coronation.
- 011/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Reid reported on highways, council budget, grants & Lincolnshire's Apprenticeship Champion Awards 2023.

- 012/23 Any Other Business-none..
- 013/23 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session should this resolution be passed the public and press will be required to leave the meeting at this stage. None.
- 014/23 Date of next meeting- May 2023 date to be arranged.

Meeting closed 8.30pm