

TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk
Rosemary Trollope-Bellew
The Old Hall
Barholm
Stamford
Lincs
PE9 4RA

Tel-01778 560634
tlampc2@gmail.com



Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting held on 2nd March 2023 at Witham Parish Hall

Present- Richard Stephenson, Richard Hartley, Fr. Edward Martin, James Brown, Clive Wright,
Sue Renner, V Billyard, Parish Clerk – Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

001/23 Chairman's opening remarks – The Chairman of the Parish Council Richard Stephenson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

002/23 Apologies – Cllr Robert Reid, Cllr Penny Robins, Cllr Hartley-late attendance.

003/23 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters Arising

It was proposed by Richard Stephenson & seconded by Jeremy Dawson that the minutes of last meeting were a true record and signed off by Mr. Stephenson. There were no outstanding matters from the minutes.

004/23 Parish Council's Chairman's Annual Report –Cllr Richard Stephenson- Report Attached.

005/23 Clerk to Parish Council's Draft Financial Report for year ending 31st March 2023

- Mrs R Trollope-Bellew reported that the majority of rents had been collected.
- The Council received grants towards new keep-fit and playground equipment at Manthorpe Playground.
- The Council continued to give donations to local groups and arrange parish events.

006/23 Reports from County & District Councillors- None

007/23 Reports from outside bodies:-

1. Vicki Billyard – Headteacher, Willoughby Academy, Bourne thanked the Parish Council for its continued support to the school, last years financial contribution went towards providing a sensory room which was used for calming and therapy. Mrs Billyard said that there were 135 pupils and was well supported by the local community. She again offered members to visit the school.
2. Father Martin thanked the council for inviting him to the Queens Jubilee last year and is looking forward to attending Coronation events. He reported that St Andrew's had its

own facebook page and was going from strength to strength. He said that the Sunday school continued to be popular. Finally, Father Martin thanked the council for its continued financial support due to the cost of upkeep of the Church.

3. The Royal British Legion – **report attached.**
4. Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance – **report attached.**

008/23 To receive concerns & consider resolutions from electors of the parishes of Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe - None

009/23 Meeting closed – 19.25

Reports

Cllr Richard Stephenson - Chairman's Annual Report

This term sees the completion of the fourth and final year of the current period in office for the all the current councillors with the exception of Cllr Simon Lawton – who was co-opted onto the council in September 2021.

Regular council meetings were again disrupted for a short time during this period due to the covid pandemic.

Meetings continue to be held in the Witham Parish Hall. This will be the situation for the foreseeable future. Our thanks to those Witham residents who maintain and make these facilities available.

Events

The bonfire night celebrations were cancelled in 2022 as the Jubilee Playing Field was not accessible due to installation of new playground equipment. It is planned to hold the event in 2023 - subject to the necessary volunteers coming forward to enable the proceedings.

Planning is underway for the King's Coronation Celebrations in May 2023. A working group has been established to progress this issue.

Highways

As ever, ongoing issues relating to verges, street lights, signage and potholes were considered and dealt with during the year. As in previous reports, the Highways team has limited funds and this continues to impact their ability to carry out the necessary works as quickly as we would like.

The highways team now has a new manager - we await to see if his actions will be more positive than previous holder's of this position. This is particularly with regard to the TRO (requested in 2019) and repairs to footpaths.

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 defibrillators in both Manthorpe and Toft remain ready for use. Training sessions for use were held during the period. Instructions for use have been regularly included in correspondence within the parish (notice boards, monthly magazine).

The ongoing use of the old BT has not yet been agreed. Future use remains to be decided. Our thanks to the local resident who has taken "ownership" of the box and recently cleaned it.

Stage 2 of the Jubilee Playing Field regeneration project has been completed. New play equipment was installed by Wicksteed Leisure during October and November 2022. This was made possible by a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund

Stage 3 of the project (new pavilion) remains to be progressed. Funding needs to be found for this project.

In total an amount of £43,500 has been raised through grant applications – this was then used to fund stages 1 and 2 of the regeneration.

Planning Applications

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

A planning item outside our parish (and hence outside our control) but which may impact our residents is the Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Due to the capacity of the solar farm exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), Mallard Pass Solar Farm is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008. It will be roughly the size of almost 1,100 football pitches. The Council, has written to the company behind the proposed scheme outlining our concerns. Going forward, the scheme is to be examined in a Public Enquiry.

Local Public Support

As ever our continued thanks go out to all who are regularly involved with keeping the parish a pleasant environment in which to reside - that is those involved with grass cutting, union jack flying, litter picking, delivering the parish magazine, circulating village notices by e-mail, checking the defibrillators.

Cutting of grass verges on the playing field and Toft “triangle” planted area continues to be outsourced.

Parish Council Finance

The Parish Council remains in a cash positive position. The Council will, going forward, continue to actively consider the need for projects within our community which give maximum benefit to all residents. Any reasoned projects that will benefit the whole community are warmly welcomed for review.

Extraordinary Items

No such items during the period.

Royal British Legion report - Jake Jacobs

All funds and donations received in any branch of the RBL needs to be deposited into a central fund of the RBL in London.

No RBL branch is allowed to hold more than £5000 in its current/admin account. If a branch requires funds from the central account, it needs to apply with relevant reasons and the appropriate funds are then transferred to that branch. Each branch receives annual interest from the amount held in their individual central account.

Poppy collection. All funds collected through the year for the Poppy appeal are sent direct to the Poppy appeal fund, these funds are strictly used for the welfare of veterans, serving members of the armed forces and their dependents, the upkeep of many establishments catering for mental and physical trauma which is experienced by many young service personnel these days, the upkeep of some care homes run by the RBL for veterans sadly, some of these care homes had to be closed due to lack of funding.

Welfare. Each local RBL branch has a welfare scheme to cover items such as; taking veterans to hospital or wherever they may need transport to, visiting and taking their families to visit them in hospital etc.

For anything which requires a substantial funding for example a stair lift, mobility scooter etc. The branch will put the individual in contact with their local RBL County Welfare, who will send a case worker to access the individual's financial assets and deal with the case either, by paying fully or partly depending on the individual's financial circumstances.

Funds and donations received by RBL Bourne branch from your parish or another organisations/individuals, are firstly used to top up our current/admin account which covers local welfare as stated above, costs towards Remembrance Sunday or other official events we may need to cover, to reimburse any individual on official duty/courses, welfare etc. We also transfer annually from our current/admin account, between £1500 - £2000 into the County Welfare account to cover the needs of Bourne & District. I know of one case in which I was involved, where the individual living in Bourne needed various equipment mobility scooter, special bed, chair lift a shed with electric to keep the scooter charged, all these items were fully paid for and supplied to the individual on the understanding; it would be returned when no longer required. Plus there are other cases which are shrouded by confidentiality which we are not aware of in our district that are covered by County Welfare.

Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance-

is a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) operating throughout Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

Our state of the art helicopter and highly-skilled pilots, paramedics and doctors give some of the most critically ill and injured people their very best chance of survival in what is often their greatest hour of need.

Your donation helped us respond to over 1620 missions during 2022, over 130 more incidents than in 2021.

A total of 1003 incidents took place in Lincolnshire and 441 in Nottinghamshire, with the rest in neighbouring counties. Patients were taken to hospitals including Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre, Hull Royal Infirmary, Lincoln County Hospital and Sheffield Northern General Hospital.

We are now registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This means that we are now clinically independent, able to develop our services based on the very specific and critical nature of the on-scene care given by our HEMS team. Our crews can now adapt quicker to emergency advances in drugs and treatments which will ultimately benefit the patients we treat.

All pilots, doctors and paramedics are now trained to use specialist night vision goggles, which allowed extended night flying. The helicopter is able to respond to incidents for 19 hours of the day, from 7am to 2am the following morning. This makes LNAA the only air ambulance in the East Midlands operating throughout the hours of darkness. Last year 602 missions were carried out during the hours of darkness.

The amount of blood carried on board the helicopter and critical care cars has increased to four units of red blood cells and four units of fresh frozen plasma. This provides more time to stabilise patients, allowing doctor and paramedic teams to treat people at the scene of incidents for longer and carry out life-saving procedures normally only undertaken in a hospital Emergency Department. 49 patients received blood products with a total of 146 units of blood products being transfused.

The Nottingham Critical Care Car celebrated its third birthday in September and since its launch in 2019, has been used to respond to 868 missions. It operates Thursday to Sunday from 2pm to 2am and was called to 418 incidents in 2022, an increase of 29% on 2021. The car is vital to providing enhanced pre-hospital care to patients in Nottingham and its surrounding villages. The crew attended incidents including road traffic incidents, medical emergencies, assaults and self-harm.

2023 will see more advanced developments in our life-saving service. All this is only possible with the support from the communities and organisations like yourselves. Last year we needed £8million to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and we know that with increased costs and increased demand this cost will increase in 2023.

We thank you for your support which has enabled us to continue to be by the side of patients, day and night.