

Toft with Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)
Cllr. Richard Hartley (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Richard Stephenson
Cllr Sue Renner

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

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Public Forum

A resident enquired what the Council's position was regarding Jasmine Cottage and asked that parishioners of the parish be kept informed.

A resident had the following concerns: -

- the Fir Tree Hedges on the boundary of The Cottage, High Green and West Lodge (A6121) are overgrown and making it very difficult to walk the path without walking into the road, this along with the plant and weed growth which covers a good 75% of the path width in that area and the area outside Longways, Rose Lodge and The Poplars.
- regarding the Yew tree hedging on the boundary wall of the Toft Hotel, it is impossible to walk on the footpath from the entrance to the rear car park of the hotel to the entrance of the Golf Club car park again without walking into the road (A6121) and extremely difficult with a golf buggy.

058/24 Chairman's remarks – Cllr Brown opened the meeting

059/24 Apologies for absence & reasons given – Cllrs S Brett & C.Cllr Reid.

060/24 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Hartley item 065/24 (7) interest-advising Mr. Robinson tenant of Toft Lodge field on his sustainable farming incentive scheme and would take no part in the discussion or decision.

061/24 Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising held August 2024 was agreed as proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Hartley. All agreed.

062/24 Highways

1. LCC- evidence of flooding in parish towards Section 19-Clerk reported that no information received to date from Lincolnshire County Council. **Monitor.**
2. Toft - Speeding Traffic-Cllr Brett reported The Road Safety Partnership would be co-ordinating the installation of pole, date to be confirmed. **Monitor.**
3. Manthorpe -Traffic Survey –Cllr Brett to chase information from The Road Safety Partnership. **Monitor.**
4. 30mph Passive Signs-Cllr. Hartley reported that two signs had been installed at Manthorpe.

063/24 Planning

- a. S24/1607 Waterworks Houses, Lound-erection of 3 new poles, 1 stub leg & 2 new stay wires to replace the existing low voltage line. -**SKDC No Objection**

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- b. S24/1094 Pond Meadow, Toft-confirmation of compliance C3 & 4 pursuant of S19/1066.

Withdrawn

- c. Late applications – None.

064/24 Financial Matters

- a. Balances to date.

- Current Ac-£19,664.10 + Interest Ac-£938.83 + MMBS -£3506.83=**£24,109.76**
- Melton Mowbray Building Society-Cllr Stephenson signed the Authority to withdraw and close the account. **Action Clerk.**
- Barclays Online Banking-Signatories to date Cllr Stephenson & Clerk.
It was agreed to forward information to Cllrs Brett & Brown. **Action Clerk.**
- Barclays bank Interest rates as 19.12.24 from 1.50% to £1.40%

- b. Payments:
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| 1. Lincs Home Condition report-Jasmine Cottage | £90.00 |
| 2. Jimmys Fireworks-village event | £444.00 |
| 3. Donations-Willoughby school/St.Barnabas Hospice | |
| Witham on the Hill PCC- | £325.00/ |
| 4. Singleton Training-deb batteries etc | £504.30 |
| 5. Bourne Electrical-EICR Jasmine Cottage | £408.00 |
| 6. R Trollope-Bellew-stamps | £13.60 |

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Hartley to pay items 1-6. All agreed. **Action Cllr. Stephenson/Clerk.**

- c. Bourne Electrical & Plumbing Services- Quotation work at Jamine Cottage had been received. It was agreed that a second quotation was required. **Action Cllr Brown**

065/24 Parish Property

1. Jasmine Cottage-It was proposed by Cllr. Stephenson, Seconded by Cllr Brown the Council to go in to closed session due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.
2. Playing Field-
 - It was agreed that Cllr Hartley would inspect the play equipment monthly and keep documentation available for inspection. **Action Cllr Hartley/Clerk to provide paperwork.**
 - It was also agreed that if any residents came across damaged equipment in the field to report directly to Cllr Hartley. **Action-Tom McWilliams.**
 - It was reported that the wooden sleepers surrounding the Petanque (Boules) pitch were a safety concern. Various suggestions were made to provide a temporary repair. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**
 - Fireworks Event – Cllr Hartley reported he had received the fireworks. It was agreed that the chairman would liaise with Simon Lawton who was organising the evening. **Action Cllr Brown.**
3. Noticeboards-Nothing to report.
4. Bus Shelters- Nothing to report.
5. Defibrillators –Nothing to report
6. Marquees – Clerk reported that an invoice had been sent for the hire of the marquee in the summer.
7. Townlands/Allotments- It was proposed by Cllr. Brown, Seconded by Cllr. Stephenson that the Council goes into closed session due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.
8. Street Furniture-Grit Bins – Cllr Stephenson to check Manthorpe, Cllr Renner to check Toft. It was reported that Lound had been checked. **Action Cllrs.**
9. BT Kiosk-Nothing to report.
10. Computer – It was reported that it would need updating in the near future. **Action Clerk.**

066/24 Village Interests.

- a. Alicia Kearns MP-flooding resilience summit, Careby Village Hall on 4th October. It was agreed that the clerk would represent the parish. **Action Clerk.**
- b. Environment Agency-Clerk contacted 03.09.24 to arrange a site visit, EA acknowledge with Ref GE/35260 4/9, no further information to date. **Action Clerk to chase**
- c. Additional-Councillors had left the picture of King Charles 111 (on loan to Witham on the Hill Parish Hall Committee) at the Hall. **Action Clerk.**

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- d. Cllr Hartley reported that the Council had received 14 large sacks of daffodil bulbs to be planted around the parish. It was agreed to get residents involved with the planting. Information to be included. **Action T McWilliams**

067/24 Correspondence

2. SKDC-consultation Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26.
3. SKDC-Community Funding Workshop 19.09.24
4. SKDC Community Engagement, Parish & Town Council Conference-8th or 14th October.
5. SKDC-Police launched Dementia Safeguarding scheme
6. SKDC Community Awards 2024.
7. Longstaff-Jasmine Cottage.
8. Lincs Police-guidance on safety & security for Cllrs.
9. LCC-request parishes check grit bins ready for winter
10. SKDC-funding for biodiversity projects.
11. SKDC Household battery collection information.
12. SKDC-Free parking at district carpark Monday-Wednesday 2nd to 24th December.
13. SKDC & Boothby Wildland partnership-provide developers with an option to buy habitat units to help biodiversity net gain targets.
14. Energy Performance Certificate- Jasmine cottage results
15. B Charrington – tree contractor
16. Alicia Kearns MP-Pension Credit poster- to help contact eligible residents.
17. Letter regarding Jasmine Cottage.
18. Witham on the Hill PCC-email thank you for donation £325.00
19. LCC-Town & Parish Newsletter-devolution, parking scam, mental health funding farmers, household support
20. Lincs Reservoir-information update + Q & A response from Braceborough & wilsthorpe PC.

068/24 Reports from Outside Bodies. –

- C.Cllr Reid reported on Devolution for Lincolnshire, Toft- blocked drains and proposed highways meeting later in the month.
It was agreed that Councillors would like to attend the meeting. **Action Clerk.**
- D.Cllr Penny Robins reported on Winter Fuel Allowance, major voids in Council housing & purple bin collection. Councillors reported that they were unhappy with how the waste bins were left after being emptied. **Action Cllr Robins.**

069/24 Any Other Business

- Agenda - parish precept 2025/6

070/24 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session –

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting due to discussions of a sensitive nature involving Council owned land. All agreed.

Jasmine Cottage

Councillors had been in discussions with the current tenant of Jasmine Cottage who wished to terminate their tenancy. Councillors had instructed Longstaffs, Bourne to act as their Agent.

It had been agreed that the cottage & land would be let as a residential property at £1000/calendar month on Agent's recommendations.

It was agreed that pets would be considered, no business to be run from the property or land and hoped that the new tenant would be local to the area. It was agreed that an email be sent to residents of the parish to update them on the Councils decision. All agreed. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**

Councillors agreed to continue with discussions in regard to Townlands with the tenants. **Action Clerk/Cllrs.**

071/24 Date of next meeting- 9th January 2024 at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed 20.00

