

# 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 Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2025 at 19.00pm

### Present

Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)  
Cllr. Richard Hartley  
Cllr. S Brett  
Cllr Sue Renner  
Cllr. Alan Whitaker.

D.Cllr Penny Robins

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

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029/25 Election of Chairman, sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr James Brown - proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Renner.

030/25 Election of Vice-Chairman, Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Richard Hartley – proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident enquired when would the parish be connected to the new fibre network. Cllr Brett reported that it would be when service providers contacted properties.

031/25 Chairman thanked everyone for attending. It was proposed Cllr Brown to go into closed session for Item 036/25 a & g. All agreed.

032/25 Apologies for absence & reasons given. None

Declaration of Interests – Cllr R Hartley item 036/25 g.7 prejudicial interest.

033/25 Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising.

It was proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Renner that the minutes of the previous meeting be a true record. **Action Cllr Brown.**

- Witham on the Hill X roads-The Road Safety Partnership accident investigation & prevention team scheduled to assess location. The clerk had received no response from C.Cllr Vernon or Witham on the Hill Parish Council to clerks' letter-bus stop/extension footpath. **Action Clerk.**
- Letter sent to D Kreutzberger 05.04.25.
- Clerk replied to resident regarding concerns over parking at Manthorpe-the council does not have the power to deal with parking issues. **No Action.**
- BT Kiosk land ownership-name of owner of property behind to check land registry site plan. **Information received-Action Clerk.**

034/25 Co-option of Councillor

It was proposed & seconded that Alan Whitaker would be co-opted onto the council. Cllr Whitaker signed Acceptance of Office. **Action Clerk.**

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## 035/25 Financial matters-

- a) Approve the Internal Audit Report 2024/5-Mr. Tom McWilliams  
Proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Brown.
- b) Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.25.  
Proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Brown
- c) Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) & Certificate of Exemption for the year ended 31.03.25.  
Proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Brown.
- d) Income as from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025
  - 1. Longstaffs – Jasmine cottage £904.00
  - 2. Payments – 2. Royal British Legion/St Andrews PCC/ LIVES/Air Ambulance/Edenham School/ Willoughby School/St Barnabas Hospice £325.00 each
  - 3. David Kreutzberger-balance o/s £458.17
  - 4. R T-Bellew Microsoft 365-1year subscription £84.99
  - 5. T Sharman-o/s inspection Jasmine cott £27.00
  - 6. Paul Toseland-swift boxes £362.40
  - 7. Hugn Nunn Ltd – trees etc £252.00
  - 8. Clear Insurance-annual insurance £721.24
  - 9. Blanchards-Removing hedging J.cottage £360.00

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett to pay Item 2-9. **Action Clerk.**

- f) Barclays Bank – Online banking, signatories – Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that Barclays have received mandates for Cllrs J Brown & S Brett.

**Awaiting further information.**

## 036/25 Parish Property-

- a) Jasmine Cottage-it was agreed that the Bees in chimney would be removed at a later date, when the hive became dormant or earlier if they became a nuisance, the chimney would then be repointed. **Action Clerk/Cllrs**
- b) Playing Field- the grass had been cut 5 times to date.
- c) Noticeboards- Nothing to report
- d) Bus Shelters – Nothing to report
- e) Defibrillators- Cllr Renner reported that Toft & Manthorpe had both been checked.
- f) Marquees – Cllr Hartley reported that Witham on the Hill had hired a marquee, invoice to be sent to David Clifford. **Action Clerk.**
- g) Townlands/Allotment-  
It was agreed to ask a tenant to cut back the hedge at the gateway into the parish field due to poor visibility, if this was not possible the council would make it own arrangements and charge the tenant. **All agreed.**  
It was agreed to increase the rents for Townlands at Manthorpe and Lound. **All agreed.**
- h) Street Furniture-Quotations required for painting. **Action Cllr Brown.**
- i) BT Kiosk-See 033/25.

## 037/25 Highways

- 1. LCC-Road closed, Thurlby Lane 22.04.25 to 24.04.24–fibre broadband. **Information.**
- 2. LCC Road closed, Lound 21.04.25 to 24.04.25 – fibre broadband. **Information.**

## 038/25 Planning

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- a) S25/0548 Pemberton, Lound Rd, Toft-flat roof single story extension to rear. Councillors agreed no objection. **Action Clerk.**
- b) S25/0662 Vaughan, Thurlby Lane-conversion of barns to 3 dwellings. Councillors agreed no objection. **Action Clerk.**
- c) Late applications-None provided.

## 039/25 Village Interests

- a. It was agreed to hold the annual fireworks evening on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025. **Action Clerk.**
- b. Cllrs reported that the Swift boxes had been a great success and that residents should be encouraged to contact the council if they had other environmental ideas which they wished to pursue. Thanks to Mr Toseland. **Action Clerk.**

## 040/25 Correspondence

- 1. NALC-updated Good Gouncillors Guide
- 2. Anglianwater-update on pipeline
- 3. SKDC-Community Orchard – Penny Dawson
- 4. Quickline broadband to be available in the area. Project Gigabit teams meeting. Cllr Brett agreed to attend on behalf of the council. **Clerk/Cllr Brett.**
- 5. Cadent pipeline-confirmation of ownership of land- clerk responded.
- 6. Alicia Kearns MP-recommence Anglianwater – Grantham to Peterborough.
- 7. Anglianwater Lincs reservoir project-update survey work
- 8. Election details – LCC/Mayoral
- 9. SKDC on behalf of Network Rail – community trees planting fund £2500-£5000.

## 041/25 Reports from Outside Bodies – (County Councillor/District Councillor)

Cllr Robins gave an update on the election of new leader for the conservatives at the District Council and Cllr Kenneth Redfern would be representing Bourne South & Thurlby for Lincolnshire County Council. She also reported that there was a petition to alter the design at Bourne Recycling centre to overcome traffic congestion. Cllr. Hartley ask if Cllr Robins would investigate the process for increasing the number of councillors on the council, noting it is likely to be based on resident numbers, which have increased since the original number of councillors was set.

## 042/25 Any Other Business – items to be placed on next agenda.

## 043/25 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 at 19.45 – 19.55

## 044/25 Date of next meeting -Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall at 7pm. To be confirmed. **Action Clerk.**

Meeting closed 20.00