

# **TOFT WITH LOUND & MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Witham Parish Hall**

Present- Richard Stephenson, Richard Hartley, James Brown, Sue Renner, Stu Brett, Jonathan Brough, Barbara Vanu, Melanie Barnes, Joanne Derrick, Tom McWilliams, Parish Clerk – Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

**001/25 Chairman's opening remarks** – The Chairman of the Parish Council James Brown opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**002/25 Apologies** – D.Cllr P Robins, C.Cllr Robert Reid.

### **003/25 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters Arising**

It was proposed by James Brown & seconded by Sue Renner that the minutes of last meeting were a true record and signed off by Mr. Brown. There were no outstanding matters from the minutes.

**004/25 Parish Council's Chairman's Annual Report –Cllr James Brown- Awaiting report.**

### **006/25 Clerk to Parish Council's Draft Financial Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

- Mrs R Trollope-Bellew reported that the majority of rents had been collected.
- Jasmine Cottage had been rented out as from December 2024 with rent £6526 collected to date. £7848 expenditure before it could be rented - boiler service, oil, EPC, electricity checks, carpets and cleaning.
- The Council re-claimed £667 from HMRC for play equipment purchased on behalf of the parish.
- The Council continued to give £2275 donations to local groups and paid for annual fireworks event totalling £1055.
- Council purchased passive speed signs £40 and re-active speed equipment £2808 installed at Toft.
- Council closed the Building Society Account due to poor interest and re-invested in Barclays Interest Account earning £28 interest in year.
- The draft end of year accounts for 2024/25 = £15,530

- The Council continue to provide trees as part of the Councils ongoing climate initiative. Thanks go to Mrs Dawson, farmers, landowners and helper who made this possible.

#### **006/25 Reports from County & District Councillors- None**

**007/25 Reports from outside bodies:** Richard McDermott, member of the Greatford Flood Committee gave a presentation on flooding in that parish. He started by giving a brief history of the effects of the two storms in January 2024 and the excessive rain in January 2025. How the parish was affected by what happened up stream at Burton Coggles, the gauging station at Shillingthorpe stopped working therefore giving false hope that the river wouldn't rise further, the Greatford Cut, which was built to alleviate flooding from the village, had been to capacity.

The committee was given advise from the Welland & Deeping Internal Drainage Broad (IDB), obtained a grant from Lincolnshire County Council and arranged for the ditches/drains around the village to be cleared, this allowed water from the fields to run into them so that the land would be able to act as a soak for next heavy rain. LCC highways did a CCTV survey of the drains in the village jetted those which were blocked. It was found that the riverbanks had breached in a number of places, the Glen had been diverted to go in front of Greatford Hall when its instinct was to go behind. Maintenance of the bank has yet to be done.

Finally, Mr McDermott advised residents that they make sure that they remove any leaves/debris from the front of their houses near to drains, report and problems such as blocked drains, fallen trees across water ways and that landowners maintain their dykes/drains annually to allow a free flow of water.

A question & answer session then took place.

The Chairman James Brown thanked Richard for his informative presentation.

#### **008/25 To receive concerns & consider resolutions from electors of the parishes of Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe-**

1. A resident had concerns about the parking at the T junction of Manthorpe/Wilsthorpe. It was agreed that the Clerk to the Council would contact the person and explain that unfortunately this was something that the council was unable to assist. **Action Clerk.**
2. Concern had been expressed that there was lack of parking at the Manthorpe Playing Field. It was noted that the area in question was private land and advised alternative parking in the village.
3. Speeding at Toft-after several accidents and request for more bin signs. It was reported that the parish council had purchased passive and reactive speed signs which had been located at various sites within the village, on the advice of Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership after they had conducted an archer test. It was also reported that the bin signs had been distributed to a number of residents to circulate. It was reported that once the data from the re-active speed sign was collected it would be circulated.

#### **009/25 Meeting closed – 20.05**

