

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 9th October 2025 at 19.00pm**

Present

Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)

C.Cllr Ken Redfern

Cllr. S Brett

D.Cllr Penny Robins

Cllr. Sue Renner

Cllr. Alan Whitaker.

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

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Public Forum – C.Cllr Ken Redfern introduced himself.

045/25 Chairman's opening remarks- Cllr Brown thanked County Councillor for attending the meeting.

046/25 Apologies for absence & reasons given. Cllr Richard Hartley.

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 stipulates that if a member of a parish council does not attend any meetings for a period of six months they will vacate their office unless the council approves the reason for their absence before the six month period expires.

It was proposed by Cllr Brett, seconded by Cllr Renner that Cllr Hartley's reasons for absence be accepted. **All accepted. Action Clerk.**

047/25 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Brown prejudicial interest item 050/25 (8).

048/25 Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising.

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

Matters arising:-

1. 033/25 Witham on the Hill Cross Road. Nothing to report. **Action C.Cllr Redfern to give update at next meeting.**
2. 035/25 Letter of thanks sent to Paul Toseland for organising the swift boxes on behalf of the parish council. It was reported that no swifts used the boxes this spring, boxes removed and cleaned ready to be 2026.

049/25 Highways

1. Alicia Kearns MP invitation to flood summit at Greatford. Cllr Renner to attend on behalf of the parish council. **Action Cllr Renner.**
2. LCC enquiring if council requires any sand bags and filling of grit bins. Cllrs reported that Lound bin was 2/3 full, Cllr Whitacker to report on Manthorpe bin, Cllr Renner Toft bin.

Action Clerk/AW/SR.

It was agreed that Councillors would check containers purchased by the council to store sand and bags for flood issues. **Action Cllrs**

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3. Lound-water leak near junction. Cllrs Brown & Brett reported that it was first reported in July. Cllrs to monitor. **Action Cllrs Brown & Brett.**
4. Toft Triangle-Councillors were informed in 2006 Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) gave the Parish Council a Licence to look after the area on the understanding that it would be low maintenance. Residents looked after the area in the past.
It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett to obtain two quotations to place terram and gravel for easy maintenance. All agreed.
5. Toft Re-active Speed Sign-It was reported that 87% of drivers adhered to the speed limit, 5% up from previously. There was one vehicle, early in the morning 78mph. **Action Cllr Brett to forward information to be included in the parish magazine.**
6. It was agreed to place the silhouettes at before Remembrance Day at three villages. **Action Cllrs Brett/Hartley.**

050/25 Planning

1. S23/065 Sunnyside cottage, Lound-Appeal Decision-Lawful development certificate-land used as garden. **Appeal allowed.**
2. S25/1117 11 Fairways-2 storey rear extension-No Objection. **Approved 12.08.25**
3. S25/1313 Lound-erect 4 bay car port. No Objection. **Approved 06.10.25.**
4. S25/1535 Meadow View, Toft-discharge conditions **Awaiting decision.**
5. S25/0548 Pemberton, Lound Rd, Toft-flat roof single story extension to rear. No objection. **Action Clerk.**
6. S25/0662 Vaughan, Thurlby Lane-conversation of barns to 3 dwellings. No objection. **Action Clerk.**
7. Mallard Pass Solar Farm-engagement workshop, Uffington Village Hall. Clerk gave update informing the meeting that it was suggested that the HGV route be altered. Instead of leaving the A1 and turning at the Great Casterton junction past the schools to come off at Peterborough and use the A15 via Bourne ring road to A6121 to various sites. To be monitored.
8. Late additions-S25/1784 Fenland Produce Ltd Toft Discharge of C8 pp S22.1595. Cllr Brown left the meeting. Cllrs proposed no objection. **Action Clerk.**

051/25 Financial matters-

- a. Balances to date.
 - Current Ac-£13291.81+ Business Interest Ac-£4,656.25 (interest 30.76) + Petty Cash £51.20 = £17999.26
 - Online banking-Both Cllrs Brett & Brown have registered.
 - SBA-External Accountants-notification of exemption of 2024/25 accounts received and accepted. **No Action required.**
 - Internal Auditor Mr T McWilliams to audit accounts from April to September 2025.
 - It was proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Brett that Cllr Renner purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Council. **Action Cllr Renner.**
- b. Payments:

1. Playsafe Ltd – inspection	£148.80	pd September
2. J V Exton-grass cutting	£770.00	pd September
3. Jimmys fireworks	£444.00	pd September
4. J Kendall-furniture painting	£310.00	pd September
5. J Supplies	£255.10	pd September

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett to agree payments. All agreed.
- c. Income –

1. R Longstaff-Jasmine cottage	£904.00	pd September
2. R Longstaff- Jasmine cottage	£904.00	pd August
3. R Longstaff-Jasmine cottage	£904.00	pd July
4. R Longstaff-Jasmine cottage	£904.00	pd June
5. D Clifford-hire of marquee	£50.00	pd June

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052/25 Parish Property-

- a. Jasmine Cottage- It was agreed to discuss the removal of bees in chimney at next meeting. It was agreed to ask Longstaffs about new legislation in regards to damp. **Action Clerk/Longstaffs.**
- b. Playing Field-
 - Playsafe Rospa inspection report had been received a few maintenance issues and removal of vegetation. It was agreed to obtain two quotations to remove vegetation. **Action Cllrs.**
 - It was reported that some of the benches possibly required replacing. **Action Cllrs meet on site.**
- c. Noticeboards-Reported that they had been painted. **No Action.**
- d. Bus Shelters-Clerk was asked to contact SKDC Street Scene who were going to removal graffiti. **Action Clerk.**
- e. Defibrillators –It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be organising CPR/Defib training this Autumn.
Concern was expressed about the food pod which a Councillor felt was obstructing the defibrillator at Toft Golf Course. **Action Clerk.**
- f. Marquees – nothing to report
- g. Townlands/Allotments-
 - It was proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Renner to go into closed session due to the financial sensitivity. All agreed.
- h. Street Furniture-Nothing to report.
- i. BT Kiosk—Clerk emailed BT 20.05.25 to clarify land kiosk sited, BT acknowledged receipt but nothing to date. **Action Clerk.**
- j. Computer -microsoft 365 subscription paid and installed. It was agreed to look at a New email addresses for Council and Councillors. **Action Clerk/D.Cllr Robins.**

053/25 Village Interests

1. Anglianwater-pipeline update item 10 (11) **Cllr Renner asked for an update.**
2. Lound Hill excavation – It was reported that the work was not taking place on parish land.

053/25 Correspondence

1. SKDC-invitations to briefings ref-Local Government reorganisation & slides.
2. SKDC-dates for new bin rounds, garden waste collections
3. SKDC-rewilding survey
4. SKDC-Housing strategy consultation, ended 31.07.25
5. SKDC-Local Plan consultation-property housing and mixed-use site allocation.
6. Town & Parish Council newsletters.
7. Lincolnshire Police council meeting 16.09.25.
8. North & South Kesteven Policing overview meeting attended by Cllr Renner.
9. Environment Agency-summer maintenance information.
10. LCC- newsletters/report flooding
11. Anglianwater-pipeline Grantham-Peterborough update.
12. D.Cllr Robins sent details of new funding opportunity from Government.
13. Clear Councils Insurance Company-newsletter including how to prepare for fireworks events.

054/25 Reports from Outside Bodies – (County Councillor/District Councillor)

1. C.Cllr Redfern-nothing to report.
2. D.Cllr Robins reported about Bourne Recycling paint offer, new food waste, change of bin days, Little Bytham Spinney had received a grant from SKDC, Castle Bytham Community Shop had won Stamford Mercury Small Business Award. Councillors asked Cllr Robins to inform SKDC that the new website was very confusing and enquired about the Common Ground Award in relation to a new shed and benches for the Council. **Action Cllr Robins.**

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055/25 Any Other Business – items to be placed on next agenda. – Annual Highways Walkabout.

Action Clerk.

056/25 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.

➤ It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett to move Townlands to Longstaffs. All Agreed. **Action Cllr. Brown.**

057/25 Date of next meeting –Thursday 8th January, 19th March (Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Council Meeting), 21st May (Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council) at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall at 7pm. To be confirmed. **Action Clerk.**

Meeting closed 20:25