

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 8TH January 2026 at 19.00pm

Present

Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)
Cllr. Richard Hartley (vice-Chairman)
Cllr Sue Renner
Cllr. Alan Whitaker.

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

Public - 1

Public Forum – 19.00 – 19.10

A resident asked for an update on the annual highways walkabout which took place in November and possibility of a parish pavilion or hall. Councillors confirmed that the two sheds at the playing field would require replacing in the near future, but nothing had been arranged.

001/26 Chairman's opening remarks – Cllr Brown opened the meeting.

002/26 Apologies-Cllr Brett, C.Cllr Redfern & D.Cllr Robins.

003/26 Declarations of Interests-None

004/26 Approve Minutes of Parish Council & Matters arising

Approved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Whitaker. All agreed. (Cllr Hartley abstained as not at meeting).

1. 048/25 Witham on the Hill Crossroads- Cllr Brett reported that he had requested an archer survey but it could take up to 6 months.
2. 049/25 (1) Flood Summit arranged by MP. Cllr. Renner sent report to councillors.
3. 049/25 (2) Sandbags required. Cllr Brown had purchased and placed in the container with the sand at Jasmine Cottage.
4. 049/25 (3) Lound water leak-No information available.
5. 049/25 (4) Toft triangle- Councillors were informed that a number of residents had emailed about the current state of the junction. Cllr Brown reported that he had obtained 1 quotation, it was agreed that Cllr Hartley would try to obtain a second. 2 quotes required. **Action Cllr Brown/Hartley.**
6. Parish Council possible increase in numbers from 5 to 6. Clerk provided information and it was agreed that at this present time the council would remain at five. All agreed.

005/26 Highways-

1. Highways risk register 2023 sent to all councillors for meeting with LCC Officers and Councillors. A number of suggestions were made in regards to parking on the road, speed limits, Witham on the Hill Crossroads, the footpath to the river bridge at Manthorpe. Officers felt that the footpath did not meet the criteria for it to be dealt with immediately but would be placed in 2028/29 financial year. It was agreed that Councillors would obtain further information to support a letter of complaint and request more immediate action. **Action Cllrs/Clerk.**
2. Manthorpe Grit bin full.

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3. Toft-Grit bin damaged. Reported to fixmystreet.
4. Toft-emergency work-repair of water leak. Nothing to report
5. LCC-Toft ditch & culvert at Golf Course. It was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake the work if Lincolnshire County Council provided the traffic lights. It was also agreed that the council required 2 quotations. **Action Cllr Brown.**
6. Lound- The national speed limit through the village 60mph. It was agreed to contact LCC to try to reduce to 30mph. It was also agreed to purchase some 30mph speed signs from the Road Safety Partnership. **Action Clerk.**
7. Manthorpe, Wilsthorpe Road-It was suggested by LCC Highways Officer that the Council uses 'No Parking Signs' it was agreed to purchase a couple. **Action Cllrs.** It was also reported that concern had also been expressed from residents of Fairways, Toft about parking. It was agreed that an email/letter reminding residents of their responsibilities on parking be sent. **Action Cllr Brown/Tom McWilliams.**

006/26 Planning

1. National Grid, Western Marsh-Pylons proposed. **Nothing to report.**
2. S25/1647 Lyon, Swallow Hill, workers accommodation -**refused as not lawful.**
3. S25/1535 Meadow View, Toft-discharge conditions **Awaiting decision.**
4. S25/0662 Vaughan, Thurlby Lane-conversion of barns to 3 dwellings. **Approved 28.10.25**
5. S25/1784 Fenland Produce Ltd Toft Discharge of C8 pp S22.1595. **Awaiting Decision**
6. S25/2495 Stamford Park Homes Ltd-full planning permission. Nothing to report. **Action Cllrs/Clerk**

007/26 Financial

- a. Balances to date.
 - Current Ac-£14,805.44+ Business Interest Ac-£4,669.84 + Petty Cash £66.21 = £19527.90
 - Online banking-Request to update mandate- remove Mr Stephenson as signatory. Form completed and returned to Clerk.
 - Mr T McWilliams completed 6-month audit of Parish accounts. No concerns.
- b. Payments:

1. SJ Murphy-boiler breakdown	£678.00
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2. J Brown-bonfire expenses	£80.00
3. J Brown-sand bags	£36.75
4. R Trollope-Bellew-land reg	£7.00
5. R Trollope-Bellew-computer security	£119.99
6. St John Ambulance-fireworks	£137.28
7. JV Services-grass cutting	£220.00
8. Second to none Pest control-J Cott	£470.00
9. R TrollopeBellew-stamps	£13.92
10. Blanchards-fireworks	£360.00
11. Simon Lawton-fireworks	£47.40
12WH Munton -fireworks	£92.00

It was proposed by Cllr Hartley & seconded by Cllr Whitaker to pay items 1-12. All agreed.

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| c. Income – | |
| 1. R Longstaff- | £226.00 |
| 2. R Longstaff-Jasmine cottage | £514.00 |
| 3. R Longstaff-Jamine cottage | £904.00 |
| 4. Hallam-rent | £1139.25 |
| 5. SKDC-community cleaner grant | £231.66 |
| 6. Bonfire collection | £135.56 |

It was proposed by Cllr Hartley & seconded by Cllr Whitaker that item 6 be donated to Motor Neurone Disease. All agreed. **Action Cllr Hartley.**

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- d. Precept 2026/27-It was proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Whitaker that the parish would set a zero precept. All agreed. **Action clerk.**

008/26 Parish Property

- a. Jasmine Cottage- previous tenant left, new tenant approved.
Letter of thanks sent to Anglianwater for work completed at cottage.
Damp issues, drainage/gravel trap nth/west side. It was agreed that Longstaffs should be asked to obtain a second quotation for the work required. **Action Cllr**
It was reported that the open fire could not be used, and it was decided that it may require a new flue and log burner. Cllr Hartley to confirm one quotation in writing, another required.
It was reported that the bees had been removed.
It was agreed that the new tenant be allowed to store hay near to the sand container.
It was agreed that the council required tax advice. **Action Cllr Brown.**
- b. Playing Field – Cllr Whitaker reported that he had checked the equipment against the Rospa Inspection Report and several items required repair. **Action Cllr Whitaker.**
- c. Noticeboards-Nothing to report.
- d. Bus Shelters-Toft SKDC street clean had removed graffiti. No further action required.
- e. Defibrillators –It was agreed that new pads were required at Manthorpe. **Action Clerk.**
- f. Marquees – nothing to report
- g. Townlands/Allotments-Nothing to report.
- h. Street Furniture-Nothing to report.
- i. BT Kiosk—It was agreed that it be used as a mini library/book swap area. **Action Cllr Hartley.**
It was also agreed that the Kiosk be painted in the spring and required councillors to liaise with the property owner at Kerith. **Action Cllrs.**
- j. Computer - New email addresses. It was proposed by Cllr Brown & seconded by Cllr Hartley to keep the councils email address and continue as previously. All agreed.

009/26 Village Concerns

1. SKDC-Commemorative events such as QE2 100TH 21.04.26 or covid day reflection. It was agreed not to partake. All agreed.
2. Witham on the Hill -parking issues when visiting the Church or Hall. It was agreed that a letter be sent asking if organisers of events at the village could liaise with the school to provide an extra parking. **Action Clerk.**

010/26 Correspondence

1. SKDC-Street Trading Policy consultation.
2. LCC Town & Parish Newsletters, Community resilience newsletter
3. LCC Permit scheme consultation, consultation on progress of Council.
4. LCC-Avian influenza areas in Lincolnshire.
5. Anglianwater update on proposed reservoir.
6. Permission to use information from Council website as guide. Cllrs agreed.
7. Longstaffs-copy of documents sent by clerk in regard to agricultural tenant. Renters rights Act.
8. Re-organisation of Greater Lincolnshire from various authorities & SKDC's decision.
9. Alicia Kearns MP-update on mobile phone coverage.

011/26 Reports from Outside Bodies – (County Councillor/District Cllr) - None

012/26 Any Other Business – items to be placed on next agenda.

013/26 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.

014/26 Date of next meeting – 19th March 2026 at Witham on the Hill at 7pm.

Closed 20.30

