

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 19.30pm

### Present

**Cllr. James Brown (Chairman)**  
**Cllr. Richard Hartley (vice-Chairman)**  
**Cllr. Stu Brett**  
**Cllr. Alan Whitaker.**

**Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew**

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- 015/26 Chairman's opening remarks – Cllr Brown opened the meeting.
- 016/26 Apologies-Cllr. Renner, D.Cllr Robins.
- 017/26 Declarations of Interests-None
- 018/26 Approve Minutes of Parish Council & Matters arising  
Approved by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Hartley. All agreed.
- 004/26 (5) Toft triangle-Cllr Hartley proposed that the parish council provides funds to residents to maintain the area. It was agreed that Lorna Cook would survey parishioners and report back to the Council of her findings. **Action Cllrs/Mrs Cook**
  - 005/26 (1) Manthorpe footpath which did not meet criteria, Cllrs agreed to obtain further information and write letter of complaint & request more immediate action. Further action required. **Cllrs/Clerk.**
  - 005/26 (5) Toft – LCC highways update on cleaning out dyke etc. C.Cllr Redfern had spoken to the Golf Course; he understood that there may be a blocked drain leading from the Hotel to the dyke. It was agreed that more investigation was required. **Action C.Cllr/P.Cllrs.**
  - 005/26 (6) Lound-request for 30mph speed limit -refused by LCC. 6x30mph passive signs had been delivered to Cllr Brett. **Action Cllrs.**
  - 005/26 (7) Manthorpe/Toft – An open letter sent to residents from the Parish Council about residents parking. LCC were informed by a resident that there were no problems.
- 019/26 Highways
- Toft-broken fence boundary golf course. Cllr Brown reported that the fence will be replaced in the near future. **No Action.**
  - Witham on the Hill flood water at crossroads – LCC had taken out enforcement 03.02.26 but it is understood that there is also an Angliawater issue. **Monitor.**
  - Dolan Lane – uneven surface due to badger damage. Cllr Renner reported to fixmystreet
  - Toft -grit bin lid-reported by Cllr Renner, work agreed, no time limit given.
  - Potholes, grit bins, drain cover Manthorpe/Wilthorpe junction. Reported to fixmystreet. It is understood that the drain cover has been replaced.
  - LCC-Anglian water Lound repair leak 13.03-18.03.26. It was reported that only one leak was repaired. **Monitor.**

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## 020/26 Planning

1. S26/0230 R Sandall Meadow View, Toft-Vary Conditions 2,3,4,5,13 of S23/1395. To be confirmed. **Action Cllrs.**
2. S25/1535 Meadow View, Toft-discharge conditions. **Application withdrawn**
3. S25/1784 Fenland Produce Ltd Toft Discharge of C8 pp S22/1595. **Approved 03.03.26**
4. S25/2495 Stamford Park Homes Ltd, Lound replace maintenance & administration building plus accommodation- **Cllrs No comment**

## 021/26 Financial

1. Balances to date.
  - Current Ac-£15,615.81+ Business Interest Ac-£4,681.66 (interest rate 1.10%) + Petty Cash £66.21 = £20363.68
  - Change of mandate approved & precept form returned to SKDC.
  - Parish Council can recover any management fee VAT charged by Longstaff's acting as a principal under section 33 as HMRC website 17.03.26
2. R Trollope-Bellew SCP 5 £13.26/hr x 7.75hrs/mth x 12mths= £1233.18  
(Employment agreement provided)
  - R Trollope-Bellew-printing ink & paper £124.73
  - S L Renner – defibrillator pads £150.00
  - S L Renner – batteries defibrillator £4.25
  - LCC-6 passive speed signs £120.00

It was proposed by Cllr Brett seconded by Cllr Hartley to pay items above. All agreed. **Action Clerk/Cllrs**

Income –	Longstaffs-Jasmine cottage	£904.00 pd19.02.26
	Longstaffs-Jasmine cottage	£893.68 pd 20.01.26

## 022/26 Parish Property

- a. Jasmine Cottage. It was proposed by Cllr Brett & seconded by Cllr Hartley to move item (a & g) into Closed Session at the end of the meeting. All agreed.
- b. Playing Field-It was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Brown that the Council accepts JV Services as their **contractor** for the season at £110.00 per cut. All agreed. **Action Cllr Hartley**
- c. Noticeboards-nothing to report.
- d. Bus Shelters-A discussion took place in regard to installing a shelter on the north bound at Toft, unfortunately Cllrs felt that there was not a site available. They also agreed that it was Witham on the Hill to arrange for a shelter at the crossroads.
- e. Defibrillators –Nothing to report.
- f. Marquees – No bookings to date. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the parish magazine. **Action Cllrs.**
- g. Townlands/Allotments- It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to be responsible for sending out the rent requests to Mr Hallam and Mrs Renner. **Action Clerk.**
- h. Street Furniture-nothing to report.
- i. BT Kiosk— Clerk emailed 'vote of thanks' to Alison Whitehead who converted the building into a small Library/book swap area. It was understood that Mrs Whitehead had approached the owner to access so that the Kiosk could be painted. It was agreed that the council would purchase paint when required. There was also concern about damp and condensation of the building. **Action Cllrs Whitaker/Hartley.**
- j. Computer – nothing to report.

## 023/26 Village Concerns

- a) Cllr Whitaker reported that there had only been four responses to his request for residents to give ideas on the future of the parish. He had received concern from a resident at Toft about the appearance of the Hotel, state of the golf course fence & flooding on Main Street.
- b) A Manthorpe resident asked for the installation of speed bumps, but this was felt no appropriate for the village.

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- c) A resident had asked for a wooden structure at the playing field to act as a community space.
  - d) A resident would bring back the wheelbarrow competition at Manthorpe and suggested that the Council provides vouchers for the prize money – £20, £15 & £10.
  - e) Arrange a village litter pick.
  - f) Cllr Brett reported that the new waste bins hadn't been delivered to residents of Lound.
- 024/26 Correspondence
- a) SKDC/LCC- Local Government Association consultation on the reorganisation of local authorities.
  - b) LCC-Magazines
  - c) SKDC-advertising web castings of committees
  - d) LeisureSK free CPR Training February/March.
  - e) SKDC-Walking festival
  - f) SKDC-New monthly food waste commencing April 2026
  - g) SKDC-Community Awards
  - h) Wheelie bin stickers for sale.
  - i) LCC Highways & transport survey
  - j) Geviews-street furniture available.
  - k) Elite pest control services
  - l) SKDC-Planning Policy consultation 13.03-24.04.26
  - m) SKDC-Age friendly communities survey
  - n) National Grid-pylon installation Weston Marsh to Leicestershire – update.
  - o) SKDC-approved budget 2026/27.
- 025/26 Reports from Outside Bodies – (County Councillor/District Cllr) - None
- 026/26 Any Other Business – items to be placed on next agenda.  
Cllr Hartley reported that Witham on the Hill Management Committee would be refurbishing the parish hall and would like the Council to contribute towards the cost. It was agreed that more details were required. **Action Cllr Hartley to arrange a meeting to discuss and report back.**
- 027/26 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.
- a) It was agreed that after speaking with the tenant of Jasmine Cottage the council would arrange for the bath to be replaced and felt that it would benefit from an overhead shower. **Action Clerk/Longstaff's.**
  - b) That the Council would arrange for a log burner to be installed before the winter. **Action Clerk/Cllr Hartley**
  - c) The Council would delay in installing a door until after a log burner had been installed. **Action Tenant.**
  - d) Repointing would be arranged for the outside/inside walls as required. **Action Clerk/Longstaff's.**
  - e) If any parish assets were being considered to be sold, a meeting of the parish would be arranged.
  - f) It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Brett that the land at Toft would be let at £100/acre April 2025/26 then £110/acre from April 2026 in advance, the gateway would be cleared and rent memorandum signed. All agreed. **Action Longstaff's.**  
**Note Cllr Hartley had left the meeting before this item was discussed.**
- 028/26 Date of next meeting – The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at Witham on the Hill at 7pm.

Closed 20.45

