

**Minutes of the 733rd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), J McCarten, P Ellis-Evans, A Tall, E Miles and G Pugh.

In attendance: 5 members of the public, and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

John Hesp outlined and exhibited his plans to build a new "landmark" house on land owned by him north of West Street, Comberton. Following the grant of outline planning permission for the Bennell Farm development, this plot had now become an infill site and would be adjacent to the recreational/green area of the Bennell Farm development. The application is to be presented to the SCDC Planning Committee on 10 March and Mr Hesp expressed the hope that the Parish Council would be supportive of the plans.

A resident reported hedges overgrowing the footpath at the bottom of High Street, and also near the chapel.

The Parish Council's attention was drawn to an incident when intruders had gained entry to a house, claiming to be seeking driveway work. The Police had been informed.

A resident asked whether there would be another electrical waste recycling collection. There had been no further news since the fire at the recycling company premises.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from District Cllr T Hawkins.

1.2 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Ellis-Evans declared an interest in the planning application for Firs Farm as a neighbour living opposite, and also in the tree works application as the applicant.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations (if any) and to grant any dispensation as appropriate

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 9 January be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after clarification of item 3.5. (Prop MY, 2nd PEE)

3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including

3.1 (Open) Closure of Joseph Worboys Charity

RESOLVED that the funds be listed in the Parish Council's accounts as "Funds (Ex-Worboys Charity)" and that the funds should be used initially to fund a board, located on the allotment site, to record the history of the Worboys Charity and the Eversden Charities, after which the remaining funds should be allocated by the Parish Council for specific items matching the criteria below:

- Individual contributions similar to those matching the charities' aims upon closure, namely to support people in funding specific activities for their children
- Investment to enhance the allotment area
- Items relating to the heritage and history of the village. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

3.2 (3.1) S106 funding – report on meeting with SCDC, Comberton Parish Council and Comberton Village College, and to consider if any further action is required

Cllr Yeadon reported on the meeting attended by himself and Cllr Ellis-Evans, David Thompson of SCDC, Hywel Griffiths, Chairman of Comberton Parish Council, and Stephen Munday of Comberton Village College. The College hoped to replace the artificial pitch, and Comberton Parish Council hoped to refurbish the existing pavilion on the recreation ground. Toft Parish Council felt there should be some green space or

common land available, and that the new residents should have an input when they had moved in. David Thompson will discuss this with the planners. RESOLVED to await further developments and that no further action was necessary at this stage.

3.3 (4.1) Proposed Housing Needs Survey – to consider survey and letter to residents

Concerns were expressed at the proposed wording of Question 1, and how this might affect the results, given that it was felt to be a leading question using terms with unclear definitions, and would also be directed at non-residents working in the village. The implications of the Parish Council having any input into the survey, or supporting the letter, were also queried. RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon should speak to Mark Deas of ACRE to explain the Parish Council's concerns and state that the Parish Council wishes to see a revised Question 1 that is more indicative of the intentions of the survey, before making a final decision as to whether to support the survey at the next meeting. ^(Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

3.4 (7.1) Allotment paths – to consider whether grant funding should be obtained and to consider identifying any other land in the village for allotments

RESOLVED that a notice should be put in the Calendar in March advertising the availability of allotments. It was proposed in future to have smaller plots in the top part of the site.

RESOLVED to seek the views of residents about the possibility of the lower part of the site becoming an amenity area as the other plots become vacant, and asking what they would like to see happen. Cllr McCarten will investigate the Tesco Green Bag Scheme for funding community projects.

4. Consideration of correspondence

4.1 SCDC Tree survey services

RESOLVED to let SCDC know that the Parish Council is interested in the proposal.

4.2 NALC advice that S8 of the Local Government Act 1894 specifically prohibits parish councils funding churches

Noted.

4.0.1 RESOLVED to note the response from SCDC that operatives were being trained up to install bins and dog bins and that the dog bin by Toft Wood should shortly be repaired.

4.0.2 RESOLVED to note that on 4 March the Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club would be holding a day long hike along public rights of way with the People's Hall as their base.

4.0.3 RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to the broadening of the Coalition's statement of purpose, by adding the words "voice concerns on key strategy and planning issues affecting our communities."

RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon be authorised to sign a joint letter to the Secretary of State asking for the A14 Girton interchange to be upgraded to be an all-ways interchange. ^(Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

5. Finance and risk assessment

5.1 To consider the finance report and approve the payment of any bills

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and check the invoices and bank statements before the cheques were signed.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report be approved for payment, plus LGS Services (Admin support) £414.22, Salary £56.35 and Clive Blower (Re-set bin) £15.99. ^(Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

Cam Valley Forum	Affiliation Fee	£10.00
Toft Calendar	Advertising	£105.36
Toft People's Hall	Room hire	£15.00
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Salary		£56.35
NEST	Pension	£56.37

- 5.2 Play inspection reports
Cllr Yeadon reported that some litter had been cleared and that some more bark may be needed in due course.
- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety
A tree which is obscuring a street light has been reported online and a fault number has been allocated.
- 6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received**
- 6.1 Planning Applications
- 6.1.1 S/3597/16/FL – Firs Farm, 64 High Street – Demolition of existing thatched garage and workshop building and replacement with single storey annex outbuilding ancillary to use of main house
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)
- 6.1.2 S/0222/17/LB – 14 High Street – Alterations to windows
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)
- 6.2 SCDC decisions to note
None.
- 6.3 Tree Works applications
- 6.3.1 S/0294/17/TC – 65 High Street
Cllr Ellis-Evans, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 8.17 pm.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, carried with 1 abstention)
Cllr Ellis-Evans re-joined the meeting at 8.20 pm.
- 7. Members items and reports**
- 7.1 Allotments
Taken earlier.
- 7.2 Village maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 7.3 Highways
RESOLVED to note that the LHI application had been presented on 31 January and the result would be announced on 14 March.
- 7.4 Toft People's Hall
The award for Lot Meadow is to be hung above the entrance hall door.
Cllr Pugh will place an article about the thermal imaging camera in next month's Calendar. Individuals may borrow it direct from SCDC after a one hour training session.
- 7.5 Footpaths
RESOLVED, in response to the suggestion that the kissing gate should be removed and replaced with a stile, given the CCC policy of replacing stiles to increase access, and the fact that only the upright needed support, the Parish Council would prefer that the gate remained. Cllr Miles should inform Kingston Parish Council and pass on Roland Fletcher's contact details regarding repairing the gate post.
- 8. Closure of meeting**
Consideration of an Assets List, a date for a Parish Walk, and the dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council are to be agenda items for the next meeting.
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
