

**MINUTES OF THE 637th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TOFT PEOPLES' HALL
ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillors S Roberts (Chairman); J Betson; D Bilsland; P Hercus; L Jayne; & C Sinclair. There were three members of the public in attendance.

Item	Content	Action
1.	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from County Councillor F Whelan.</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was RESOLVED to approve these as a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman 	
3.	<p>OPEN SESSION Members of the public having indicated that they wished to address the meeting, it was proposed and RESOLVED to adjourn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident, Peter Barker asked Members about the law relating to dog fouling. Another resident, John Sparkes, told of his observations that water was bubbling up out of the soil at a location on the High Street. At Hardwick Road, at the site he had reported to the Council several times as requiring improved drainage, three little holes had been made at the point near the bend. Water was still flooding up over the road and as a result the surface of the road between the two laybys was breaking up. Turning to footpaths, he asked if anything had been done about the rabbit holes in the footpath known as "Sandpath" (FTP1). He was assured that the matter had been brought to the attention of the landowner and expressed disappointment that no more could be done by the Council. With reference to FTP 3, he reminded the Council that bark chippings were going to be applied on the footpath at the end of the garden at no 4 High Street, between the bridge and the stile. He reminded the Council that passage by footpath users was being made difficult owing to mud. He expressed the view that if the Council could spend hundreds of pounds on new goal posts then bark chippings were a small expenditure. He also mentioned that the step down from bridge on FTP 17 just south of Brookside was too great and required building up. There were potholes in Church Lane and Millers Road which required attention. Resident Mary Coppin reported that posts on village green remained unfixed and another was leaning. She suggested that the tree on the small green needed a guard. Finally, Members were pleased to learn from Mr Sparkes that the tree guard left in the hedge by the village green had now gone. Members of the public were thanked for their comments and it was RESOLVED to reconvene. 	
4.	<p>FEED BACK FROM CIRCULATION & CIRCULATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman told the Council that she had placed a copy letter from J Tebbit into circulation, in connection with his complaint to energy providers about a recent loss of power to the Home Meadow facility. She reminded Members about a new initiative by the County Council to assist members of the public to report highways issues online at www.fixmystreet.com. Having attended a presentation by the District 	

	<p>Council on Exception Sites, the Chairman advised the Council that she would put a presentation handout into circulation for Members' information. Finally, she advised that local resident, Mr Quick would be speaking against the application for a sixth form at Comberton Village College at a Planning Committee meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council. It was therefore</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the Chairman's comments with thanks.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference was made to a report e-mailed by County Cllr Whelan to Members that day. Reference was made to the implications of planned expenditure cuts by the County Council. Adult Social Care provision was to be significantly reduced; highways expenditure cuts meant there would be no top dressing of non major routes the following year; there was little impact on education; and Mobile Libraries' service would be reduced to monthly from fortnightly visits. It was therefore <p>RESOLVED to note the report with thanks.</p>	
6.	<p>PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members had before them a copy of planning application reference S/0046/10/F, change of use from school site bungalow to office, 79 West Street, Comberton, CB23 7DS and <p>RESOLVED to recommend approval with no further comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk advised that Royal mail were seeking the Council's comments in respect of proposals to relocate a Post Box to the end of Brookside from its current site on the High Street. Members <p>RESOLVED to approve the new location, but suggested that Royal Mail should be asked to re-use the existing box or otherwise returned to the village for safekeeping.</p>	<p>KAC</p> <p>KAC</p>
7.	<p>FOOTPATHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered projects for which funding might be applied under the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme. It was proposed to clear Pinfold Well Lane of brambles and general vegetative growth from the junction with Brookside up to the entrance to Green Lane. Work was also agreed as necessary between Millers Road and the join of FTP1 to FTP 3, where planings/chippings were required. Cllr Sinclair agreed to conduct site visit to assess what was required. Finally, work was agreed as necessary at FTP17 bridge, on the opposite side of the brook from Brookside, where there was a large step down. It was therefore <p>RESOLVED to apply for funding for the projects identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Sinclair expressed concern to the Council about motorcyclists using footpaths in Toft Wood and cyclists using FTP7 to access Hardwick Wood and Caldecote. It was suggested that the Council ought to inform the School in Comberton that they should not take parties of school children along the footpaths on bicycles. It was also suggested that a Calendar item could remind people that cyclists and motorcyclists should not use the footpaths. It was therefore <p>RESOLVED to advise the School and publish a notice in the Calendar as suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to the comments about dog fouling made in the open session, the Clerk advised that it was an offence to allow your dog to 	<p>KAC</p> <p>KAC</p>

	<p>foul in a public place. Members RESOLVED to publish a notice in the Calendar to advised offenders of the potential consequences of allowing their dogs to foul and further RESOLVED to send a reminder to the South Cambridgeshire District Council that a replacement bin for dog waste was required in Church Lane.</p>	KAC KAC																		
8.	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further to a decision taken to purchase grit bins at the last meeting, the Clerk advised that grit bins were on order and it was RESOLVED to note this with thanks. In response to a request for funding, it was proposed that £300-500 was a suitable contribution towards speedwatch equipment purchased by Hardwick Parish Council which was to be operated by volunteers from both Toft and Hardwick. It was therefore RESOLVED to contribute £500. Finally it was RESOLVED that the potholes at the bottom of Millers Road and on Church Lane should be reported to www.fixmystreet.com, together with posts to be righted on the Village Green. 	KAC KAC																		
9.	<p>TOFT PEOPLE'S HALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman reported that there had been no meeting the previous month but there was one organized one for that evening. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks. 																			
11.	<p>FINANCE The Clerk presented the following cheques for signature:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1682</td> <td>K Cameron – Clerk's Salary</td> <td>£184.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>n/a</td> <td>HMRC – Clerk's Tax</td> <td>£122.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1683</td> <td>Cambs County Council – Streetlighting</td> <td>£1347.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1684</td> <td>Toft People's Hall – Rent</td> <td>£10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1685</td> <td>Ann Mitchell – Calendar</td> <td>£129.15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk presented a report on current expenditure and income, which showed total expenditure to date as £11,275.60, income including reserves totalling £40,048.30 and a balance at bank available in the amount of £28,772.70. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks. 	Cheque No	Details	Amount	1682	K Cameron – Clerk's Salary	£184.20	n/a	HMRC – Clerk's Tax	£122.80	1683	Cambs County Council – Streetlighting	£1347.64	1684	Toft People's Hall – Rent	£10.00	1685	Ann Mitchell – Calendar	£129.15	
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12.	<p>DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting was noted as March 1st 2010, at 7.00pm, at Toft People's Hall. Items suggested for the agenda included a report from Cllr Betson on the Parish Plan; consideration of purchase of Part 1 of Standing orders to be published by NALC; and consideration of how to promote the Council in view of the upcoming election.</p>	KAC																		