

**Minutes of the 698th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2014 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), J McCarten, E Dolman, P Gouldstone, J Betson, and P Ellis-Evans.

In attendance: District Cllr T Hawkins, County Cllr Stephen Frost, 4 members of the public and Mrs Kathleen Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident reported a rusty nail sticking out of the sill on the bus shelter.

District Cllr Hawkins' reported on:

- The Local Development Plan was released by the District Council today. West Cambourne, Bourn Airfield and Bennells Farm remain in the plan. The recommendation from the Planning Officer is that the plan is ready for submission and will go to full Council on 13/3/14.
- Budget – the amount of money given to Local Councils by the Government has been reduced.
- Connecting Cambridgeshire – no delivery timetable available from BT.

County Cllr Stephen Frost reported on:

- CCC will look into supporting the infrastructure if and when developments in the Local Plan go ahead.
- Anglian Water will be a major consultee on the Bennells Farm development as the existing pumping stations are struggling to come with present numbers.
- Budget – CCC is looking at its budget which has been cut by 38 million, and includes a 1.99% increase on the County precept.

1. To approve apologies and reasons for absence and declarations of interest

None.

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 6 January 2014

RESOLVED ^(Prop JB, 2nd JM) that the minutes of the meeting on 6 January be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Clerk's report - Noted.

3.2 (3.2) Community Land update including recommendation from working group as to work required

Carried forward. The working group have not yet met this year.

3.3 (3.3) Recreation ground – to consider quotes for spiking the ground and tree works

It was noted that three contractors had been to look at the problem and 2 of them suggested digging down to create a soak away. None of the quotes had been received in time for the meeting.

Kompan had not yet made contact with Cllr Gouldstone.

3.4 (3.4) People's Hall internal improvements project update, cash flow analysis and to agree any next steps

Nothing to report.

3.5 (3.4) Bennells Farm – report on meeting with Comberton Parish Council and to consider email correspondence from David Roberts at SCDC

Cllr Yeadon reported that the meeting went well and both Parish Council's were generally in agreement. RESOLVED to to agree that Toft did not want a football pitch, however the money could be used to upgrade the Pavilion at Comberton on the agreement that any Toft clubs were charged at the same rate as Comberton clubs for using the facilities.

RESOLVED ^(Prop MY, 2nd ED, unanimous) to respond to David Rush at SCDC that;

- 90 houses were too many
- Increased pressure on the Doctor's surgery
- Additional traffic in an area which is already very busy due to school traffic
- Additional strain on the existing pumping stations

RESOLVED to respond to Comberton Parish Council's report to confirm that there has been no prior agreement relating to the precept or the S106 Agreement (page 6, paragraph 8).

3 members of the public and County Cllr Frost left the meeting.

4. **Consideration of Correspondence**

4.1 Resident – verges in Church Lane and proposal for post and rail fencing at start of single track

RESOLVED ^(Prop JM, 2nd MY) not to progress this proposal as it was felt that it was low priority in times when little funds are available.

RESOLVED to note that vehicles attending to the horses are reversing onto the verge causing damage and to write to the landowner to ask if the people using the field could reverse their vehicle into the field instead.

4.2 SCDC Village Services & Facilities 2012 – January 2014 update

RESOLVED to advise changes to;

- the bus timetable to note the 18/18A service to Cambridge has only 1 bus between 7.00 and 9.29 Mon – Sat and thereafter the service is less than hourly until 18.59. There is no service after 19.00.
- Under Education it should be noted that Comberton Village College is located within Toft Parish.
- The Post Office opening hours should be amended to 9-1pm Monday to Friday.
- Informal Open Space should include Land West of High St, 0.07 hectares, and instead the Community Orchard should be deleted.
- Toft Village Hall should be amended to its proper title of Toft People's Hall.

4.3 Neighbourhood Police Panel

RESOLVED to receive Cllr McCarten's report on a Neighbourhood Panel meeting she had attended in November. She reported that the police no longer wish to adopt speeding as a priority, although they will liaise with any PC that wishes to take proactive action. The police panel areas have been merged with Gamlingay and Melbourn and in future there will be 3 meetings a year instead of 4. Prior to each meeting, comments from the public about any policing concerns are collected on a survey website. The dates of the meetings and the link to the surveys can be found at <http://southcambscops.org/> or by subscribing to e-cops. Residents are encouraged to complete the surveys.

District Cllr Hawkins left the meeting.

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. The payments as listed in the finance report plus £46.70 Clive Blower (repairs to post on Village Green) were unanimously approved for payment. ^{(Prop JM, 2nd ED).}

Toft People's Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00
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Comberton PC	SLCC	£39.85
Toft Calendar	PC Articles	£199.63
Cambs ACRE	Affiliation fee	£48.00
Salaries		£126.70
M Yeadon	Reimburse Newsletter	£15.00

5.2 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety
None.

5.3 Play inspection report – to consider the report and any recommendations
Nothing further to note.

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/2441/13/LB – Old Farm Comberton Rd – alterations.
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop T E-E, 2ndPG)

6.2 SCDC decisions to note
None.

6.3 Tree works applications

6.3.1 Old Farm, Comberton Rd to remove tree with Canker.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections.

7. Members items and reports

7.1 Highways and Village maintenance report

RESOLVED to receive Cllr Betson's verbal report:

- Village Sign has been removed and awaiting collection by Harry Stebbings
- Mud on road near pumping station caused by Anglian Water tankers.
RESOLVED to ask them to clear this and make good any damage to verges caused by their tankers.
- Bus Shelter fascia still outstanding.

A meeting has been scheduled for 24 February with Sharon Maloney from CCC Highways Dept to look at;

- Millers Rd – potholes and possible culvert repair
- Church Rd – potholes and drainage problems
- High Street – drain blockages on both sides of road and overflowing drain outside Camb. Electron Beam.
- Footpath outside Cannors Close – grass verge encroaching on footpath

7.2 Report from a resident regarding a huge amount of mud on the area on the road outside the Anglian \water Pumping Station in Brookside, following work carried out on 27th January

Discussed in the previous item.

7.3 Footpath Waymarker posts

RESOLVED to request quotes for putting in posts. Cllr McCarten will email exact requirements to the Clerk and is prepared to meet contractors on site.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

SignedChairmandate.