

Minutes of the 718th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 2 November 2015 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), J McCarten, G Pugh, P Gouldstone and P Ellis-Evans.

In attendance: 3 members of the public and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident reported that a post had been knocked down on the small green, at the narrowest part.

It was also reported that a large puddle had formed outside 23 and 25 School Lane following heavy rain. Despite there being a drain, the water level was not going down.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence
 Apologies for lateness had been received from Cllr Tall.

1.2 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 None.

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 5 October 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 5 October be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop MY, 2nd JM unanimous)

3. Co-option to fill casual vacancy

RESOLVED to place an article in the Calendar.

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

4.1 (Open) To consider a traffic count to see whether traffic has increased
 Deferred until Cllr Tall was present.

4.2 (3.5) Tree survey report - to consider the response from contractor and what if any actions are required for insurance cover

RESOLVED, given that the Parish Council was awaiting quotations from other contractors, to defer the matter to the next meeting, and that Cllrs Ellis-Evans and Yeadon should take a look at the trees in the meantime.

4.3 (5.4) To consider the arrangements for the annual collection of allotment rents
 Deferred to a future meeting.

4.4 (4.4) Toft Fireworks – request for donation
 RESOLVED to donate the sum of £150.00. (Prop MY, 2nd JM) A risk assessment had already been received.

4.6 Caldecote Parish Council request to use Speedwatch equipment free of charge
 RESOLVED that the Parish Council was happy to approve the request and to ask Martin Sebborn whether he was also agreeable.

4.7 Bench outside the shop
 The Parish Council expressed appreciation for the Churches' kind offer to maintain the bench.

4.8 Resident - overgrown hedge on Brookside
 A further letter is to be sent enquiring as to the ownership of the hedge as it is still in need of cutting.

5. Consideration of correspondence

5.1 CCC City Deal Cambourne to Cambridge bus route consultation

RESOLVED there had been no leaflet drop in the village, and that the website was not working. members should respond individually to the consultation.

6. Finance and risk assessment

6.1 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 M Sebborn (Toft fireworks) £150.00, M Yeadon (Music group) £50.00 and Toft People's Hall (room hire) £12.00. (Prop MY, 2nd GP).

PWLB	Loan repayment	£1162.42
Buchans	Grass cutting	£406.51
LGS Services	Admin support	£411.28
Salary		£106.55

Credits, including a payment from Toft People's Hall for the Village Hall works, were noted. An adjustment of £2.00 to cheque no 149 was noted.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will cover the cost of a Christmas Greeting in the Calendar, amounting to £15.00. (Prop MY, 2nd PG)

6.2 Play inspection reports

RESOLVED to accept a quotation from Clive Blower to deal with flaking blue paint.

6.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

None.

7. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/2124/15/DC – 32 High Street – Discharge of conditions Materials (3)

Noted.

7.2 SCDC decisions to note

7.2.1 S/1637/15/OL – Land off Comberton Road – Outline application with access – Erection of two dwellings, garden stores, access drives, parking areas, turning and associated infrastructure – Permission refused by SCDC.

7.3 Tree works applications

None.

8. Members items and reports

8.1 Village Maintenance

Cllr Tall was not present to report.

8.2 Highways

Cllr Tall was not present to report. The application for funding under the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme had been submitted for the speed limit on Comberton Road.

8.3 Toft People's Hall update

Cllr Pugh reported that a cheque for £1000.00 had been received from the SCDC Community Fund in respect of new lighting.

RESOLVED to check whether the Parish Council has membership of ACRE.

8.4 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

8.5 Pensions auto enrolment report and to consider quotes for independent financial advice

RESOLVED to make enquiries of other parish councils and look into NEST Government Scheme. and to give further consideration to this matter at the January meeting.

9. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SignedChairmandate.