

**Minutes of the 723rd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2016 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 1 member of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

None at this point.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Tall (out of parish).

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 7 March 2016 and the confidential minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 7 March including the confidential minutes, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after an addition under item 5.4 to read "the previous day to the street party." (Prop MY, 2nd TEE, unanimous)

A member of the public arrived during this item and on a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take comments from the public next.

It was observed that the condition of the village green had deteriorated.

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

3.1 (3.4) Quotations for Lot Meadow

RESOLVED to purchase two picnic benches for Lot Meadow at a cost of £350.00 plus £25.00 delivery from Rutland County Garden Furniture, for delivery and installation by the committee by the end of March. (Prop TEE, 2nd MY, unanimous)

The notice board is on hold for the time being.

3.2 (3.5) Litter bin outside the shop – update on discussions

Cllr Ellis-Evans reported. The bin has been installed.

3.3 (5.1) Cambridgeshire ACRE membership – to consider benefits and if to rejoin

Deferred to the next meeting while the Parish Council seeks guidance on the benefits.

3.4 (5.4) Street Party and Bring and Share Tea on 12 June – to consider arrangements and funding

The organising group is meeting tomorrow. Information on road closures and insurance, which had been previously circulated, was passed to the Chairman. Deferred to the next meeting.

3.5 (7.4) Pinfold Well Lane – to consider report and recommendation for action

RESOLVED given Cllr Miles verbal report with residents that she should report the problem of the boggy conditions on the CCC website and that Cllr McCarten will also email a contact at the County Council. (Prop MY, 2nd PG, unanimous)

3.6 It was noted that the situation regarding the bin in School Lane had been queried with SCDC and a response was awaited. This is to remain on the agenda.

4. Consideration of correspondence

4.1 Allotment tenant – request to retain fruit trees

RESOLVED retrospectively to approve the allotment tenant's request for the fruit trees to remain on his allotment. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, 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 Toft People's Hall (Oil tank contribution) £800.00. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous).

Buchans	Bramble and moss clearance	£40.80
Oracle Hedging & Fencing	Tree works	£100.00
Salary		£106.55

Credits, including allotment rents, were noted.

5.2 Play inspection reports

RESOLVED to note that the brambles had been cut. RESOLVED that members will do a walkabout to ascertain what needs to be done with regards to dead vegetation under the notice board and the condition of the footpath.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used her delegated powers to contract ROSPA Playsafety to carry out the annual inspection in April at an approximate cost of £75.00 as a delay to the next meeting would have resulted in doubling of the cost, since the inspections had to be booked by the end of March to receive the lower price.

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

None.

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

None.

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

6.2.1 S/2965/16/FL – Land r/o 1 Hardwick Road – Erection of detached dwelling and associated works – Permission granted.

6.3 Tree works applications

None.

RESOLVED to seek confirmation from Peter Oakes that he had been back to look at where ivy had been removed at the corner of the playground, and to enquire about the outcome.

7. Members items and reports

7.1 Village Maintenance

RESOLVED that a village walkabout will take place on Saturday at 11.30 am, meeting at the People's Hall, subject to confirmation by the Chairman. Cllr Miles gave her apologies.

RESOLVED to obtain quotations for flat square cobbles to form a border about 12 inches wide on three sides of the village green (not on the road side) which would be strong enough for lorries to drive over them. This matter will be considered further at a future meeting.

7.2 Highways

Nothing to report.

7.3 Toft People's Hall update

Cllr Pugh reported that the exterior paintwork would be done in May.

Litter picking is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

7.4 Footpaths

It was noted that a reply was awaited from the Clerks of Kingston and Eversden Parish Councils regarding builders' rubble left on public rights of way.

7.5 Parking around the Village Green

RESOLVED following consideration of options for addressing the problem of parked vehicles causing an obstruction around the Village Green, to take the following measures: to investigate the possibility of signage or road markings, and what the

procedure and permissions required would be; to seek residents' views about the suggestion of double yellow lines; to give further consideration to the installation of cobbles when quotations are received; and to place an article in Calendar regarding the continuing problem, given the costs incurred in reinstating the Green and the concerns about the potential danger to traffic on exiting Mill Lane onto the Main Road and meeting vehicles coming the other way. A resident raised the issue of access by emergency vehicles.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to take these two items together.

- 7.6 Parking outside Comberton Village College and
- 7.11 To consider a request for double yellow lines on the highway at Comberton Village College to prevent student parking causing a danger to pedestrians and passing traffic
RESOLVED given concerns at tailbacks caused by student parking outside Comberton Village College in term time, the difficulties and hazards of passing a line of parked cars, and the restriction of visibility near the pedestrian crossing to ask CCC to extend the double yellow lines to the end of the frontage. (Prop PG, 2nd GP, carried with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions)
- 7.7 Hardwick Road development – decision on the response for S106 proposals and the arrangements for the 13 April exhibition
RESOLVED not to respond at this stage. The public consultation will take place on April 13 at the People's Hall. Parish Council members will be in attendance.
- 7.8 Allotments update
RESOLVED to received Cllr McCarten's verbal report that a corrected list of allotment holders had been prepared and amended agreements are to be sent to tenants. The Parish Council is waiting to see how many tenants have signed up to continue with their allotments and Cllr McCarten will bring a proposal to a future meeting.
- 7.9 Village Hero Award report
RESOLVED to note that at the SCDC Annual Awards Ceremony celebration two of the three nominations from the Parish Council were recognised with the nominees achieving first place in the Village Hall Awards and second place in the Environmental category.
- 7.10 The Queen's birthday – to consider arrangements including the Beacon
Lighting of the Beacon is going ahead. A Residents' Association meeting will take place tomorrow and a mail drop will be arranged to publicise the event. It is proposed that the beacon will be lit on 21 April with mulled wine to be served afterwards. Cllr Yeadon will forward a risk assessment to the Clerk.
- 7.11 To consider a request for double yellow lines on the highway at Comberton Village College to prevent student parking causing a danger to pedestrians and passing traffic
Taken earlier.
- 7.12 Annual Parish Meeting
RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting should take place at 7.00 pm on 9 May 2016 followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm.
RESOLVED to accept Mrs Coppin's kind offer to organise refreshments
RESOLVED that only the District and County Councillors are to be invited to attend and submit a report.
8. Closure of meeting
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

SignedChairmandate.