

**Minutes of the 735th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), J McCarten, E Miles and G Pugh.

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident reported that it was difficult to pin notices to the notice board near the bus shelter.

A noisy motorbike going up and down School Lane and a motorcyclist without a helmet riding in Pinfold Well Lane were also reported.

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) and Cllr Ellis-Evans (unwell).

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 6 March 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 6 March be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

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

3.1 (3.3) To consider Assets of Community Value

RESOLVED to nominate the shop and the Chinese restaurant and fish and chip shop as Assets of Community Value. Cllr Yeadon will look into the nomination of green spaces and report back to a future meeting. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

3.2 (3.3) Report on Parish Walk

RESOLVED to ask Clive Blower to undertake the following:

- To carry out the refurbishment of all the village benches shown on the Assets List, with regard to cleaning, painting or applying preservative as required. Cllr Yeadon is willing to go around with him to ascertain the work required.
- To take a look at and repair five wooden footpath posts:
 1. At the entrance to Home Meadow from Green Lane
 2. By the allotments, on the corner diagonally opposite the entrance.
 3. Further down the allotments, two posts are down on either side of the stream.
 4. A post possibly knocked down at the entrance to the meadow directly opposite Lot Meadow; the post may still be there but the footpath sign may be missing.
- To look at the beacon at Church Drift, as this has been damaged by woodpeckers.
- To put a different surface on the notice board so that pins may be affixed more easily.

RESOLVED to write to District Cllr Hawkins reporting the following:

- The sign for the car park in School Lane is in need of replacement.
- There are at least one, and possibly three, abandoned cars in the car park, one of which has an SCDC notice of removal sticker dated August 2016.

3.3 (4.1) Proposed 50 mph speed limit between Toft and Comberton – to consider extent of scheme and how any shortfall is to be funded

RESOLVED to express appreciation that the scheme had been completed and congratulations be extended to Cllr Tall for the outcome of the application.

3.4 Trees in Lot Meadow – to consider quotation

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Nick Warner for £100.00 to pollard the two remaining trees agreed in the 3-year management plan. . (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

3.5 SCDC Annual Awards

RESOLVED to congratulate Martin Sebborn formally on winning the Village Hero Award 2017. Cllrs McCarten had attended the ceremony. It was noted that Toft had won this award two years running. A letter of congratulations is to be sent to Mr Sebborn.

Other

(3.5) To consider a date and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting should commence at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm. The County Councillor and District Councillor are to be invited to report.

4. Consideration of correspondence

None.

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.

(Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

Toft People's Hall	Room Hire	£15.00
C Blower	Handyman	£106.50
Salary		£56.55
NEST	Pension (DD)	£56.37
LGS Services	Admin support	£424.53

Credits, including funds received from the Worboys Charity, were noted.

Clarification was sought whether VAT was included within the budget headings.

Clarification was provided about the pension and salary payments.

5.2 Play inspection reports including arrangements for the RoSPA annual inspection

Nothing to report.

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/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 – Permission granted.

6.2.2 S/0222/17/LB – 14 High Street – Alterations to windows – Permission granted.

6.3 Tree Works applications

6.3.1 S/1002/17/TC – 64 High Street

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

6.0.1 The Chairman reported that he had written to Alison Twyford, SCDC Planning Officer, seeking clarification as to why the application for land at the rear of 2 High Street had been approved, despite the objections of the Parish Council and residents; whether the application had gone to the Planning Committee; and if not, why not. As a reply had not

been received, Cllr Yeadon will write to Mr Kelly to make a formal complaint as to the reasons for approval and why no response had been received to the letter.

7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated

7.1 Allotments

Cllr McCarten reported that there was a new prospective tenant.

RESOLVED, given that the empty allotments were in need of tidying up or rotovating, to ask Buchans or Roland Fletcher to contact Cllr McCarten to meet on site to ascertain the work needed and provide a quotation.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the formation of a working party to underake a Community Space project at the allotments.

RESOLVED to authorise Cllr McCarten to approach residents and to seek funding under the Tesco Green Banks funding scheme. (Prop MY, 2nd GP, unanimous)

RESOLVED to check the renewal dates and any outstanding payments for tenancies and inform Cllr McCarten.

7.2 Village maintenance

Taken earlier.

7.3 Highways

Nothing to report..

7.4 Toft People's Hall

Nothing to report.

7.5 Footpaths

Cllr Miles reported that clarification was still awaited regarding responsibility for the tree obscuring the light at Millers Way.

The new dog bin has been installed outside Toft wood. Thanks were expressed to District Cllr Hawkins.

7.0.1 The Chairman reported on his attendance with the Clerk at a Transparency meeting. It was noted that the Parish Council is doing all it should be regarding Transparency.

7.0.2 The Chairman reported that a family in the village would be travelling to the World Finals for Lego automation projects in the US and were seeking sponsorship. RESOLVED that a donation of £100.00 be made from the Charity funds. The Chairman will provide details to the Clerk.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

SignedChairmandate.