

**Minutes of the Toft Annual Parish Meeting  
held on Monday 8 May 2017 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: 11 Parishioners including Councillors M Yeadon, P Ellis-Evans, J McCarten, E Miles, G Pugh and A Tall, District Cllr Tumi Hawkins, County Cllr Lina Joseph and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Cllr Yeadon presided.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received for possible lateness from County Cllr Lina Joseph.

**2. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2016**

The minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

Any matters arising will be covered in the Chairman's report.

**4. Report of the Parish Council for the year<sup>1</sup>**

Councillor Yeadon presented his report, which is appended in full to these minutes. The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their support and hard work, and outlined their members' responsibilities. There is currently a vacancy for a councillor. The report covered:

- the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday street party; the Sports Day, and financial support for the annual firework display.
- Highways matters including the speed limit between Comberton and Toft, signage, yellow lines by the village green and the speed reduction scheme
- The Community Highway Volunteer Scheme for simple maintenance
- Relocation of the dog bins
- The Community defibrillator project
- The Council taking over responsibility for the Allotments following the closure of the William Worboys Charity, and funding received from the Ramblers' Association for a new bench
- Planning matters including the Bennell Farm development, development on the west side of Hardwick Road, the change of use for the restaurant and membership of the Coalition of Parish Councils and its work.
- The listing as Assets of Community Value of the shop and the restaurant.
- The management of the Council finances; the precept had remained the same.
- The Village Hero Award for Martin Sebborn.

A question was asked about the website and Parish Council papers. The Clerk will look into the matter.

A resident encouraged the Parish Council to let the residents know when the accounts were published.

County Cllr Lina Joseph arrived at 7.24 pm.

**5. Presentation of the Council's audited accounts and financial report<sup>2</sup>**

The report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Gail Stoehr, was read and the audited accounts for the Financial Year ended 2016 were presented and a copy is available on request. Changes to the audit process were outlined and inspection of the accounts by the public was invited by arrangement.

**6. Other reports**

**6.1 District Councillor<sup>3</sup>**

District Cllr Tumi Hawkins circulated and presented her report, which is appended in full and covered:

- A planning update. An application for 30 houses on land west of Hardwick Road will be considered at the Local Plan Examination on 14 June as an omission site. A question was asked about the procedure if omission sites are considered by the Inspector. With regard to the City Deal, Cllr Hawkins was asked whether the inspector required new modelling for the transport plan. This may possibly be in July.
- The Cambourne to Cambridge busway
- The A14 Highways improvements
- The A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements
- The SCDC CEO appointment
- Devolution and the Mayoral election
- Boundary reviews
- Drainage and sewage issues
- Toft Car park
- Dog and litter bins
- The Village Hero awards
- Casework and the drop in surgery

6.2 County Councillor

Cllr Lina Joseph introduced herself as the newly elected County Councillor and looked forward to working with and for the village. She will send the Parish Council a template to complete on its needs and priorities.

7. Any other parish matters including any resolutions which have been received

Cllr McCarten expressed thanks to Cllr Yeadon for ably chairing the Parish Council meetings during the last twelve months.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

Signed .....Chairman .....date.

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<sup>1</sup> Chairman's report

<sup>2</sup> Parish Council's Financial report and accounts for FY 2016

<sup>3</sup> Report of the District Councillor - Tumi Hawkins