

**Minutes of the 741st meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 2 October 2017 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 18 members of the public, Bill Bampton (Pelham Structures), County Cllr L Joseph and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Bill Bampton of Pelham Structures gave a presentation on proposals for land west of Hardwick Road. He explained the background to the withdrawn application and spoke to the plans for 30 dwellings and drawings on display at the meeting. He outlined the design features, sustainability, and the S106 contribution for the LEAP (Locally Equipped Area of Play) which would be available to all. £150,000 would be provided to upgrade the Comberton to Toft cycle route. 40% of the housing would be low cost (affordable) dwellings. The owner intended to retain some housing himself. Common areas were to be maintained by a maintenance company. The planning application had been submitted but was not as yet validated.

Mr Bampton invited feedback regarding the play equipment on the LEAP. The draft S106 agreement had been submitted.

The following concerns were expressed by residents:

- The indication that the cost of the top end housing would be £850,000.
- The employment figures stated and the lack of facilities in the village, which was designated as an infill village.
- The access from the proposed new field space on to Mill Lane where there is no pavement.
- The environmental survey and what it might contain.

Cllr Ellis-Evans arrived during this discussion at 7.17 pm.

- The proximity of the balancing pond to the LEAP.
- The implications for Wharton and Clark.
- The density and type of housing were out of keeping with the surrounding housing.
- The location of the LEAP and the inaccessibility for children, apart for those on the development.
- That no surface water drainage survey had been undertaken and submitted with the application.
- The effect on wildlife.

The majority of the residents and Mr Bampton left the meeting.

County Cllr Lina Joseph reported:

- The full Council meeting later this month will consider a review of children's services, and the impact of the children's centre
- A meeting with Stephen Munday of CVC and support for young people, including the NHS strategy for youngsters and teaching staff if possible.
- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation grants funded by CCC to support vulnerable adults.
- Cambridgeshire Insight.
- The CCC budget.
- The St Ives Park & Ride solar panels and electricity generation.
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence projects.
- Modern slavery and human trafficking issues.

The Parish Council raised the issue of the cycle path between Toft and Comberton being too narrow. Cllr Joseph was asked to follow up on the report and take a look. She offered assistance to cut back encroaching vegetation. Cllr Joseph left the meeting.

It was reported that two posts were down on the village green.

A resident expressed a wish that there were small properties in Toft so that elderly people did not have to move out of the village.

Trees at 14 and 16 School Lane are overhanging the pavement. Cllr Tall reported these online to CCC at the meeting. CCC Highways had looked at surface water in School Lane.

District Cllr Hawkins's previously circulated written report was taken as read in her absence.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Tumi Hawkins.

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 on 4 September 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 4 September be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after adding under item 6.1.2, line 4, after the word "surroundings", the words "and the removal of two bedroom properties from the market and is a two storey building in a row of bungalows," and under item 3.1 at the end, to add the words "Both of these are covered by the Parish Council's agreed commitment to the LHI 2017/18." (Prop EM, 2nd MY, unanimous)

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

3.1 (3.2) Report on Bennell Farm and S106 update

Cllr Yeadon reported on his attendance at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting. The Bennell Farm application had received approval subject to the S106 agreement being finalised.

3.2 (3.3) Trees along Brookside – to consider response from Kingston Parish Council

RESOLVED to note the response from Kingston Parish Council that it now knows who the landowner is and it is expected to follow this up. Cllr Miles is to monitor this.

3.3 (4.1) LHI application – to consider whether to make a bid

Consideration was given to two potential projects, namely the improvements to the cycle route to Comberton Village College and to look at continuing to reduce speed via Speedwatch with a mobile speed sign.

The budget was reviewed. 2015/16 LHI scheme - the invoice for the Parish Council's commitment of £1600 was outstanding.

2017/18 LHI scheme for the gateway and parking the invoice for the Parish Council's commitment of £2600 is outstanding.

A contribution of £1500 was expected from Comberton Parish Council.

There was therefore a budget of £3,000 plus the £1,500 from Comberton Parish Council which totalled £4500 of which £4200 had been committed.

RESOLVED that a volunteer working party be convened to cut back encroaching vegetation on the cycle path between Toft and Comberton.

RESOLVED that Cllr Tall should submit an application for a mobile speed sign at an estimated project cost of £4000-£7000. (Prop AT, 2nd JM, unanimous)

RESOLVED that the Parish Council's contribution would be £700, of which £300 would be funded from the LHI fund and £400 from the contingency reserve. (Prop AT, 2nd MY, unanimous)

3.4 (4.2) Cambridge Building Society account and consideration of interest bearing accounts

RESOLVED given that Cambridge Building Society had closed the savings account, to open an account with the Cambridge and Counties Bank with an opening transfer of

£36,000, with the same signatories, namely Cllrs McCarten, Yeadon and Ellis-Evans and Pugh. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

3.5 (7.0.8) Assets of Community Value – to consider whether any other locations should be registered

RESOLVED to defer this item until members and the Trustees have looked into the options.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should summarise the options discussed this evening and the associated costs of 1) purchase at market value; 2) sole trustee; and 3) doing nothing but managing the land.

4. Consideration of correspondence

4.1 SCDC consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Guidance

Noted. RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make no response.

4.2 PKF Littlejohn – external audit conclusion

RESOLVED to note that the annual audit has been concluded and nothing has come to Littlejohn's attention giving them reason for concern.

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 LGS Services (Admin support) £412.19, and Community Heartbeat Trust (Defibrillator) £2964.00. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)

NEST	Pension (DD)	£57.95
Salary		£57.93
LGS Services	Admin support	£423.26
Toft People's Hall	Room hire	£15.00
Buchans	Grass cutting	£359.84
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£240.00

5.2 Play inspection reports

RESOLVED to note Cllr Yeadon's verbal report that no action was necessary at this time.

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

RESOLVED to ask Clive Blower to reinstate the two posts on the green. (Prop AT, 2nd MY, unanimous)

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/3045/17/FL – Land adj 80 West Street, Comberton – Erection of a 2 storey x 4 bedroom detached house and 1¹/₂ storey 2 bay car lodge/annexe

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

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

6.2.1 S/2643/17/FL – Firs Farm, 64 High Street – Demolition of existing thatched garage and workshop building and replacement with single storey annex building – Permission refused.

6.2.2 S/2398/17/DC – 19 Millers Road – Discharge of condition 3 (Materials), 4 (Visibility splays) and 5 (Driveway details) of planning permission S/0723/17/FL – Permission granted.

6.2.3 S/2511/17/DC – Land adj 32 High Street – Discharge of condition 3 (Brick) of planning permission S/2599/14/FL – Withdrawn.

6.3 Tree works applications

6.3.1 S/3204/17/TC – 28 High Street

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comments. (Prop EM, 2nd GP, unanimous)

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

7.1 Allotments

RESOLVED to note that the working party with Cambridge Conservation Volunteers had completed the works.

7.2 Village maintenance

Nothing to report.

7.3 Highways

RESOLVED to note that there are currently six outstanding reports on the CCC website. The two reports concerning drains on the highway have been closed by CCC. The footbridge by the Beacon is rotten and will be fixed by CCC later in the year.

7.4 Toft People's Hall

The People's Hall is holding their Annual Meeting next month. Members are to let Cllr Pugh know if there are any new residents in the village so that welcome pack can be given to them.

7.5 Footpaths

Peter Gaskin of CCC is talking to the owners of the land in Kingston.

7.6 Defibrillator update report

Cllr Ellis-Evans reported that once the payment is received the equipment will be dispatched within two weeks, after which the works in the kitchen are to be organised by Cllr Ellis-Evans. Cllr Ellis-Evans will inform everyone of the training date when arranged.

7.7 Proposal that the Council considers the funding for the Toft annual fireworks

RESOLVED subject to receiving an application to approve funding for the event of up to £150.00. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
