

**Minutes of the 745th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public, District Cllr T Hawkins, Cllr G Chamberlain (District Councillor, Hardwick ward), and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident asked whether there was a rule for horses that foul as well as for dogs. It was noted that there was not.

A tree by the roadside in Brookside was reported to be wobbling. This is to be notified to CCC by Cllr Tall.

The architect explained the background to the application for 42A School Lane, which had been previously approved. However, the validation had been withdrawn by SCDC, on technical grounds which had now been amended, without notifying the applicant.

Cllr Grenville Chamberlain, District Councillor for Hardwick ward, introduced himself and explained that he was there to listen.

A resident referred to the yellow lines by the Green and requested that the contractors be asked to return and finish the work.

There is a large puddle in Eversden Close where the water runs away from the drain due to the rise of the road.

Flooding in the High Street was reported.

District Cllr Hawkins reported on:

- The Local Plan.
- The Countryside development exhibitions for Bourn Airfield on 9 and 10 March.
- The SCDC consultation on District Councillor engagement with parish councils.
- The SCDC budget meeting.
- Community Chest grants are still available.
- The Green Energy Loan Fund.
- The forthcoming workshops for the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway.
- Dog bins – and the site meeting.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Lina Joseph.

1.2 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Tall declared an interest in item 6.1.1 as a neighbour.

Cllr Pugh declared an interest in item 6.1.1 as she was married to the architect.

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 5 February 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 5 February be approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

4. Consideration of correspondence

- 4.1 SCDC consultation on District Councillor engagement with Parish Councils after May 2018
RESOLVED, given that the Parish Council needs contact with the District Councillor and values their attendance at the meetings, to respond as follows:
“The District Councillor for Toft has almost always managed to attend the Toft Parish Council meetings and the Parish Council has found this very valuable in keeping up to date on the activities of the District Council as well as being a conduit to the District Council. The Council would like to see this continue. Whilst Toft Parish Council recognises that there will be increased pressures on time for the new Councillors, Toft Parish Council would nevertheless still like to see regular attendance at the meetings with a written report for each meeting.” (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)
- 4.2 Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments
RESOLVED to note the Clerk’s advice that as the Council is opening a one year savings account, the principles are guidance but it is good practice to adopt them.
RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 4.3 RoSPA Playsafety – Notification of annual play inspection – to consider quotation and whether a parish councillor should attend the inspection at additional cost
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from RoSPA without a member in attendance. (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 LGS Services (Admin support) £456.51.
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| Salary | | £57.93 |
| HMRC | PAYE/NIC | £87.00 |
| NEST | Pension (DD) | £57.95 |
| LCPAS | Training | £40.00 |
| Toft People’s Hall | Room hire | £30.00 |
- 5.2 Play inspection reports
Nothing to report.
- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety
RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used her delegated powers to order parts from Kompan for installation by RPM.
- 6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received**
- 6.1 Planning Applications
- 6.1.1 S/3790/17/FL – 42A School Lane – Replacement of existing prefabricated garage with construction garage and works
Cllrs Tall and Pugh, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 7.39 pm.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop MY, 2nd JM, unanimous)
Cllrs Tall and Pugh re-joined the meeting at 7.43 pm.
- 6.1.2 S/0467/18/DC – Meridian Court, Comberton Road – Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Traffic management plan), 7 (Hard and soft landscaping), 9 (Arboricultural method statement), 10 (Surface water drainage) and 11 (Surface water drainage) of planning permission S/0496/17/FL
Noted.
- 6.2 SCDC decisions to note
- 6.2.1 S/4595/17/PN – Agricultural land, Bennell Farm, West Street – Application for prior approval for proposed agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw and machinery – Prior approval not required
- 6.3 Tree works applications

- 6.3.1 S/0651/18/TC – Parish Council playground opposite 45 High Street
RESOLVED to make no comment.
- 6.3.2 S/0812/18/TC – 27 High Street
RESOLVED to respond that there was not enough information to respond.
- 7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated**
- 7.1 Allotments
Nothing to report.
- 7.2 Village maintenance
Cllr Tall reported that the bushes had been cleared from the cycle path and bus shelter. The drain clearing had not proved successful.
- 7.3 Highways
Cllr Tall reported that the potholes had been reported and logged, the cycle path surface and flooding and ice on Meridian Road had been reported. Residents were encouraged to report potholes themselves online or let Cllr Tall know.
- 7.4 Toft People's Hall
Nothing to report.
- 7.5 Footpaths
Thanks were expressed to Peter Johnson who had kindly removed part of a tree that had blown over on a footpath. The kissing gate had now been replaced.
- 7.7 Defibrillator report
Cllr Ellis-Evans reported that everything was in good order.
- 7.0.8 It was reported that the signed grass cutting contract had not yet been returned. Cllr Ellis-Evans is to be informed when it has been signed. RESOLVED to write to Buchans thanking them for their service over the years but the Parish Council regrets their tender was unsuccessful this time.
- 7.0.9 Parking on grass verges – Cllr Yeadon is to enquire whether there is anything the Parish Council can do about parking.
- 7.0.10 Computer Club – has commenced in a room at Home Meadow with two members so far.
- 7.0.11 The Village Hero awards are on Thursday.
- 7.0.12 Assets of Community Value – Cllr McCarten reported on the response from SCDC that they are unable to list residences as Assets of Community Value and the same response was received on enquiring about the Pub.
- 8. Closure of meeting**
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
