

**Minutes of the 753rd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), P Ellis-Evans, E Miles, A Tall, J McNiven and L Borrell.

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

None.

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.

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident reported that parishioners had been seen picking up litter, and suggested a village litter pick. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

A resident spoke about the Oxford to Cambridge rail line proposals and expressed concerns that two of the suggested routes went directly through Toft.

Comments were made that the cycle path from Toft to Comberton was too narrow, and the hedgerow opposite the golf course was overgrown. A request was made for the hedge to be cut back. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had reported this several times and Cllr Tall will report it to the County Council again. The landowner's details are to be obtained from the Land Registry.

A Resident was thanked for collecting litter in the village.

2. To consider arrangements to fill vacancies on the Council

No applications had been received. Cllr McNiven indicated that he would be moving in the summer, giving rise to a second vacancy.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 4 February 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 4 February be approved and signed by the Chairman after an amendment under item 8.4, to delete the words "but there is no chairman." (Prop JM, 2nd PEE, unanimous)

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

On a proposition by the Chairman, the following two items were taken together.

4.1 (4.1) Resident – removal of communal bin from the village

4.2 (4.2) Registration of protected village amenities under the Local Plan

RESOLVED to follow up these two matters with the District Councillor.

RESOLVED to check with SCDC whether the Parish Council can register Home Meadow as protected village amenity land.

4.3 (4.3) William Eversden Charity – update including

4.3.1 To agree schedule of meetings for the year

Cllr Yeadon declared an interest in this item as a Trustee. The solicitor had advised that the Parish Council could spend money on land but the Trustees were still uncomfortable at signing the declaration.

RESOLVED that when the management of the Charity is transferred to the Parish Council as sole trustee, the William Eversden's Charity (Committee) AGM and the first meeting will take place on 3rd June after the Parish Council's meeting.

The William Eversden's Charity (Committee) will consist of all councillors.

RESOLVED not to have a separate bank account as indicated in Section 8, paragraph 4 but hold the funds in separate accounts.
Rent invoices were outstanding.

4.3.2 To clarify the next steps re the Land Registry
Deferred.

4.4 (6.2) To consider ordering more bark for the play area
RESOLVED that the bark should be ordered with delivery over the fence but not in front of the gate, and that Clive Blower should be asked to spread it.

4.5 (8.1) To consider whether to obtain a revised quotation for the Allotments sign
RESOLVED that this matter should be put on hold. It had not been possible to find a picture of William Eversden.

4.6 (8.3) Report on speed data from mobile speed sign
Cllr Tall reported that the highest speed recorded was 64 mph between 2-3 pm on Saturday. Twelve cars were driven at over 50 mph and one in five journeys exceeded 35 mph. There had been an average of 370 journeys per day.
RESOLVED that Cllr Tall should pass the summary sheet to CCC.

4.7 (8.5) Proposal for a wider kissing gate for buggies and wheelchairs to access Lot Meadow
RESOLVED to note that the landowner had no objections, but that the gate was the responsibility of the County Council.
RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should speak to Home Meadow regarding the best access for wheelchairs and ask CCC for their thoughts.

5. Consideration of correspondence

5.1 East West Rail Cambridge to Oxford rail link consultation
A proposal by Cllr Yeadon, that the Parish Council prefers the routes through Bassingbourn, either A, C or D, as a cheaper and faster option which will not impact on the beautiful countryside, and that East West Rail was right to prioritise the southern route, was not seconded.
RESOLVED to respond that East West Rail should carry out a proper examination of the northern route as proposed by CamBed RailRoad. The Parish Council is pleased to have the opportunity to comment and wishes to be apprised of progress. (Prop PEE, 2nd EM, carried with 5 votes in favour and 1 against)

5.2 CamBed RailRoad proposals for Cambridge to Bedford rail link
RESOLVED to make no response.

5.3 Greater Cambridge Partnership Cambourne to Cambridge Phase 2 consultation
RESOLVED to make no response on the route, but to respond that the Parish Council supports Scotland Farm as the location for the Park and Ride site on the grounds of accessibility and its greater proximity to the developments at Cambourne and Bourn Airfield.

Cllr McNiven left the meeting at 8.15 pm. The remaining resident also left.

5.4 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement
RESOLVED that Neighbourhood Planning should be an agenda item for the next meeting and that Cllr Miles should look into this and bring information to the next meeting.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no response. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

5.5 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Call for sites
Noted.

5.6 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – North East Cambridge Area Action Plan – issues and Options 2019 consultation
Noted.

6. Finance and risk assessment

6.1 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, plus LGS Services (Admin Support) £479.49 and £432.89.

RESOLVED not to renew the LCPAS subscription at £90.00. (Prop MY, 2nd PEE, unanimous)

Toft People's Hall	Room Hire	£30.00
Salary		£57.92
HMRC	PAYE	£150.20
NEST	Pension (DD)	£57.96

6.2 Play inspection reports

RESOLVED to note that no actions were required.

A resident had requested that a baby swing be provided. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

6.3 Annual Play Inspection – to consider appointing a company to undertake this

RESOLVED to contract RoSPA to undertake the annual inspection and place the inspection on automatic renewal each year until further notice.

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

None.

6.5 Assets Walk – to consider when this should take place

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

7. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/0351/19/VC – Bennell Farm, West Street, Comberton – Variation of Condition 1 (Approved plans) pursuant to planning permission S/4552/17/RM

Noted.

7.2 SCDC decisions to note

7.2.1 S/4338/18/FL – 6 Powell Close – Single storey front and two storey rear extensions – Permission granted.

7.2.2 S/3521/18/FL – The Long Barn, Old Farm Business Centre, Church Road – Temporary five year permission for 8 self contained meeting rooms, tea point, server, covered atrium and associated infrastructure – Permission granted.

7.3 Tree works applications

7.3.1 S/0382/19/TP – Priory Cottage, Church Road

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comments.

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

8.1 Allotments

Taken earlier.

8.2 Village maintenance - Nothing to report.

8.3 Highways

Cllr Tall reported that the issues raised at the last meeting had all been dealt with. Work on the blocked drain in High Street was due to start soon. The date is to be provided to Cllr Yeadon by Cllr Tall.

A pot hole in Comberton Road is outstanding.

The Environment Agency is clearing out the Brook.

8.4 Toft People's Hall

The copy insurance had been received.

8.5 Footpaths

Cllr Miles reported on bridleway cul-de-sacs and is to look at old maps to see whether Armshold Lane should be included in Lost Highways.

8.6 Defibrillator report

Cllr Ellis-Evans reported that only 5 homes were yet to receive a defibrillator fridge magnet as well as companies in the village. Three hundred had been ordered but more had been received. Another training session will have to be arranged in approximately six months' time.

9. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.39 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

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