

**Minutes of the 764th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), E Miles, L Borrell, A Tall, K Popat and J Wrycroft.

In attendance: 2 members of the public, District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident commented that nothing had been done about the hedge in Brookside. The Chairman reported that he had trimmed it.

District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain reported on concerns about the Local Plan for 2022 to 2040, which will go out to consultation in the New Year. There is land availability for 5.3 years of house building for CCC and Cambridge City Council, including potential building on the Green Belt in Hardwick. Over 500 applications had been received. These will be reduced in number before details are published. Cllr Chamberlain stressed the importance of the Parish Council making its views known.

A blocked drain in Beldams Close has been reported to CCC by Cllr Tall.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ellis-Evans (out of parish) and from County Cllr Lina Nieto.

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.

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 7 October 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 7 October be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Prop EM, 2nd MY, unanimous)

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

3.1 (4.1) Toft website and emails – to consider costed proposal if received

RESOLVED, having considered quotations for £90.00 plus VAT for the first year and £120.00 plus VAT for subsequent years, to accept the costs. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

RESOLVED to delegate to the Chairman and the Clerk together to arrange payment details. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

3.2 (4.3) To consider possible projects relating to Climate Change

RESOLVED given Cllr Popat's report that he was meeting with the organiser of Cambridgeshire Climate Emergency on Thursday to defer this item to the December meeting.

RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon should place an item in the Calendar asking whether any residents would be interested in planting a tree in their garden, to gauge the amount of interest.

3.3 (5.4) To consider banking arrangements

RESOLVED to defer this item to the December meeting.

3.4 BT kiosk adoption – to consider signing the purchase agreement and the future use of the kiosk

RESOLVED that the Clerk should sign the purchase agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. (Prop EM, 2nd AT, unanimous)

RESOLVED that Cllr Wrycroft should ask an electrician to check the electrical connection and seek a quote, and report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED to place an item in Calendar asking residents for suggestions for the future use of the kiosk.

4. Consideration of correspondence

4.1 SCDC LED upgrade to SCDC streetlights

RESOLVED, having checked the list provided, to note that SC25 School Lane is located outside number 41 not 35.

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, plus Toft People's Hall (Room Hire) £15.00. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

Salary		£115.88
BT Payphones	Telephone Kiosk	£1.00
Parish Online	Online mapping	£45.00
People's Hall	Room hire	£15.00

Credits, including allotment rents, were noted.

5.2 Play inspection reports

Cllr Yeadon reported that the checks had been carried out and a further check would be conducted after the fireworks event.

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

RESOLVED, noting that a tree was down near the kissing gate on the footpath to Green End, that Cllr Tall should report this to CCC.

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/3259/19/FL – 41 School Lane – New single garage and fitness room

Cllr Tall, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 7.43 pm. RESOLVED having considered the amended application whereby the roof pitch had been reduced by 2.5 degrees, that the Parish Council objects to the application, and reiterates its previous comments as follows "The Parish Council objects to the application. The application is for a fairly significant building in an open area. It is further forward than adjacent dwellings. If minded to approve the application, it can not be allowed to be turned into a dwelling at a later date. If the Officer is minded to approve the application, the Council requests that the application goes to the Planning Committee." (Prop MY, 2nd EM, carried with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions)

Cllr Tall re-joined the meeting at 7.46 pm.

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

6.2.1 S/3070/19/DC – Orchard Gate, Comberton Road – Discharge of condition 3 (Sectional drawings at a scale of 1:20 of the rooflights) pursuant to planning permission S/1948/18/FL – Permission granted.

6.3 Tree works applications

6.3.1 S/3480/19/TC – 2 Farmers End

Noted.

6.3.2 S/3473/19/TC – Trehaus, 57 High Street

Noted.

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

7.1 Village Maintenance

Cllr Tall reported that the hedge by the green had been cut back. The bollard had been inspected and no further action was considered necessary. The overgrown beacon was all OK. The uneven pavement in Cannors Close remained outstanding Responses were awaited about the drains on the High Street, the pothole and over grown hedges and the hedge at the bottom of the High Street.

7.2 Highways

Cllr Tall reported that the feasibility study had been received today for the cycle path. The proposed solution was to widen the path, cut back the hedge and install a solar light every 20 metres. The only concern was that studs were expensive. The cost of the proposal was £15,735.05 subject to a Parish Council 10% contribution of £1500.00. RESOLVED that the Parish Council should increase its contribution to £1500.00. (Prop AT, 2nd MY, unanimous)

7.3 Toft People’s Hall

Cllr Borrell will attend the AGM which will be on 11 November.

7.4 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

7.5 Defibrillator report

Nothing to report.

7.6 Village Plan review report

RESOLVED that Cllr Borrell should talk to the regulator regarding the mobile phone signal.

RESOLVED that Cllr Popat should investigate and look fibre to houses not fibre to box in the village to speed up wifi speeds.

RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should complete the Action Plan as discussed, and bring it back to the next meeting.

7.7 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the offer from SCDC for free litter picking tools

RESOLVED to request six packs from SCDC.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

SignedChairmandate.