

**Minutes of the 765th meeting of Toft Parish Council  
Meeting held on Monday 2 December 2019 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), P Ellis-Evans, L Borrell, A Tall, K Popat and J Wrycroft.

In attendance: 1 member of the public and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

**Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors**

It was reported that a post was down on the green.

Flooding in Beldams Close was raised. Cllr Tall informed the public that drainage works are scheduled for Cannors Close to clear the gully and repair the surface. At Beldams Close a pipe is to be replaced and the gully jetted followed by patching. This work will take place in the next few weeks.

**1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests**

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence  
Apologies were received from Cllr Miles (out of parish).

1.2 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda  
Cllr Yeadon declared an interest in item 6.3.1 as a next-door 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 4 November 2019**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 4 November be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Prop MY, 2nd LB, unanimous)

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

3.1 (3.2) To consider possible projects relating to Climate Change and report on meeting

Cllr Popat reported on a meeting with the Cambridgeshire Climate Emergency Co-ordinator. The aim is to create a team and hold a meeting to come up with ideas in conjunction with the whole community. Volunteers should come from inside and outside the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Cllr Popat should take matters forward and set up a working group.

3.2 (3.3) To consider banking arrangements

RESOLVED to open a new bank account with Unity Trust Bank. (Prop MY, 2nd JW, unanimous)

3.3 (3.4) BT kiosk adoption – to consider report on electrical check and any suggestions on the future use of the kiosk

RESOLVED that the Parish Council wishes the electrical connection to be properly tested. RESOLVED to seek a quotation for a scheduled electrical maintenance plan, socket, the light to be fixed and a sensor to be fitted.

**4. Consideration of correspondence**

4.1 William Eversden's Charity – request for financial support

RESOLVED to approve the proposal request for financial support up to a maximum of £800.00 for the supply and installation of a borehole water pump for the Toft allotments. (Prop MY, 2nd PEE)

4.2 Beechwood Estates – request for speed limit reduction on the B1046

The history and background to previous efforts to reduce the speed limit were outlined.

RESOLVED to respond as follows:

“The Parish Council has discussed your request. Unfortunately the current 30 mph speed limit starts at the village boundary and there are implications of changing the village boundary including the possibility of encouraging future development.

The Parish Council has already arranged for the reduction of the speed limit between Toft and Comberton to 50 mph. The Council was not permitted to reduce it further to 40 mph.

The Parish Council did discuss the possibility of you relocating your access drive to join a new access point for the new development, which would overcome the problem and make it safer for children cycling along the route, and the Council urges you to consider this.”

4.3 CCC – Operation London Bridge

RESOLVED to defer this item pending further information from CCC.

4.4 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan proposed submission plan consultation

RESOLVED to make no response.

**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 Ben Stoehr (Replacement for lost cheque) £113.24, CCC (Street lighting) £1378.37, Cambridge Conservation Volunteers (Allotments work) £17.70 and Martin Yeadon (Calendar expenses) £15.00. (Prop PE, 2nd LB, unanimous)

Salary		£116.08
RH Landscapes	Grass cutting	£336.00
Toft People's Hall	Greeting in the calendar	£15.00

5.2 Play inspection reports

Nothing to report.

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

None.

**6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received**

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/3769/19/DC – 55 School Lane – Discharge of Condition 5 (Water calculations) and 6 (Carbon emissions renewal statement) pursuant to planning permission S/2190/19/FL  
RESOLVED to make no response.

6.1.2 S/3881/19/NM – Bennell Farm, West Street – Non-material amendment of planning permission S/0351/VC to amend approved materials schedule and plan  
Noted.

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

6.2.1 S/2184/19/FL – 10 Millers Road – Construction of workshop in front garden including hardstandings – Permission granted.

6.2.2 S/3124/19/FL – The Old Farm House, Comberton Road – Retrospective – New external storage container and associated screening – Permission granted.

6.2.3 S/3125/19/FL – The Old Farm House, Comberton Road – Retention of new external storage container and associated screening – listed building consent – Withdrawn.

6.2.4 S/3259/19/FL – 41 School Lane – New single garage and fitness room – Permission granted.

6.3 Tree works applications

6.3.1 S/3908/19/TC – 7 Brookside

Cllr Yeadon, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 7.57 pm. Cllr Ellis-Evans chaired the meeting for this item.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no comment.

Cllr Yeadon re-joined the meeting at 7.58 pm.

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

7.1 Village Maintenance

RESOLVED to ask Clive Blower to reinstate the post on the green.

A broken rung on the bridge has been repaired.

Cllr Tall reported that a gate at Lot Meadow had rotted and snapped in two and dropped. RESOLVED that Cllr Ellis-Evans should ask Peter Gaskin of CCC to come and inspect the gate and obtain quotations and as this is a matter of Health and Safety, to order a new gate if necessary.

7.2 Highways

Cllr Tall reported that there would be an LHI update in January. The budget will be discussed at the January meeting. The Clerk's advice, that the £1500 contribution has to be taken from the budget in the year the decision is taken, was noted.

7.3 Toft People's Hall

Cllr Borrell reported on the AGM. The Chairman has stepped down. The next meeting is over the Christmas period but Cllr Borrell is unable to attend.

7.4 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

7.5 Defibrillator report

Cllr Ellis-Evans reported that all was in working order. The pads were now out of date. RESOLVED that a Training Course at a cost of £175.00 is to be an item for the next meeting.

7.6 Village Plan review report

RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should put updates on the website.

Cllr Borrell reported on the mobile phone signal and that he had spoken to the regulator but there was nothing further that could be done other than engaging with MPs to raise a voice politically.

RESOLVED to raise the matter with the mobile phone operators first and consider the matter further at the February meeting.

Cllr Popat reported on fibre broadband to houses and the Community Fibre Programme. RESOLVED that Cllr Popat should progress by speaking to the companies first and asking them to come and cost this, before speaking to residents.

8. Closure of meeting

The budget review is to take place at the January meeting on 6 January. Members were encouraged to consider items for inclusion. The meeting will be held in the upstairs room as the main room is booked.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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