

**Minutes of the 767th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 5 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 asked for the proposed railway route to be on the next agenda in order to plan how to respond. A dual rail link four times per hour was indicated. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting. District Cllr Chamberlain undertook to look at further information for the meeting.

Hedges overhanging the path in School Lane were reported. A note will be placed in the Calendar. In response to a query on rules for garden bonfires, it was explained that this was the responsibility of SCDC, not the Parish Council.

A resident expressed thanks for two nights of entertainment.

District Cllr Chamberlain reported on the proposed railway station at Cambourne and the route to the Biomedical Campus. He had no further information at this stage.

Last week's Local Liaison Forum meeting had discussed the proposed bus route. The removal of trees between the A428 and St Neots Road, Hardwick, was causing concern. The deadline for comments was 19 February.

The proposed Park and Ride site would accommodate 2000 cars.

Concerns were expressed on the impact of traffic on the village.

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.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 6 January 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 6 January be approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

3.1 (3.3) BT kiosk – to consider quotation if received

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from SD Electrical for the Sum of £275.00. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

Cllr Wrycroft is to be the contact for this project.

3.2 (3.5 and 7.4) Gates at Lot Meadow - update

RESOLVED to note that both gates had been repaired by CCC.

3.3 (5.4) Review of S106 funds

RESOLVED that a copy of the budget should be sent to all Councillors.

RESOLVED to note that S106 funds cannot be used for the BT kiosk, but could be used for the Hall. This will be an agenda item for the May meeting.

Members are to consider and provide a wish list.

3.4 (7.0.7) Proposed changes to planning decision procedures at South Cambridgeshire District Council – response from SCDC

Noted.

4. Consideration of correspondence

4.1 SCDC – Offer of three free trees

RESOLVED to accept the offer of three free trees which will be planted at the allotments.

4.2 Cambridgeshire Police – Cambridgeshire Constabulary Service Change consultation

RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should complete and submit the questionnaire, with the following answers: 1) Agree; 2) Strongly agree; 3) Staff; 4) Don't know; 5) Agree; 6) Don't know; 7) Agree; 8) All.

4.3 Greater Cambridge Partnership Local Plan Issues and Options consultation

RESOLVED not to submit a response. (Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

4.4 Hardwick Parish Council offer to sell Speedwatch equipment

RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council is looking into the matter, and clarify whether Toft Parish Council has already paid towards the equipment and why Hardwick Parish Council is selling the equipment.

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.

Salaries		£115.88
Toft People's Hall	Room Hire	£15.00
Toft PCC	Calendar	£120.45

Credits, including allotment rents, were noted. All allotment rents for 2019-2020 have been received.

The account opening forms and cheque had been sent to Unity Trust Bank.

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 that Cllr Tall should report water rising up through the manhole outside the Shop and running over the pavement.

RESOLVED that Cllr Tall should deal with the traffic counter in the verge which is tied to a lamp post.

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/0179/20/FL – Land rear of 6 Hardwick Road – Residential development of 3 dwelling houses and change of use of land from Class B8 (skipyard) to Class C3 use

RESOLVED, To object to this proposal.

The most significant reason for objecting is because the development does not fall within the Village Development Boundary and can not be classed as infill which is the designated development category for the village.

The Parish Council also considers that the houses are too large and tall for the location.

The Parish Council would like to see some sort of planning statement showing:

- What has been done to try to maintain it as an employment site
- How the Ecological Amenity area is to be accessed and maintained, physically and contractually
- How safe pedestrian and cycle access and egress would be achieved
- What storage provision will there be for cycles, waste bins, outside equipment etc

(Prop MY, 2nd AT, unanimous)

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

6.2.1 S/4198/19/FL – Old Farm Business Centre, Church Lane – Installation of a portakabin modular building to be used as office and laboratory space for a temporary period of 2 years – Withdrawn.

- 6.2.2 S/4098/19/VC – 55 School Lane – Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) pursuant to planning permission S/2190/19/FL – Permission granted.
- 6.3 Tree works applications
- 6.3.1 S/4553/19/TC – 3 Hardwick Road
Noted.
- 7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated**
- 7.1 Village Maintenance
None.
- 7.2 Highways including update on LHI application
Cllr Tall reported that the presentation had taken place today and the Parish Council would have to take responsibility for cutting the verge and changing broken studs.
- 7.3 Toft People's Hall
Nothing to report. The next meeting is on 14 April 2020
- 7.4 Footpaths
It was reported that the hedge on Church Road was growing outwards and the path was not very wide.
- 7.5 Defibrillator report
Cllr Ellis-Evans reported that a date for training was being sought.
- 7.6 Village Plan review report
Cllr Miles reported that the Village Plan review had been completed and placed in the Calendar.
- 7.6.1 To receive an update on the mobile phone signal
It was reported that BT, EE and Vodafone had stated that outdoor coverage is good. Indoor coverage is being looked into but this is not a priority.
The report on Mayor James Palmer's initiative did not include Toft.
The Parish Council noted that there were 20 priority locations in District Cllr Chamberlains report and asked whether Toft could be included and whether Cllr Chamberlain could assist with this.
- 7.6.2 To receive an update on fibre to home broadband
There is a portal that helps people register but this may be subject to a charge.
RESOLVED not to proceed.
- 7.7 Climate Change Working Group report and recommendations
Cllr Popat reported that a working group meeting had been held with four members and guests attending. The online questionnaire had been completed.
The voucher for trees had been accepted.
RESOLVED that Cllr Popat should write an article for the Calendar seeking input from residents.
- 7.8 Operation London Bridge Working Group report and recommendation
The group had not yet met.
- 7.9 CCC TTRO for High Street to consider if the Parish Council should advertise this
RESOLVED, noting the closure of the High Street on 8 March and 15 March 2020, to place an article in the Calendar. CCC will also erect signs.
- 8. Closure of meeting**
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
