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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Toft Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.30 pm

Present: 16 Parishioners including Councillors M Yeadon, E Dolman, P Ellis-Evan, P Gouldstone and J McCarten, and Mrs Kathleen Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, District Cllr Tumi Hawkins, County Cllr Stephen Frost, Glennis Virgo, Rev Booker and Ann Mitchell.

2. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 21 May 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Report of the Parish Council for the yearⁱ

Councillor Yeadon presented his report which is appended in full to these minutes.

5. Presentation of the Council's audited accounts and financial reportⁱⁱ

The Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2014 were presented by Kathleen Baptie who outlined future changes in the audit process and invited inspection by the public.

6. Other reports

6.1 District Councillor

None received.

6.2 County Councillor

None received.

6.3 Schoolsⁱⁱⁱ

The report received from Glennis Virgo which is appended to these minutes, was read out by the Chairman.

6.4 Church^{iv}

The Church report was read by Robert Dolman and is appended to these minutes.

6.5 Police report

None received.

6.6 Peoples Hall Committee and Social Club

Jake Tebbit on behalf of the People's Hall Committee, reported that there had been a number of resignations during the last year but that they had also welcomed newcomers onto the sub-committee including Martin Yeadon for phase 2 of the Peoples Hall Project. There was some disappointment in not getting the Arts Council Grant, but they had been successful in securing a grant from WREN and were pleased to have a donation from the Parish Council. Phase 2 will include a revamp of the ceiling, kitchen and toilet area and also provide some storage space upstairs. It is hoped that the majority of the work can be carried out in August. Richard Fletcher has been tremendous, and with his help the project has come in below budget.

Nick Nicholson^v reported on behalf of Richard Fletcher of the Social Club, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Social Club works closely with the Management Committee and continues to be successful, holding regular music events, quizzes, film nights, beer festivals and pantomimes. In its last financial year it contributed over £11,500 to the Hall finances. His report is appended in full to these minutes.

- 6.7 Charities report^{vi}
Cllr Dolman read to her report on the current status of the Charities within the Village. Her report is appended in full to these minutes.
- 6.8 Toft Shop^{vii}
A report from the new owners of the Toft Shop was read by the Chairman and is appended in full to these minutes.
- 6.9 Friendship Club^{viii}
Arpi gave a report on the activities of the Friendship Club which is appended in full to these minutes.
- 6.10 Historical Society^{ix}
Peter Johnson gave a report on the recent activities of the group and his report is appended in full to these minutes.

7. Any other parish matters including any resolutions which have been received

Peter Johnson raised the matter of the poor state of the bus stop lay by and was disappointed that the County Council had not done a better job to improve it. It was also noted that he had reported 3 street lights which were not functioning properly and encouraged others to report faults directly to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A resident commented that it was pleasing to that the grass on Mill Drift had not been cut short and how nice it was to see cow parsley and other species growing on what is an ancient cattle road. He hoped that this will be continued each year.

On grass cutting matters, Cllr Yeadon reported that the Parish Council had made a 'faux pas' in its specification to the grass cutters in asking them to leave a metre border for wild flowers in some parts of the village. This has caused a few complaints in School Lane in particular as the borders are outside people's houses. This has now been resolved with the contractors.

A resident noted that although the building work in Church Lane has finished, the grass verges have not yet been reinstated. The Chairman confirmed that there is a commitment by the landowner to reinstate these.

A request was received from a resident to reinstate the bollards on The Green as lorries sometimes park there, making visibility very difficult.

A resident asked if the Parish Council had any information on faster broadband coming to the village. The Chairman responded that as far as he was aware it should be available by September 2014.

A resident raised concerns about the car park being used for the business of repairing cars. It was noted that the car park belongs to SCDC and that they had been out previously when there were a number of caravans on the site.

Cllr Jeanne McCarten thanked Cllr Yeadon for carrying out the role of Chairman so ably and with good humour.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Arpi and Mary for supplying refreshments and biscuits.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

SignedChairmandate.

ⁱ Chairman's report

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- ii Parish Council's Financial report and accounts for FY 2013
 - iii Report from Glennis Virgo Headteacher at Meridian School
 - iv Church report from Rev Booker
 - v Social Club report
 - vi Charities report
 - vii Report from Toft Shop
 - viii Friendship Club report
 - ix Historical Society report

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