


# Toft Parish Council

**I hereby give notice that the 800th meeting of Toft Parish Council will be held on Monday 6 February 2023 at 7.00 pm in the People's Hall, Toft**

The Public and Press and County and District Councillors are invited to be present and Members of the Parish are welcome to attend and may speak under the Open Public Session item and make representation to the Council on items on the agenda during this section of the meeting

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder



Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk, 1/2/23

## AGENDA

**Public participation on agenda items and matters of mutual interest (includes reports from County and District Councillors and representation by members of the public)**

### Cambridge Nature Network - Natural Cambridgeshire Nature Recovery Toolkit - Natalie Lambert

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests
  - 1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence
  - 1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda
  - 1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations and to grant any dispensations
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including
  - 3.1 (3.1) To consider any applications for co-option or how to fill any vacancies left either by insufficient candidates at election or casual vacancies
  - 3.2 (Open) Cambridge Nature Network – to consider any matters arising from the open session
  - 3.3 (3.2) Climate Change and Green Issues – to consider action points and funding opportunities and also to consider a proposal for a Toft Parish Council Environmental Policy <sup>(SC)</sup>
  - 3.4 (3.3) Notice board at the Birdlings – to consider report and recommendation and feedback on the SCDC Community Chest application <sup>(SC)</sup>
  - 3.5 (3.7) New multiplay equipment – to consider recommendation for equipment and proposed location and funding update <sup>(CW)</sup>
  - 3.6 (7.3) Toft People's Hall – to consider request for funding for alterations
4. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting requiring the Council's attention
5. Finance, Procedure and risk assessment and use of delegated powers
  - 5.1 To consider the finance report and approve the payment of any bills
  - 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required <sup>(CW)</sup>
  - 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property
  - 5.4 To consider the date of the May meeting and the date of the Annual Parish Meeting
6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications or related items received
  - 6.1 Planning applications
  - 6.2 SCDC decisions for information
  - 6.3 Tree works applications
    - 6.3.1 22/0053/TTCA – 56 Comberton Road
    - 6.3.2 23/0061/TTCA – Home Meadow, Comberton Road
    - 6.3.3 23/0020/TTCA – 9 Comberton Road – to note response made using delegated powers between meetings – The Parish Council made no comments
7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated
  - 7.1 Village Maintenance <sup>(MY)</sup>
  - 7.2 Highways <sup>(ED)</sup>
  - 7.3 Toft People's Hall <sup>(CW)</sup>
  - 7.4 Footpaths <sup>(EM)</sup>
  - 7.5 Defibrillator report <sup>(CW)</sup>
  - 7.6 Birdlings liaison <sup>(SC)</sup>
  - 7.7 Proposal that the Parish Council considers alternative requests for financial assistance with Operation Orb if a marquee can be borrowed <sup>(EM)</sup>

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- 7.8 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the suggestion of a “Toft Community Chest Fund” <sup>(EM)</sup>
8. Closure of meeting

## Clerk report to Toft Parish Council meeting on 6 February 2023

1. To approve written apologies and reasons for absence – any apologies received will be reported to the meeting.
- 1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda  
The Clerk advises the Code of Conduct requires any Councillor who has an interest in a matter under discussion to declare an interest and the type of interest held. They are also required to declare if their spouse or someone they live with has an interest. With land or licenses to occupy land that interest is pecuniary. Under the Localism Act 2011 a member with a pecuniary interest must withdraw from the meeting unless they have been granted a dispensation.
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 9 January – attached
3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including
- 3.3 (3.2) Climate Change and Green Issues – to consider action points and funding opportunities and also to consider a proposal for a Toft Parish Council Environmental Policy <sup>(SC)</sup>  
Attached.
- 3.4 (3.3) Notice board at the Birdlings – to consider report and recommendation and feedback on the SCDC Community Chest application <sup>(SC)</sup>  
Attached

If the Council proceeds it should consider ho this will be funded..

- 3.6 (7.3) Toft People's Hall – to consider request for funding for alterations
4. Correspondence  
None at the time of writing requiring a decision from the Parish Council.
5. Finance, Procedure and risk assessment and use of delegated powers
- 5.4 To consider the date of the May meeting and the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.(APM)  
The first Monday in May is the May Bank Holiday, and the second (8 May) is the long weekend after the Coronation.  
Does the Parish Council wish to hold the meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May? The People's Hall is available in the evening.

Who does the Parish Council wish to invite to the APM? The Clerk has advised before on the inclusion of reports from village groups and organisations.

- 6.1 Planning Applications received  
\* NB Some planning applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council.

The planning portal for new applications can now be found at <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

The Parish Council's options are  
SUPPORTS or OBJECTS or NEUTRAL  
Comments:

The Parish Council *does/does not*\* request that the application be referred to the District Council Planning Committee \*(please delete)  
Planning reasons:

- 6.1 Planning applications  
None at the time of writing.
- 6.2 SCDC decision notices  
None at the time of writing.
- 6.3 Tree works
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Cllr Miles writes:  
"I will need a decision from the Council as i am fairly sure that i have secured a marquee from a local farmer which will only cost us the insurance fee. I haven't circulated this news yet as the Orb committee are in negotiations with the farmer regarding size etc to make sure it is suitable. If it is, this will mean the PC will not need to spend the £2k on this aspect of the event but the Orb committee will be submitting requests for financial help on other things which will need decisions."
- 7.8 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the suggestion of a "Toft Community Chest Fund" <sup>(EM)</sup>  
Clerk's note: Parish Council funding cannot be used to benefit an individual.
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# Toft Parish Council Environmental Policy

## Overview

It is the policy of Toft Parish Council to seek ways of decreasing pollution of all kinds and of increasing nature and wildlife. Recognising TPC has limited resources, we will seek to align ourselves with local and national government initiatives.

Our actions fall into three categories:

1. Reducing pollutants
2. Environmental clean up
3. Encouraging nature
4. Awareness

## Reducing Pollutants

1. Having two electric car chargers installed in Toft.
2. Informing residents of the new chargers installed in the Village College
3. Acting as a signpost to the Parish of environmental grants for:
  - a. Boiler replacement
  - b. Air source heat pumps
  - c. Solar panels
  - d. Home batteries
  - e. Home insulation

## Environmental Clean Up

1. Having bi-annual village clean up events.
2. Monitoring and actioning exceptional clean up requirements
3. Annual monitoring of the health of streams and other water sources

## Encouraging Nature

1. Seeking ways of encouraging carbon capture through planting
2. Encouraging wilding, where possible

## Awareness

1. Sign the Cambridge Climate Change Charter
2. Advertise the CCF events
3. Support CCF work
4. Review new items from our local network at each PC meeting