

**Minutes of the 753rd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday 5 November 2018 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), P Ellis-Evans, E Miles and J McNiven.

In attendance: 5 members of the public and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident commented that the District Councillor was not attending as often as previously. The Parish Council explained that he had sent his apologies and a written report.

A resident outlined their objections to the planning application for the Long Barn (item 6.1.1) on the grounds of parking issues, safety and access to Church Road that there is a shortfall spaces. The resident asked if there was any alternative way forward.

After trimming, vegetation in the High Street had died back. A resident was considering removing it and asked for the Council's preference as to a replacement. The Council responded that it was the resident's choice but greenery or green fencing would be preferable.

It was reported that when it rained, a large puddle formed in the High Street outside Beldams Close, and there was an uneven path on the right near the building work. A tree on the small green was reported to be in bad condition with very little blossom this year.

The Parish Council explained that the County Council were aware of the drainage issue.

County Cllr Joseph's previously circulated written report, covering government funds for pothole repairs, the CCC budget and Remembrance events, was taken as read.

District Cllr Chamberlain's previously circulated written report, covering the lifting of the Housing Revenue borrowing cap and Brexit uncertainty, was taken as read.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tall (out of parish) and from District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain.

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 1 October 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 1 October be approved and signed by the Chairman after an amendment under Open Session, paragraph 1, to change "Sand path" to "The Snicket".

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take item 6 next.

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications received

6.1 Planning Applications

6.1.1 S/3521/18/FL – The Long Barn, Old Farm Business Centre, Church Road – Temporary five year permission for 8 self-contained meeting rooms, tea point, server, covered atrium and associated infrastructure

Cllr Yeadon reported on a site visit. Twenty parking spaces are available at the Golf Club for possibly 3-5 years as the lease expires then. Temporary permission is required. Parking is an issue.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council is supportive of the organisation but the Parish Council is very concerned about parking and looks for improvements to the current situation, including the potential leasing of other spaces from the Golf Club, the

execution of the travel plan, and utilising the public car park in the village so that there is not hazardous parking on Church Road. ^(Prop MY, 2nd EM,)

- 6.1.2 S/3647/18/FL – 41 High Street – Rear extension with roof conversion
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. ^(Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

6.2 SCDC decisions to note

- 6.2.1 S/3253/17/FL – Land west of Hardwick Road – Development for 30 no. dwellings, together with associated garaging, parking, public open space, landscaping, access, highways, drainage and infrastructure works – Permission refused.

Noted.

- 6.2.2 S/4552/17/RM – Bennell Farm, West Street – Application for reserved matters, details of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale for 90 dwellings with associated roads, footpaths, landscaping and open space, following outline planning permission S/1812/17/OL – Permission granted.

Noted.

- 6.2.3 S/2936/18/FL – 10 Millers Road – Two storey side extension and porch extension – Permission granted.

Noted.

6.3 Tree works applications

None.

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

- 3.1 (3.6) Gate at Lot Meadow – to consider quotation if received

CCC will rectify this as it should not have rotted so soon.

- 3.2 (8) Request for financial support for defibrillator number magnets

RESOLVED to purchase 300 magnets carrying the defibrillator contact telephone number, at a cost of £144.00. These are to be ordered after the training in January. ^(prop EM 2nd MY)

- 3.3 Toft People's Hall – registration as Asset of Community Value

RESOLVED that Cllr Mc Niven should look into this.

4. Consideration of correspondence

- 4.1 CCC – Draft Cambridgeshire Statement of Community Involvement

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no comments.

- 4.2 MAGPAS S137 Small Grant application

RESOLVED not to support the request. ^(Prop MY, 2nd PEE, unanimous)

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 LGS Services (Admin support) £446.44.

Salary		£57.92
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Hamill Landscaping	Grass cutting	£96.00
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NEST	Pension (DD)	£57.96

Receipt of the precept was noted.

RESOLVED to pay for installation of the information board as long as they do not exceed the £500 budget. PC would support.

- 5.2 Play inspection reports

RESOLVED to note that all was in order except for the entrance gate which was broken, and that Cllr Yeadon will replace the latch.

- 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

Taken earlier.

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

7.1 Allotments – Discuss and agree expenses for volunteers working on Allotments

It was asked if the group could remove the blackthorn and stumps
RESOLVED to approve the expenses for the volunteers.

7.2 Village maintenance

Nothing to report.

7.3 Highways

Nothing to report.

7.4 Toft People’s Hall

There had been no meeting last month.

7.5 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

7.6 Defibrillator report

It was noted that it was necessary to report if the defibrillator was taken out but not used.

7.7 Update on Armistice Celebrations

This will take place at the main entrance to Church Drift commencing at 6.30 pm.
Cllrs McNiven and Miles are to assist and Cllr Yeadon will light the Beacon. There will be no expenditure.

7.8 Grass maintenance

Cllr Ellis-Evans reported on discussions with Hamill Landscaping, with whom the Parish Council was very pleased. They noted that the contractors had had trouble getting into Lot Meadow.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Yeadon and Ellis-Evans should visit the resident in January to discuss this.

RESOLVED to respond to the reference request from Willingham Parish Council that Toft Parish Council finds the services provided by Hamill Landscaping very good and they are good to deal with.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SignedChairmandate.